When and how does international law change?

Is international law an overly rigid instrument that handicaps change in international politics and global public policy? This question is at the heart of a new project led by Nico Krisch, which has been awarded a five-year advanced grant of the European Research Council (ERC).

Interview >

PROJECT | How gender operates in processes of conflicts (de)escalation

Looking at the role of gender in conflict and peacebuilding processes is the objective of this r4d project that has just been renewed for another three years.

Interview with Christelle Rigual >

PORTRAIT | James Hollway works on network approaches to study governance

Assistant Professor at the Graduate Institute since 2015 and specialist in international relations and political sociology, James Hollway presents his research projects and related publications.

Interview >

ARTICLE | Religious “butinage” as dynamic identity

This article by Yvan Droz and coauthors (in Current Anthropology) introduces the metaphor of butinage (“pollen foraging”) as a new way of thinking about religious phenomena.

Interview >

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GRANTS AWARDED AND NEW PROJECTS

- **Vincent Chetail**, Director of the Graduate Institute’s Global Migration Centre, has launched a new research project on **migrants in vulnerable situations** in collaboration with the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. More information >

- **Filipe Calvão**, Assistant Professor in Anthropology and Sociology of Development, has been awarded an SNSF research grant for the project “Transparency: Qualities and Technologies of Global Gemstone Trading”. The project will be hosted at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding in collaboration with the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy. Research will span three years in partnership with **Lindsay Bell** (State University of New York, Oswego) and **Brian Brazeal** (California State University, Chico). More information >
Twice a year, the Institute supports the **publication of two PhD theses**. Here are the winners of the March selection session:

- **Emmanuel Dalle Mulle** for the publication of *Nationalism of the Rich* in the series «Routledge Studies in Modern European History»
- **Barbara Martin** for the publication of *The Typewriter and the Sword: Embattled Histories of Stalin’s crimes in late Soviet Russia* at I.B. Tauris

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**UPCOMING DEADLINES**

**Thursday 4 May** | SNIS Award of the best PhD thesis in international studies >

**Monday 15 May** | Alumni Association Awards >

**Wednesday 24 May** | GHF Special Programme Islam, the Modern Nation State and Transnational Movements >

**Wednesday 24 May** | NORRAG Call for Papers for symposium “Philanthropy in Education: Setting the Stage for Analyzing Global Trends, Regional Differences and Diverse Perspectives” >

**Wednesday 31 May** | Fritz Thyssen Foundation Conference Grants >

**Monday 12 June** | r4d >

**Tuesday 13 June** | Axa Chairs >

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**LECTURES AND SEMINARS**

**Thursday 4 May, 12:15 - 13:30**  
Litigation as an Ambiguous Driver of Norm Transformation >  
CIES Lunch Seminar, with Defne Gonenc, PhD candidate in Political Science/IR.

**Thursday 4 May, 12:30 - 13:45, Petal 1, Room S5**  
Labor Contract Law and China’s “Turning Point”  

**Thursday 4 May, 12:30 - 13:45**  
Antiracist Critique: Queering Spatio-Temporal (Im)mobility >  
Gender Seminar Series, with Noémi Michel, University of Geneva.

**Monday 8 May, 12:30 - 13:30**  
Implementing the Rights to Water and Sanitation >  
Lunch Briefing, with Gian Luca Burci and Jorge Viñuales, Adjunct Professors, International Law.

**Monday 8 May, 12:30 - 13:45, Petal 1, Room S5**  
Time-Varying Lower Bound of Interest Rates in Europe  

**Tuesday 9 May, 14:15 - 15:45, Petal 2, Room S1**  
Dep. of International Economy’s Research Seminar, with Ariell Reshef, Paris School of Economics.

**Monday 15 May, 12:30 - 13:45, Petal 1, Room S5**  
Firm Performance in a Global Value Chain: Dressing Up in Bangladesh
Dep. of International Economics’ Brown Bag Lunch, with Julia Cajal Grossi.

Monday 15 May, 18:30 - 20:00
Economics and Democracy in the Age of Globalisation >
An event of the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, with Kaushik Basu, Carl Marks Professor of International Studies, Cornell University.

Tuesday 16 May, 14:15 - 15:45, Petal 2, Room S1
Family Planning and Development: Aggregate Effects of Contraceptive Use
Dep. of International Economy’s Research Seminar, with Tiago Cavalcanti, University of Cambridge.

Wednesday 17 May, 14:15 - 15:45, Petal 2, Room S8
Paper discussed TBC. Dep. of International Economy’s Research Seminar, with Kaushik Basu, Carl Marks Professor of International Studies, Cornell University.

Thursday 18 May
Paper discussed TBC. Dep. of International Economy’s Research Seminar, with Olivier Jeanne, Johns Hopkins University.

Thursday 18 May, 12:30 - 13:45
Public Goods Provision in Indian Rural Areas: The Returns to Collective Action by Women Self-Help Groups >
Gender Seminar, with Lore Vandewalle, International Economics.

Sunday 21 May, 15:00 - 18:00
Introduction to the World Health Assembly: A Briefing for Delegates >
GHC’s Policy Dialogue, hosted by Ambassador John E. Lange and Ilona Kickbusch, Interdisciplinary Programmes.

Monday 22 May, 12:30 - 13:45, Petal 1, Room S5
The Effect of Exchange Rate Volatility on Trade
Dep. of International Economy’s Brown Bag Lunch, with Hyoungmin Han.

Monday 29 May, 12:30-13:45 Petal 1, Room S5
Services in Global Value Chains
Dep. of International Economy’s Brown Bag Lunch, with Woori Lee.

Tuesday 30 May, 14:15 - 15:45, Petal 2, Room S1
Paper discussed TBC, Dep. of International Economy’s Research Seminar, with Manuel Bagues, Aalto University.

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VISITORS

March–July 2017
Coming from the University of São Paulo’s Graduate Program in Political Science, Camila de Macedo Braga is hosted by the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding and works on Securing Peace in Timor Leste: Reviewing the Peace Process, with Keith Krause.

March-June 2017
Coming from the University of Toronto, Canada, Erin Aylward is hosted at the Gender Centre and works on Movements from the Margins: Examining Country-Level Impacts of the Universal Periodic Review on LGBT and Reproductive Rights, with Nicole Bourbonnais.

April–September 2017
Coming from the University of Bremen, Germany, John Anton Berten is hosted by the Department of International Relations/Political Science and works on The Global Construction of Social Protection by Numbers: Expert Technologies of International Bureaucracies as Instruments of Global Social Knowledge Production and Governing, with Davide Rodogno.

April–September 2017
Coming from the Bonn International Centre for Conversion, Germany, **Esther Meininghaus** is hosted by the Department of Anthropology and Sociology of Development and works on **Syria: Understanding the movement of IDPs and the Trajectories of Syria Peace Negotiation**, with **Vinh-Kim Nguyen**.

**April–June 2017**
Coming from Heidelberg University, Germany, **Joy Chuki N. Mauti** is hosted by the Global Health Centre and works on **Adopting the Health-in-All-Policies Approach In Addressing the Post-2015 Development Agenda Health Goal in Kenya**, with **Ilona Kickbusch**.

**2 May–3 July 2017**
Coming from Universidade Federal de Goias, Brasil, **Geisa Cunha Franco** is hosted by the Programme for the Study of International Governance.

**May–July 2017**
Coming from École des hautes études en sciences sociales, France, **Fanny Chabrol** is hosted by the Global Health Centre and works on **The State of Public Hospitals in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Critical Challenge for Global Health Governance**, with **Vinh-Kim Nguyen**.

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**NEW PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS**

**NEW WEBSITE | Forging Resilient National Social Contracts: Preventing Violent Conflict and Sustaining Peace**

This research project, which inquires into what drives a resilient national social contract in 12 countries affected by conflict, has a new website. Its Advisory Working Group includes **Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou**.

New website >

**BRIEFING NOTE | What Makes or Breaks National Dialogues?**

This note postulates that National Dialogues provide a highly inclusive negotiation format and have been used as an instrument to resolve political crises and pave the way for political transitions and sustainable peace. It is based on IPTI’s National Dialogues research project, which involved a comparative analysis of 17 cases held between 1990 and 2014.

More information >

**PhD THESIS INTERVIEW | “Walk the Talk, or Walk Away: Strategic Narratives and Exit Strategies in Post-Intervention Transitions”**

In his PhD thesis directed by **Stephanie Hofmann** and defended before **Keith Krause** and **Alister Miskimmon**, **Raphaël Zaffran** addresses the little investigated concept of “exit strategy” in the context of armed interventions, with the puzzle as to why military intervening actors decide to stay after the initial purpose of an intervention has changed.

Interview >

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**BOOK CHAPTER | Connecting Scholarly Expertise to International Policy Practice at the United Nations**
Thomas Biersteker has contributed a chapter to *The Politics of Expertise in International Organizations*, edited by Annabelle Littoz-Monnet (Routledge, 2017).

BOOK CHAPTER | Modes of Knowledge Mobilization throughout International Policy Processes

Cecilia Cannon has contributed a chapter to *The Politics of Expertise in International Organizations*, edited by Annabelle Littoz-Monnet (Routledge, 2017).

WORKING PAPER | Sanctions on Russia: Impacts and Economic Costs on the United States

Published by the Programme for the Study of International Governance (PSIG) (March 2017), this report by Erica Moret, Francesco Giumelli and Dawid Bastiat-Jarosz contributes to the wider debate on the future trajectory of the US sanctions on Russia.

PhD THESIS INTERVIEW | “Politics of Life in a Colonial Space: An Extended Case Study of East Jerusalem”

In his PhD thesis directed by Riccardo Bocco and defended before Grégoire Mallard and Ahmad Sa’di, Ibrahim Saïd questions the notion of rights itself, both as a discourse and as a practice that materialises on the ground within a settler colonial reality, to shed light on Israel’s settler colonial “politics of life” and its effect of rule.

ARTICLE | The Architecture of International Migration Law: A Deconstructivist Design of Complexity and Contradiction

The *American Journal of International Law* has just published an article by Vincent Chetail based on the idea that international migration law can be described and conceptualised as a deconstructivist architecture, both literally and metaphorically.

WORKING PAPER | Aggregate Uncertainty and Sectoral Productivity Growth: The Role of Credit Constraints

This paper (International Economics Department Working Paper Series, no. 9, 2017) by Sangyup Choi, Davide Fucerri, Yi Huang and Prakash Loungani studies the impact of uncertainty on productivity by testing a specific channel through which uncertainty can affect productivity growth.

WORKING PAPER | The Effect of Corporate Taxes on Investment: Evidence from the Colombian Firms

This paper (International Economics Department Working Paper Series, no. 10, 2017) by Ligia Alba Melo-Becerra, Javier Ávila Mahecha and Jorge Enrique Ramos-Forero assesses the role of taxes on investment in Colombian firms.
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