Lore Vandewalle works on mobile banking in rural India

Assistant Professor of Economics and a member of the CFD, she is also interested in development economics in general, and in applied econometrics.

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PAPER | Economic and security cooperation go hand in hand

In this paper (Journal of Peace Research, 2017), Stephanie Hofmann shows that the proliferation of regional economic organisations is due to economic development purposes as well as security concerns.

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BOOK | Can economic policies stabilise democratic transitions?

Giacomo Luciani is the editor of Combining Economic and Political Development, DevPol’s latest thematic issue on democratic transitions in the Middle East and North Africa. His introduction reviews existing literature on the topic.

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GRANTS AWARDED AND NEW PROJECTS

♦ Quatre bourses «seed money» distribuées aux chercheurs de l’Institut
D’un montant d’environ 5000 francs chacune, elles ont été distribuées à l’occasion de la première session de mai 2017 à:

- Filipe Calvão pour la préparation du projet «Working Futures: Solidarity in the Global Digital Factory»
- Melanie Kolbe pour «Understanding Immigrant Attitudes towards refugees»
- Yi Huang pour «Fintech at Alibaba: Evidence from Automated Loans to over 3 Million SMEs in China»
- Yvan Droz pour un programme de recherche sur les moralités locales

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♦ Lithium: one of the planet’s most strategic commodities
Marc Hufty’s new research project, “The Global Political Ecology of Lithium Commodity Chain”, aims to understand the issues surrounding the use of lithium, a natural resource presented as an element of importance for the green economy.
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♦ Internally Displaced Persons in Protracted Situations: Current and Future Responses to their Specific Needs
The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has commissioned Vincent Chetail to conduct research into the needs of internally displaced persons and the role of humanitarian and development actors in meeting those needs.

♦ Bureaucratisation of Utopia
Alessandro Monsutti received an SNSF grant for organising an International Exploratory Workshop on the “Bureaucratisation of Utopia” to be held on 29 and 30 June.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Monday 12 June | r4d >
Mercredi 21 juin | Fondation Bourses politique et science: deux bourses pour 2018 >
Lundi 26 juin | PNR 76 «Assistance et coercition – passé, présent et avenir» >
Friday 30 June | Southeast Asia–Europe Joint Funding Scheme >
Saturday 1 July | ECSA Suisse Best Article Prize for the 2 best published articles on the EU by a junior Swiss scholar
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LECTURES AND SEMINARS

Annual Conference on WTO Law >
Friday 9 June, 08:45 - Saturday 10 June, 13:30
Jointly organised by CTEI and Georgetown Law (registration needed).

Independence of the Judiciary: Why Parliaments Should Care >
Monday 12 June, 18:30 - 20:30
An event of the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy with Diego García-Sayán, Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers (registration needed).

Data, Devices and Designs >
Tuesday 13 June, 9:00 - 10:15
A CCDP lecture organised with the Humanitarian Quality Assurance Initiative, with Jo (Jyotsna) Puri, Head of the Independent Evaluation Unit at the Green Climate Fund (registration needed).

Financing Education Systems Change to Reach Every Child >
Tuesday 20 June, 12:30 - 14:00
A NORRAG event with Karen Mundy, Chief Technical Officer at the Global Partnership for Education (registration needed; a light lunch will be provided).

NGO: Non-Profits, Governments, and Organisations Workshop Programme >
Monday 26 June, 9:30 - Tuesday 27 June, 16:45
An event of the Department of International Economics.

A Conversation with… Nicholas Bagley: The End of Obamacare? >
Wednesday 28 June, 13.00 - 14:00

**REPORT | The War Report: Armed Conflicts in 2016**

The 100-page *War Report* (Geneva Academy, March 2017) by Annyssa Bellal identifies, describes and discusses the situations of armed violence that amounted in 2016 to armed conflicts, in accordance with the definitions under international humanitarian law and international criminal law.


This case study (IPTI, May 2017) by Anne Zachariassen finds that of the several peace initiatives organised since the 1980s aimed at ending
Guatemala’s protracted civil war, the UN-mediated peace process of 1994–1996 proved the most inclusive for women.

WORKING PAPER | Web Trafficking: Analysing the Online Trade of Small Arms and Light Weapons in Libya

This working paper (SAS, April 2017) by N.R. Jenzen-Jones and Ian McCollump provides an in-depth analysis of the issue and discusses the caveats and utility of such online monitoring for supplementing field-based research.

Democracy and Civil Society

LECTURE AND VIDEO INTERVIEW | Do democracies and economic growth go hand in hand?

On 15 May, the Institute’s Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy welcomed Kaushik Basu, Professor of Economics at Cornell University, for a lecture on “Economics and Democracy in the Age of Globalisation”. He was also interviewed by Ugo Panizza on “Does Democracy Equate to Economic Growth?”.

RESEARCH BRIEF | The Right to Land and Other Natural Resources

Co-authored by Chistophe Golay and Adrianna Bessa, this brief (Geneva Academy, May 2017) summarises key findings linked to the recognition of the right to land and other natural resources.

Development Policies and Practices

BOOK CHAPTER | Comparing the Receptions and Translations of Global Education Policy, Understanding the Logic of Educational Systems


ARTICLE | Dynamiques publiques et privées autour des smart cities en Inde

Un article d’Isabelle Milbert, paru dans Géographies: bulletin de l’Association de[s] géographes français (vol. 94, no 1, mars 2017, pp. 5-22).

Environment and Natural Resources

BOOK CHAPTER | Domestication, Domesticated Landscapes, and Tropical Natures
Susanna Hecht has contributed a chapter in *The Routledge Companion to the Environmental Humanities* (Routledge, January 2017, pp. 21–34), edited by Ursula K. Heise, Jon Christensen and Michelle Niemann.

**BOOK CHAPTER | Finance as a Common: From Environmental Management to Microfinance and Back**

Davide Forcella and Jean-Michel Servet’s contribution to *Finance and Economy for Society: Integrating Sustainability* (Emerald, 2017, pp. 199–221), edited by Sharam Alijani and Catherine Karyotis, provides a theoretical analysis of the recent crisis and the introduction of the environmental dimension to microfinance.

**ARTICLE | Transnational Public-Private Partnerships as Learning Facilitators: Global Governance of Mercury**

In this article (in *Global Environmental Politics*, vol. 7, no. 2, 2017), Yixian Sun investigates linkages between hybrid and intergovernmental governance schemes.

**ANNUAL REPORT | CIES Annual Report 2016**

This report by the Centre for International Environmental Studies (CIES) includes some significant research outputs in 2016.

**Finance and Development**

**ARTICLE | Public Good Provision in Indian Rural Areas: The Returns to Collective Action by Microfinance Groups**

Paolo Casini, Lore Vandewalle and Zaki Wahhaj provide evidence in this article (in *The World Bank Economic Review*, vol. 31, no. 1, 2017) that self-help groups, composed of women only, undertake collective actions for the provision of public goods within village communities.

**ARTICLE | The Role of Accountants in Indian Self-Help Groups: A Trade-off between Financial and Non-Financial Benefits**

Using first-hand data on Self-Help Groups in Northern India, Lore Vandewalle’s article (in *World Development*, vol. 93, May 2017) studies whether economic and non-financial returns differ depending on whether groups meet as independent entities or with external involvement.

**WORKING PAPER | Forecasting Inflation in a Macroeconomic Framework: An Application to Tunisia**

In this working paper of the International Economics Department (no. 7, 2017), Souhaïb Chameddine Zardi demonstrate the relative performance of combining forecasts on inflation in the case of Tunisia.
Gender

REPORT | Antiracist Critique: Queering Spatio-Temporal (Im)mobility

Vanessa Gauthier Vela, from the Institute, reports on a lunch briefing by Noémi Michel, Lecturer in Political Science and International Relations at the University of Geneva, that took place at the Institute on 4 May as part of the Gender Seminar Series.

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BLOG | Reproductive Rights and Race Struggle in the Decolonizing Caribbean

In the blog she recently published on Black Perspectives, Nicole Bourbonnais retraces the struggle for reproductive rights in the decolonising Caribbean.

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Global Health

ARTICLE | Act Now: A Call to Action for Gender Equality in Global Health


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ARTICLE | Post-Ebola Reforms: Ample Analysis, Inadequate Action

Reports on the response to Ebola broadly agree on what needs to be done to deal with disease outbreaks. But Suerie Moon, Ilona Kickbusch and colleagues find in this article (BMJ, 2017) that the world is not yet prepared for future outbreaks.

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Governance

REVUE | L’État et les diplomatie culturelles

La revue Relations internationales, coéditée par l’Institut, propose un dossier dirigé par Pauline Milani et Matthieu Gillabert (no 169, printemps 2017) sur la comparaison internationale et la circulation d’éventuels modèles de diplomatie culturelle.

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Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and Action

BOOK | Theory and Philosophy of International Law

Edited by Andrea Bianchi, the first volume of this research collection (Edward Eldar, 2017) identifies general themes of discussion, such as the nature and functioning of international law, and illustrates how philosophers and international law scholars tackle them in their respective fields of inquiry.
BRIEFING | Defending the Boundary

In this briefing of the Geneva Academy (no. 9, May 2017), Maya Brehm analyses the constraints and requirements on the use of autonomous weapon systems under international humanitarian law and international human rights law.

Migration and Refugees

BOOK | Complicity and Antagonism: Anthropological Views of Geneva

Edited by Alessandro Monsutti, Françoise Grange Omokaro, Philippe Gazagne and Sandro Cattacin, with drawings by Heather Suttor, this volume (University of Geneva, 2017) brings together texts and drawings produced by students of the Master of Anthropology and Sociology at the Graduate Institute.

ARTICLE | Beyond Insecurity: Afghan Demography as a Factor of Mobility

In this article (in Geopolitics, History, and International Relations, vol. 9, no. 1, June 2017), Alessandro Monsutti and Adam Rodriques, by choosing to assess Afghanistan’s situation through the lens of demographic security instead of the common focus on military security, provide important insights into why the current conflict seems so intractable – and why it is likely to stay that way absent significant policy changes.

ARTICLE | Conceptualizing International Migration Law

This article by Vincent Chetail is now published online in Proceedings of the ASIL Annual Meeting.

Trade and Economic Integration


WORKING PAPER | David & Goliath: How Young Competition Agencies Can Succeed in Fighting Cross-Border Cartels

In this CTEI Working Paper (no. 3, 2017), Pierre M. Horna explores the related challenges and puts forward a pragmatic tool to break down international cooperation barriers.
WORKING PAPER | The Determinants of Excess Liquidity in the Banking Sector of Bosnia and Herzegovina

In this working paper of the International Economics Department (no. 11, 2017), Elma Hasanović and Tanja Latić identify the determinants of excess liquidity defined as excess reserves in the banking sector of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

WORKING PAPER | Domestic Value Chains as Stepping Stones to Global Value Chain Integration

In the presence of industry specific fixed costs of fragmenting production and of switching across input suppliers, DVCs can either be stepping stones or stumbling blocks for GVCs. In this CTEI Working Paper (no. 5, 2017), Cosimo Beverelli, Robert B. Koopman, Victor Kummritz and Simon Neumueller provide robust empirical evidence in favour of the stepping stone hypothesis.

WORKING PAPER | A Framework for Rethinking NAFTA for the 21st Century: Policies, Institutions, and Regionalism


WORKING PAPER | Free-Riding on Enforcement in the WTO

Countries can challenge potential trade violations using the WTO’s dispute settlement system, yet many policies that appear to violate WTO rules remain unchallenged, even when they have a significant economic impact. Why is this? In this CTEI Working Paper (no. 4, 2017), Leslie Johns and Krzysztof J. Pelc provide evidence-based answers to that question.

WORKING PAPER | The Impact of New Regionalism on Global Value Chains Participation


WORKING PAPER | India’s Proposal for Trade Facilitation of Services: A Breath of Fresh Air for Global Trade?


WORKING PAPER | Non-linearities in the Relationship between Finance and Growth

In this working paper of the International Economics Department (no. 12, 2017), Ugo Panizza reviews the empirical literature on the links between finance and growth, assesses the empirical and theoretical validity of recent criticisms to this literature, and concludes by discussing avenues for future research aimed at identifying the channels through which a very large financial sector can slow down economic growth.

WORKING PAPER | Scotland and Northern Ireland Caught between BREXIT, International and EU Law: Why a Custom Barrier within the British Isles Might Be Unavoidable

In this CTEI Working Paper (no. 9, 2017), Mattia Costa aims to foresee the constitutional and international status of Scotland and Northern Ireland following the triggering of the art. 50 Treaty of the European Union’s (TEU) mechanism by the British Government, with a special focus on the possible termination of the free movement of goods within the British Isles.

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WORKING PAPER | Services Liberalization and GVC Participation: New Evidence for Heterogeneous Effects by Income Level and Provisions


WORKING PAPER | UNFCCC Nationally Determined Contributions: Climate Change and Trade

This CTEI Working Paper (no. 2, 2017) is a TradeLab output in which Rana Elkahwagy, Vandana Gyanchandani and Dario Piselli present the first attempt to comprehensively map the 163 intended nationally determined contributions and nationally determined contributions (INDCs/NDCs) submitted by Parties to the UNFCCC in order to identify and categorise response measures that interact with the world trading system.

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