Lessons unlearned?

Corporate debt in emerging markets

Some good (and some not so good) news from Ugo Panizza about the corporate debt in emerging markets and firm vulnerability to financial distress after the 1998 crisis.

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**Conflict, Dispute Settlement and Peacebuilding**

*ARTICLE* | **Bodies Count: The Politics and Practices of War and Violent Death Data**

In *Human Remains and Violence* (vol 3, no. 1, April 2017), *Keith Krause* highlights the ways in which body counts are deployed as social facts and forms of knowledge that are used to shape and influence policies and practices associated with armed conflict.  
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*BOOK PROJECT* | **Community and Conflict: Transatlantic Relations since the End of the Cold War**

Professor *Jussi Hanhimäki* introduces his book project to engage in current debates about the meaning of transatlantic relations after the end of the Cold War.  
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*WAR REPORT 2017* | **The Armed Conflict In Yemen: A Complicated Mosaic**

...
This new ADH publication written by Sari Arraf provides an overview of the armed conflict in Yemen and key developments in 2017.

**BRIEFING PAPER | Arms Control 2.0. Operationalizing SDG Target 16.4**

This SAS Briefing Paper (October 2017) by Glenn McDonald, Anna Alvazzi del Frate and Moshe Ben Hamo Yeger describes how the implementation of international arms control instruments supports the aim of reducing illicit arms flows in line with Sustainable Development Goal Target 16.4.

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**BRIEFING PAPER | Gaining Perspective: The UN Programme of Action's Sixth Biennial Meeting**

This SAS Briefing Paper (September 2017) by Glenn McDonald explains how BMS6 fulfilled its mandate to prepare the ground for the Third Review Conference of the UN Small Arms Programme of Action (PoA), scheduled for June 2018.

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**REPORT | Trade Update 2017: Out of the Shadows**

The global authorised small arms trade amounted to at least USD 6 billion in 2014, up from USD 5.8 billion in 2013, according to the Small Arms Survey’s Trade Update 2017. This report features the latest figures on the world’s main exporters and importers of small arms and light weapons.

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**REPORT | What Makes or Breaks National Dialogues?**

The objective of this IPTI report by Thania Paffenholz, Anne Zachariassen and Cindy Helfer is to contribute to a better understanding of the common features and characteristics of National Dialogues. It explores the various political and procedural factors as well as conditions that have enabled or constrained such initiatives to reach agreements and sustain their implementation in the long term.

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**REPORT | Preventing Violence through Inclusion: From Building Political Momentum to Sustaining Peace**

This IPTI study by Thania Paffenholz, Andreas Hirblinger, Dana Landau, Felix Fritsch and Constance Dijkstra analyses when, how, and under what conditions the inclusion of a broad range of actors in peace and political transition processes contributes to the prevention of violence and armed conflict.

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This case study explores the role of women during the Inter-Congolese Dialogue that took place from 2001 to 2003. It is part of IPTI’s Series "Women in Peace and Transition Processes" which so far comprises 5 published cases.

**PhD DEFENCE | From Resistance to Revolution: Protest Dynamics**
Culture, Identity and Religion

ARTICLE | Islam, à la reconquête du sens


CONFÉRENCE | La socio-anthropologie du développement


Democracy and Civil Society

ARTICLE | “There Was A Third Man…”: Tales from a Global Policy Consultation on Indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals


ARTICLE | Le ciblage des politiques agricoles en Inde: les implications pour les paysans du système d’approvisionnement public


ARTICLE | Changing Practices of Water and Waste Management by the New Middle Classes within Gated Communities in Bangalore

Sunayana Ganguly and Christine Lutringer explore (in International Development Policy [Online], vol. 8, no. 2, November 2017) how “communities” of residents within gated enclaves are framing their responsibility towards environmental sustainability and how they are adopting more sustainable practices of water and waste management in their own daily lives.
ARTICLE | Garbage Is Good to Think With: The Interplay of Civic Activism and Judicial Intervention in Shaping Bangalore’s Solid Waste Management Policies

This article by Christine Lutringer and Shalini Randeria (in International Development Policy [Online], vol. 8, no. 2, November 2017) examines the interplay between middle-class environmental activism and judicial interventions, an interplay that shaped the making of this municipal policy.

INTERVIEW | Environmental and Social Justice in Solid Waste Management

Christine Lutringer’s interview with Leo Saldanha and Bhargavi Rao (in International Development Policy [Online], vol. 8, no. 2, November 2017) reflects the pivotal role of the Environment Support Group (ESG) in bringing about changes in practices and policies of solid waste management in Bangalore.

Development Policies and Practices

PhD DEFENCE | Investment as a Two-Way Street: How China Uses Inward and Outward Investment Policy for Structural Transformation, and How This Paradigm Can Be Useful for Other Emerging Countries

By Matthew Hector Travis Millan Stephenson, International Relations/Political Science. 1 Nov. 2017. Committee members: Thomas Biersteker and Jean-Louis Arcand (co-directors), Sungmin Rho, and Karl Sauvant, Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment, Columbia University, New York, USA.

PhD DEFENCE | The Land Is Sweet: On the Politics of Giving and Keeping Land Rights in Afghanistan

By Niklaus Miszak, Anthropology and Sociology of Development. 3 Nov. 2017. Committee members: Alessandro Monsutti (director), Jean-Pierre Jacob, Oliver Richmond, Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute and Department of Politics/IR, The University of Manchester, UK, and Pierre Centlivres, Anthropology Institute, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland.

Environment and Natural Resource

ARTICLE | The Impact of Energy Prices on Product Innovation: Evidence from the UK Refrigerator Market

This paper (in Energy Economics) by CIES associate researchers François Cohen, Matthieu Glachant and Magnus Söderberg uses product-level data from the UK refrigerator market to evaluate the impact of electricity prices on product innovation.

RESEARCH PAPER | Can There Be Benefits from Competing Legal Regimes? The Impact of Legal Pluralism in Post-conflict Sierra Leone
This CIES Research Paper (no. 56, 2017) by Timothy Swanson, P. Naso and E. Bulte investigates the impact of competition between legal regimes on the number of authoritative acts and amount of fines occurring in rural Sierra Leone.

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Gender

LIVRE | La petite entreprise au péril de la famille?

Basé sur une enquête menée auprès des entrepreneurs de l’Arc jurassien, cet ouvrage d’Yvan Droz, Fenneke Reysoo et Laurent Amiotte-Suchet lève le voile sur un monde où l’équilibre entre les impératifs du travail et ceux de la vie de famille est constamment mis à l’épreuve.

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BOOK CHAPTER | Économie solidaire et féminisme: autre économie, autre politique?

Un chapitre rédigé par Isabelle Guérin, Isabelle Hillenkamp et Christine Verschuur, dans le livre Mouvements sociaux et économie solidaire de Jean-louis Laville et collègues, qui analyse les acquis et limites des multiples liens entre mouvements sociaux et économie solidaire.

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PRESENTATION | Protection through Repression? Theorizing Everyday Police Interactions with Geneva Sex Workers

In the context of the Gender Seminar Series, Mira Fey presented her research on the implementation of the Geneva prostitution law of 2009. She asked how prostitution policies affect the policing of prostitution.

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WORKSHOP | Women Peace and Security: A Transformative Agenda for Sustainable Development

As part of the Gender Centre project “The Gender Dimensions of Social Conflict, Armed Violence and Peacebuilding”, participants of the Nigerian National Roundtable identified some concrete examples of actions that can be taken to encourage gender-sensitive peacebuilding in the country.

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Global Health

ARTICLE | A New Golden Age? Proposal for an Innovative Global Health Funding Mechanism for Middle-Income Countries

By Moon Suerie with C. Chaumont, J. Hsi, C. Bohne and S. Mostaghim, who propose (in Global Challenges, 1700015, September 2017) a novel mechanism for international health financing and action that specifically addresses the newly emerged strengths and needs of MICs.

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ARTICLE | Development Assistance for Health: Critiques, Proposals and Prospects for Change
With the launch of the SDG, debate has intensified regarding what international financing for health should look like in the post-2015 era. In this review paper (in *Health Economics, Policy and Law*, vol. 12, no. 2, 2017) Suerie Moon and O. Omole offer a systematic overview of problems and proposals for change.

**ARTICLE | The Challenge of Middle-Income Countries to Development Assistance for Health: Recipients, Funders, Both or Neither?**

In this article (in *Health Economics, Policy and Law*, vol. 12, no. 2, 2017), Suerie Moon, T. Ottersen and J.A. Rottingen conclude that major players in the DAH system have reason to reconsider the criteria for allocating DAH among countries and the norms for which countries should contribute and how much.

**ARTICLE | Distributing Development Assistance for Health: Simulating the Implications of 11 Criteria**


**ARTICLE | Development Assistance for Health: What Criteria Do Multi- and Bilateral Funders Use?**


**ARTICLE | Towards a Coherent Global Framework for Health Financing: Recommendations and Recent Developments**


**Governance**

**BOOK CHAPTER | History as a Source of International Law**

A contribution by visiting Professor Robert Kolb to the *Oxford Handbook on the Sources of International Law* (edited by J. d'Aspremont and S. Besson, OUP, October 2017) that provides analysis through a dialectical structure with the first author directly addressing the issue, and the second offering critical comment.

**BOOK CHAPTER | Sources in the Scholastic Legacy: Ius Naturae and Ius Gentium Revisited by Theologians**


**ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRY | Private Governance**
A review of literature on private governance since the late 1990s by Liliana Andonova and Yixian Sun in Oxford Bibliographies (OUP).

PhD DEFENCE | Towards a New Approach to Treaty Interpretation: Interactions of Theory and Practice

By Katayoun Hossein Nejad, International Law. 9 November 2017. Committee members: Zachary Douglas (director), Thomas Schultz and George Letsas, Faculty of Laws, University College London, UK.

PhD DEFENCE | Essays in Law and Economics of Enforcement


RESEARCH CENTRE | Facelift for the Global Governance Centre

New name and new leadership for the Graduate Institute’s Global Governance Centre, which is now co-directed by Prof. Nico Krisch and Annabelle Littoz-Monnet.

Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and Action

INTERVIEW | Thomas Schultz and the relationship between law and the state

Professor Thomas Schultz looks at the various manifestations of international law, from its inception to its making and final implementation.

FOREWORD | By Andrew Clapham

Andrew Clapham wrote the foreword to Katharine Fortin's The Accountability of Armed Groups under Human Rights Law (OUP, 2017), a book that offers new insights into the role of human rights law in armed conflict, drawing on social science literature on armed conflict.

BRIEFING | Transitional Justice and the European Convention on Human Rights

This ADH publication (Briefing no. 10) published with the Transitional Justice Institute at Ulster University and written by Fionnuala Ní Aoláin addresses the question of the relation between transitional justice and the European Convention on Human Rights.

Migration and Refugees

ARTICLE | The Duty to Be Generous (Karam): Alternatives to Rights-Based Asylum in the Middle East
This article by Visiting Professor Dawn Chatty (in *Journal of the British Academy*, vol. 5, 2017) explores the disconnect between international rights-based protection approaches to refuge and duty-based asylum (karam) commonly accepted in Middle Eastern societies.

**PROJECT | The Changing Nature of Italy’s Northeast Borderland**

This SNSF three-year research project led by Alessandro Monsutti and titled “National Borders and Social Boundaries in Europe: The Case of Friuli” seeks to examine borderlanders everyday practices as manifestations of resistance to the state from the Cold War to the collapse of Yugoslavia in 1991.

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**Trade and Economic Integration**

**BOOK CHAPTER | Sources of International Trade Law: Mantras and Controversies at the World Trade Organization**

This contribution by Joost Pauwelyn (in *The Oxford Handbook on the Sources of International Law*, edited by J. d’Aspremont and S. Besson, OUP, October 2017) focuses on sources of law in World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute settlement rather than sources of international trade or international economic law more broadly.

**BOOK CHAPTER | Sources of International Investment Law: Conceptual Foundations of Unruly Practices**


**WORKING PAPER | Global Value Chains and Product Sophistication: An Empirical Investigation of Indian Firms**

This CTEI Working Paper (no. 15, 2017) by Karishma Banga analyses the impact of GVC linkages on product upgrading, using the Indian firm-level dataset Prowess, and methodologies of System-GMM and Propensity score matching.

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**POLICY BRIEF | Brexit: Impacts on UK and EU Trade**

In this CTEI Policy Brief, Theresa Carpenter and Graham Floater examine five models for the future trading relationship between the UK and EU after the Brexit.

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**WORKING PAPER | The Cyclicality of International Public Sector Borrowing in Developing Countries: Does the Lender Matter?**

In this International Economics Department Working Paper (HEIDWP17-2017), Arturo Galindo and Ugo Panizza show that international government borrowing from multilateral development banks is countercyclical while international government borrowing form private sector lenders is procyclical.

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**WORKING PAPER | Identities and Public Policies: Unintended Effects of Political Reservations for Women in India**
In this International Economics Department Working Paper (HEIDWP18-2017), Guilhem Cassan and Lore Vandewalle propose an important variation in gender norms across caste groups as a plausible mechanism. 

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WORKING PAPER | Fiscal Shocks and International Production Networks: An Empirical Investigation

This BCC paper by Isai Quispe empirically evaluates the international transmission of government purchase shocks through a production network. 

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LECTURES AND SEMINARS

Green Careers Now!
Friday 17 November, 12:00-14:30, A1B
Green Careers Now! aims at showcasing the diversity of career positions that deal with social and environmental sustainability.

Fed Liftoff and Subprime Loan Interest Rates: Evidence from the Peer-to-Peer Lending Market
Monday 20 November, 12:30 - 13:45, Petal 2, Room S2
Dep. of International Economics Brown Bag Lunch, with Zhang Xin.

Everything you ever wanted to know about the impacts of tropical development: modelling, climate change and the future
Monday 20 November, 18:30 - 20:00, A1B
CIES Geneva Dialogue with Britaldo Soares-Filho

Towards an International Political Ergonomics: Designing and Disrupting the World Politics >
Tuesday 21 November, 14:15 - 15:30, Petal 2, Room S7
Dep. of International Relations/Political Science Colloquium, with Jonathan Austin, CCDP Researcher. Followed by a discussion.

Dept. of International Economics Research Seminar
Tuesday 21 November, 14:15 - 15:45, Petal 2, Room S1
With Ariel Burstein, UCLA.

La naissance de l'homophobie en Ouganda (1870-1900): sacralité, conversions et colonisation dans un royaume africain >
Mardi 21 novembre, 16:00 - 18:00
Weekly ANSO Seminar avec Henri Médard, professeur d'histoire de l'Afrique contemporaine à Aix-Marseille Université.

Women on the Move: Migration, Care Work and Health >
Tuesday 21 November, 18:30 - 19:30
An event of the Global Health Centre, in collaboration with the World Health Organization. Registration required (free of charge).

Philanthropy in Education: Global Trends, Regional Differences and Diverse Perspectives >
Wednesday 22 November–Friday 24 November
Cosponsored by NORRAG, the Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research, the Open Society Foundations and the Graduate Institute. Registration required.

Dep. of International Economics Macro Lunch
Wednesday 22 November, 12:30 - 13:30, Petal 1, Room 601
Monthly event for students and professors to discuss current macroeconomic events.

Leaning against the Wind: Does Macroprudential Policy Have a Greater Impact Than Monetary
Policy?
Monday 27 November, 12:30 - 13:45, Petal 2, Room S2
Dep. of International Economics Brown Bag Lunch, with Ziya Gorpe.

Social Conflict in the Extractive Sector: Developing Good Security Practices,
Tuesday 28 November, 12:15 - 13:30, Auditorium A2
An event of the CCDP with Isabelle Brissette, from Rio Tinto, Stefanie von Hlatky, Associate Professor at Queen's University, Canada, Claude Voillat, Economic Advisor at ICRC, and Alan Bryden, from the (DCAF). Registration required.

The Origins of Firm Heterogeneity: A Production Network Approach >
Tuesday 28 November, 12:30, S4
Research Seminar and Geneva Trade and Development Workshop series with Andreas Moxnes, University of Oslo.

Seven Philosophers in Search of Universal Human Society
Thursday 30 November, 16:15 - 17:45, Room S3
Dep. of International Law Literature Forum with Philip Allott, Emeritus Professor of International Public Law, University of Cambridge. Open to faculty members and students only.

Corporate social responsibility in the context of investment...
Thursday 30 November 2017, 12:15 - 13:30, P1-847
CIES Lunch Seminar with Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, Professor and Director of the Department of Public International Law and International Organization, University of Geneva.

A 1000 days of SDGs – Looking Ahead >
Monday 4 December - Tuesday 5 December
An event of the Global Health Centre in cooperation with Canada’s International Development Research Centre and THINK_SDGs.

Corporate social responsibility in the context of investment...
Thursday 30 November 2017, 12:15 - 13:30, P1-847
CIES Lunch Seminar with Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, Professor and Director of the Department of Public International Law and International Organization, University of Geneva.

The Moral of Morale: Ambivalent Governance via Knowledge, Technology and Doctrine in the India-Burma Myanmar Borderworlds during WW2
Tuesday 5 December, 11h-12h, Room P1-745
History Brunch with Aditya Kiran, PhD candidate at the International History Department.

Theorising ISIS >
Thursday 7 December, 12:30 - 13:30, Auditorium A1B
Lunch Briefing with Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou. Registration required.

Private Environmental Governance in China: Limits and Promise... >
Thursday 7 December, 12:15 - Thursday 14 December, 13:30, P1-847
CIES Lunch seminar with Yixian Sun, PhD Candidate in International Relations/Political Science. Registration required.

The Business of Women’s Empowerment in Rwanda >
Thursday 7 December, 12:30 - 13:45
Lunch seminar with Catia Gregoratti, Visiting Fellow at the Gender Centre.

Democratic Degeneration >
Thursday 7 December, 18:30 - 20:00, Auditorium Pictet
Annual conference of the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, with Charles Taylor,
Emeritus professor, McGill University. Registration required.

**Populism, Nationalism, and the Future of Democracy >**
**Friday 7 December, 18:30 - 20:00, Auditorium Pictet**
Annual conference of the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, with Craig Calhoun, President of the Berggruen Institute and Centennial Professor, London School of Economics and Political Science. Registration required.

**Capital Account Liberalization and Macroeconomic Policies Discipline: the Contracting Approach**
**Monday 11 December, 12:30 - 13:45, Petal 2, Room S2**
Dep. of International Economics Brown Bag Lunch, with *Yadong Huang*.

**Dep. of International Economics Research Seminar**
**Tuesday 12 December, 14:15-15:45, Petal 2, Room S1**
With *Giacomo de Luca*, University of York.

**Fundamental Historical Questions: A Book Project**
**Tuesday 12 December**
Dep. of International History Doctoral Seminar with guest speaker *Cyrus Schayegh*.

**Dep. of International Economics Macro Lunch**
**Wednesday 13 December, 12:30 - 13:30, Petal 1, Room 601**
Monthly event for students and professors to discuss current macroeconomic events.

**The Coming of Age of International Organizations as Willful Actors in International Law**
**Thursday 14 December, 16:15 - 17:45, Room S3**
Dep. of International Law Literature Forum with *Catherine Bröllmann*, University of Amsterdam. Open to faculty members and students only.

**Return to the French Countryside: Between Last Resort and Land of Possibilities >**
**14 December 2017, 12:15 - 13:30, P1-847**
CIES Lunch seminar with *Ieva Snikersproge*, PhD Candidate in ANSO, The Graduate Institute. Registration required.

**UPCOMING DEADLINES**

**Thursday 30 November** | Call of the EU-India Platform for the Social Sciences and Humanities >

**Thursday 30 November** | Latsis Prize >

**Friday 1 December** | SNSF Sinergia >

**Wednesday 28 February 2018** | Graduate Institute’s Publishing Grants >

**RESEARCH PROJECT FUNDING AND PRIZES AWARDED**

**PROJECT FUNDING**

♦ **BCC programme renewed for 4 years**

Led by Professor Cédric Tille and the Graduate Institute, and financed by the Swiss Secretariat for Economics Affairs, the Bilateral Assistance and Capacity Building Programme for Central
Banks (BCC) was awarded the implementation of the second phase for the period 2018–2022.

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♦ Norwegian grant to study "Child Care for Childhood and Business Development"

Prof. Lore Vandewalle and colleagues have received a grant of CHF 1.2 million to develop research-based knowledge of high quality on poverty reduction and sustainable development. The project is funded by NORGLOBAL-2 through the Research Council of Norway.

More information >

♦ IPTI awarded a grant for research on international mediation networks

The associate centre Inclusive Peace and Transition Initiative (IPTI) has received a grant of EUR 115,000 from the Wihuri Foundation to start a new research project that aims to clarify the role of existing international mediation networks in conflict prevention and political settlement.

More information >

PRIZES

♦ Jessica Ramírez Mendoza and Serri Mahmood, ex-aequo winners of the Swiss Humanitarian Award

Both former students at CERAH, Jessica Yohana Ramírez Mendoza and Serri Mahmood have been awarded ex aequo the Swiss Humanitarian Award for their dissertations (Challenges of Children Born by ISIS Rape in Iraq for Miss Mahmood and The Role of First Responders and South-South Cooperation during Earthquake’s Response and Management for Miss Mendoza).

More information on S. Mahmood >
More information on J. Ramírez Mendoza >

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PhD DEFENCES

The Global North in the South of Lebanon: The Practices of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Tuesday 21 November, 15:00, Petal 2, Room S9
Susann Kassem, Anthropology and Sociology of Development. Committee members: Riccardo Bocco (director), Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou and Gavin Smith, Professor Emeritus at the Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, Canada.

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