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A study of discourses and strategies of separatist parties in Catalonia, Flanders, Northern Italy and Scotland by Emmanuel Dalle Mulle.

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Professor Schayegh studies Arab views of Afro-Asian decolonisation and the interwar European inter-imperial cooperation.

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The future of global health law: is there space for more international law?


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The causes of witch trials in early modern Europe

Chris Hudson has constructed a new dataset of approximately 30,000 witch trials in Europe for the period 1500–1760, through which he is able to differentiate between causes such as economics, plague, and war.

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A Theory of ISIS: Political Violence and the Global Order

This book by Prof. Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou traces the genealogy of ISIS and documents its evolution in Iraq and Syria to present a new theory about the most dangerous terrorist organisation in the world.

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How to address cross-border cartels in Latin America

Pierre Horna aims to provide younger and smaller competition authorities with novel solutions for addressing certain types of cross-border cartels that impact their emerging economies.

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Law and economics of enforcement in Russia

Viewing the law as a policy tool that shapes agents’ actions to match the expected outcomes, Dmitriy Skougarevskiy studied how criminal law affects decision-making and behaviour in the world’s second largest jurisdiction, Russia.

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Kurdish Military Formations in Middle Eastern Battlefields

This publication from the Geneva Academy, authored by Vicken Cheterian, provides an overview of Kurdish history, current dynamics of the Kurdish question, as well as Kurdish forces and armed groups in the Middle East.

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Myanmar: A Battle for Recognition

This publication from the the Geneva Academy, authored by Laura Baron-Mendoza, deals with current non-international armed conflicts in Myanmar and their main actors: the Tatmadaw, armed non-state actors affiliated to ethnic groups, or so-called ethnic armed organisations, and militias.

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Culture, Identity and Religion

ARTICLE
Data hubris? Humanitarian information systems and the mirage of technology
Professor Bertrand Taithe of the University of Manchester, currently Visiting Professor at the International History Department, questions the imagined role of technologies and information systems in humanitarian action.

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Development Policies and Practices

BOOK INTRODUCTION
How not to waste a garbage crisis in Bangalore/Bengaluru, India
This contribution by Christine Lutringer and Shalini Randeria (in International Development Policy, Nov. 2017) delineates the policy shifts and changes in practices of solid waste management in Bangalore following the 2012 "garbage crisis".

Read the interview ›
Leon Estabrook and the First World Agricultural Census of 1930

Amalia Ribi Forclaz provides a history of the World Agricultural Census of 1930. International agricultural development schemes did not simply emerge with the United Nations after 1945. Rather, the 1920s and 1930s can be considered a laboratory for later rural development programmes.

Interview

National Policy and Transnational Governance of Climate Change: Substitutes or Complements?

This paper by Liliana Andonova, Thomas Hale and Charles Roger (in International Studies Quarterly, vol. 61, no. 2, 2017) uses an original dataset that, for the first time, measures cross-national participation in transnational climate initiatives across jurisdictions.

Access

The Anthropology of Conservation NGOs

Professor Marc Hufty interviews alumnus Peter Bille Larsen who has just coedited a book (Palgrave Macmillan) that reconsiders the boundaries of NGOs and their shifting nature in relations to capitalism, markets, governments, and each other.

Watch the interview
WORKING PAPER

Are Fiscal Rules Helpful in Mitigating the Impact of Oil Market Fluctuations?

In this International Economics Department WP (HEIDWP22-2017), Fuad Mammadov and Adigozalov Shaig empirically examine the role of fiscal rules in mitigating the impact of oil market fluctuations in resource-rich economies, using a structural panel VAR framework.

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PhD on World Bank Development Interventions in Ethiopia

Based on evidence derived from the experience of the Wolayta Agricultural Development Unit and Ethiopia’s post-war relations with donor agencies in general and the World Bank in particular, Surafel Gelgelo Kumsa’s thesis sheds a critical light on some elements of post-development theory.

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Dynamic Network Actor Models: Investigating Coordination Ties through Time

James Hollway, Christoph Stadtfeld and Per Block introduces dynamic network actor models (DyNAM) for the statistical analysis of coordination networks through time (in Sociological Methodology, vol. 47, no. 1, 2017).

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ARTICLE

Expert Knowledge as a Strategic Resource: International Bureaucrats and the Shaping of Bioethical Standards

This article by Annabelle Littoz-Monnet (in International Studies Quarterly, sqx016) asks how international secretariats can sometimes expand their authority in areas that relate neither to their mandate, nor to their sphere of expert authority. The claim here is that entrepreneurial bureaucrats can succeed in creating creep in unexpected issue domains through the mobilisation of external expertise.

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PHD THESIS

Resisting Minority Rights Norms: A Case of Middle East Minorities

By Smruthi Rammohan, International Relations/Political Science. Jury: Elisabeth Prügl (director), Stephanie Hofmann and Antje Wiener, University of Hamburg, Germany.

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Migration and Refugees
Hazāras

Alessandro Monsutti has contributed to *Encyclopaedia of Islam, THREE* (ed. Kate Fleet, Gudrun Krämer, Denis Matringe, John Nawas, Everett Rowson, Brill).

Access to online version ›

Trade and Economic Integration

INTERVIEW

Understanding and improving the role of central banks in the South

Professor Cédric Tille presents the research-related activities of the BCC programme and their collaboration with central banks.

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Agenda

Lectures and Seminars

*Dep. of International Economics Macro Lunch*

Monthly event for students and professors to discuss current macroeconomic events.
Thursday 14 December
12:15 - 13:30
Petal 1, Room 847

**Return to the French Countryside: Between Last Resort and Land of Possibilities**
CIES Lunch Seminar with Ieva Snikersproge, PhD Candidate in ANSO, The Graduate Institute.

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Thursday 14 December
14:15 - 15:30
Petal 3, Room 506

**Queer Civil-Military Relations: The Performative Citizenship of Support for the Troops**
International Relations/Political Science Colloquium with Katharine Millar, London School of Economics.

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Thursday 14 December
16:15 - 17:45
Room S3

**The Coming of Age of International Organizations as Willful Actors in International Law**
Dep. of International Law Literature Forum with Catherine Bröllmann, University of Amsterdam. Open to faculty members and students only.

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Monday 18 December
12:30 - 13:45
Petal 2, Room S2

**The Role of Fiscal Policy Uncertainty for Monetary Policy Transmission**
Dep. of International Economics Brown Bag Lunch, with Martina Hengge.

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Tuesday 19 December
14:15-15:45
Petal 2, Room S1

**Dep. of International Economics Research Seminar**
With Richard Blundell, University College London.

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Tuesday 19 December
16:15
TBD

**Fundamental Historical Questions: A Book Project**
Dep. of International History Doctoral Seminar with guest speaker Cyrus Schayegh.
A Gender Centre project extended for three years
Led by Professor Elisabeth Prügl, the project “The Gender Dimensions of Social Conflict, Armed Violence and Peacebuilding” has been granted CHF 1.5 million by the Swiss National Science Foundation to finance its second phase (2017–2020).

More information ›

The Garrison State Project
Led by Professor David Sylvan, the "Garrison State Project", begun in August 2015 with a three-year funding from the Swiss National Science Foundation, has been renewed for one more year and will be granted CHF 250,000.

Link ›

Housing Microfinance in Cambodia and El Salvador
Led by Christophe Gironde, this project (MINT/DEV, Nov. 2017–July 2018) funded by the SCBF (Swiss Capacity Building Facility) will analyse housing microfinance project, i.e. loans to low-income households for improvement of an existing home or construction of a new home and basic infrastructure, in Cambodia and in El Salvador.
International Geneva Award
2017 goes to Prof. Littoz-Monnet
Annabelle Littoz-Monnet has been awarded this SNIS prize for her article "International Bureaucrats as Shapers of Bioethical Standards: Expert Knowledge as a Bureaucratic Tool".

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Tuesday 12 December
15:00
Petal 2, Room S9

Foreign State Immunity and Denial of Justice: Jurisdictional Rules, Rights and Conflict

Thiago Braz Jardim Oliveira, International Law. Jury: Marcelo Kohen (director), Zachary Douglas and Robert Kolb, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva (also currently visiting professor at the Institute)

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