THREE NEW PUBLICATIONS ON TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE

PORTRAIT

Anna Leander on propaganda videos of terrorist groups

Prof. Leander has recently published on the politics of DAESH recruitment videos. Newly arrived at the Institute, she is interested in the commercialisation of military/security matters.

Interview

We need to bring history back into the study of terrorism

For Prof. Mohamedou, rigorous historical analysis is crucial to understanding a phenomenon that, as shown in his recent book on ISIS, is more social than religious.

Interview

MONOGRAPHIE

Violence et religion en Afrique

Le chassé-croisé de la violence et de la religion doit être analysé au cas par cas, à l’échelle des terroirs historiques, explique Jean-François Bayart dans son nouveau livre (Karthala).

Interview
LUNCH BRIEFING
“Bitcoin, blockchain and all that jazz”
Honorary Professor and former Director of the Institute Alexandre Swoboda assesses the potential for virtual currencies to serve as money in a significant sense.

Read more ›

ARTICLE
Mobility as a political act
This article by Alessandro Monsutti (in Ethnic and Racial Studies) follows Thomas Faist's invitation to analyse the prominence that migration issues have acquired in European and North American political discourses and public perceptions.

Access ›
EDITED BOOK

For a Humanist Dialogue between Chinese and Western Thoughts on World Order

The European and Chinese traditions of thought on world order are generally considered to be widely different. Is there a way to organise a much-needed humanist dialogue between them? This question is at the core of a book coedited by Janne Nijman and Anthony Carty.

Interview ›

BRIEFING

No One Will Be Left Behind

In this Academy Briefing (no. 11, January 2018), Christophe Golay, Research Fellow and Strategic Adviser on economic, social and cultural rights at the Geneva Academy, focuses on the role of UN Human Rights mechanisms in monitoring the ESCR-related SDGs.

Access ›

Governance

PHD THESIS

Knowledge Practices in the Monitoring of UN Sanctions

Political knowledge is commonly assumed to be the product of a coherent political strategy. Aurel Niederberger finds it to be rather the product of a clash of strategies at different social and political levels.

Interview ›
ARTICLE

The Expanding Overlap of Imperial, International and Transnational Political Activities, 1920s-1930s: A Belgian Case Study

Cyrus Schayegh explores (in International Politics, October 2017) how Belgium responded to perceived new threats to its African colonies from communists, revisionist Germany and Italy, and the League of Nations.

Read the paper ›

PHD THESIS

Altruism in International Law

Jason Rudall explores the emergence of legal relationships between states and individuals in other countries and what this entails for the states in terms of national policymaking, international action, and preservation of human rights.

Interview ›

PHD THESIS

Towards a new approach to treaty interpretation

The inconsistency that exists in the interpretive practice of international adjudicative bodies relying on Article 31 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties forms the underlying question of Katayoun Hosseinnejad’s research.

Interview ›

Global Health

EDITED BOOK AND BOOK CHAPTER

Global Perspectives on Stem Cell Technologies

This collection (Palgrave Macmillan) edited and introduced by Aditya Bharadwaj explores personal and professional multidisciplinary perspectives on stem cell research and clinical application.

Publisher's information ›
CASE STUDIES BOOK

Progressing the Sustainable Development Goals through Health in All Policies

Arising from the International Conference on Health in All Policies (HIAP) in Adelaide, this book of case studies (Government of South Australia) is edited by Ilona Kickbusch and Vivian Lin.

Read the book ›

BOOK CHAPTER

Tutela della salute ed evoluzione della sicurezza collettiva

Gian Luca Burci has contributed to La tutela della salute nel diritto internazionale ed europeo tra interessi globali e interessi particolari (Editoriale Scientifica) edited by Laura Pineschi.

Publisher’s information ›

REPORT

The World Drug PERCEPTION Problem: Countering Prejudices about People Who Use Drugs


Read the report ›

Gender

CHAPITRE

Economie solidaire et féminisme: autre économie, autre politique?

Isabelle Guérin, Isabelle Hillenkamp et Christine Verschuur apportent leur éclairage à Mouvements sociaux et économie solidaire (dir. Jean-Louis Laville et al., Desclée de Brouwer), un livre de dialogue entre les spécialistes des mouvements sociaux et de l’économie solidaire

Informations de l’éditeur ›

Finance and Development
Dynamic Mean-Preserving Spreads

Moving away from the assumption of normality in economics, Jean-Louis Arcand and others find that there is only one functional form that satisfies the famous Rothschild and Stiglitz definition of risk.

Interview

Fiscal Multipliers for Bosnia and Herzegovina

This International Economics Dep. paper by Dragana Stanišić and Belma Hadžihalilović-Kasumović is the first attempt to determine the size of fiscal multipliers (spending and tax multipliers) for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Read the paper

Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions in Times of Globalisation

Associate Professor Rahul Mukherjee presents his findings on the financial determinants of FDI in the case of liquidity-constrained target firms, and more generally his SNSF project that aims at providing a precise quantification of the gains from cross-border mergers and acquisitions.

Read more

A European Monetary Fund?

The creation of a European Monetary Fund seems a natural next step to improve upon the European Stability Mechanism. In this scrutiny paper (Economic Dialogues with the President of the Eurogroup in the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee), Charles Wyplosz argues that such a step is neither necessary nor desirable, for many reasons.

Access

Les liens économiques entre la Suisse et le monde: une situation en pleine évolution

Contribution de Cédric Tille à Monetary Economic Issues Today: Festschrift in honour of Ernst Baltensperger (Orell Füssli).

Informations de l’éditeur
Les limites des politiques monétaires non conventionnelles

Contribution de Charles Wyplosz à Monetary Economic Issues Today: Festschrift in honour of Ernst Baltensperger (Orell Füssli).

Informations de l’éditeur ›

Does Additional Spending Help Urban Schools? An Evaluation Using Boundary Discontinuities

Stephen Gibbons, Sandra McNally and Martina Viarengo exploit spatial anomalies in school funding policy in England to provide new evidence on the impact of resources on student achievement in urban areas (in Journal of the European Economic Association).

Access ›

Environment and Natural Resource

Governing the Rural in Interwar Europe

Amalia Ribi Forclaz has coedited this book (Routledge) and contributed a chapter, “Guardians of the Countryside: The Associated Country Women of the World ACWW and the Conceptualization of Rural Internationalism in the Interwar Years.”

Publisher’s information ›

Soy, Globalization, and Environmental Politics in South America

Gustavo de L. T. Oliveira and Susanna Hecht have edited this book (Routledge) and written its introductory chapter, “Sacred Groves, Sacrifice Zones and Soy Production: Globalization, Intensification and Neo-nature in South America.”

Publisher’s information ›

Trade and Environment Governance at the WTO

Manuel Teehankee reviews the work processes and outputs of the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment throughout the 21 years of its existence.

Interview ›
How Trump's Climate Agenda Threatens Clean Innovation

Joëlle Noailly assesses in this CIES Policy Brief (no. 1, 2017) what the Trump administration’s environmental rollback implies for innovation in clean technologies, not only in the US but also worldwide.

Read the brief ›

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

In this CIES Research Brief (no. 1, 2017), François Cohen and others examine the impact of electricity prices on the characteristics of the products actually sold on the market and derive the impact on the energy consumption of sold appliances.

Read the brief ›

This article by Gilles Carbonnier and others (in International Development Policy) presents the outcome of a multi-site consultation process on the understanding and evolution of international development studies in Europe and emerging economies.

Access to the paper ›

Towards a Renewed Vision of Development Studies
REPORT
Synchronizing National Electoral Cycles and Improving Democracy in Europe
This report by Grégoire Mallard (Oct. 2017) on the “European Election Day Exploratory workshop” concludes that whatever its exact form and even though it is not a miracle solution to all problems, organising “in-sync national elections” can improve democracy in Europe.
Access to the report ›

Culture, Identity and Religion

ARTICLE
Defining Race and the Struggle for Equality in Brazil
Graziella Moraes Silva and Brenna Powell look into how technocrats in the Brazilian Census Bureau negotiated race categories from 1970 to 2010 with an authoritarian military government, academic experts and black movements (in Journal of Latin American Studies).
Interview ›

MONOGRAPHIE
État et religion en Afrique
Comment démêler l’écheveau des interactions entre religion et politique en Afrique? En s’inscrivant dans une perspective de sociologie historique et comparée, et en montrant que l’État, sur le continent, est une cité cultuelle, tout comme il le fut en Europe, répond Jean-François Bayart dans ce nouveau livre (Karthala).
Informations de l’éditeur ›

ARTICLE
History after the Global Turn: Perspectives from Rim and Region
Ever since the “global turn” in historical scholarship, the question of what the “global” means from the perspective of individual places or regions has never been far from the surface, says Gopalan Balachandran (in History Australia).
Access ›
ARTICLE

From Europe’s Past to the Middle East’s Future: The Constitutive Purpose of Forward Analogies in International Security

Grégoire Mallard (in American Journal of Cultural Sociology) analyses how policymakers and experts draw on “forward analogies” to advance diplomatic negotiations over the Weapons of Mass Destruction Free Zone.

Access »

BOOK CHAPTER

Military and Paramilitary Activities in and against Nicaragua (Nicaragua v USA) (1984 to 1986)

Robert Kolb has written a chapter of Landmark Cases in Public International Law (Hart Publishing) which examines decisions that have contributed to the development of international law into an integrated whole, whilst also creating specialised sub-systems that stand alone as units of analysis.

Publisher’s information »

PHD DEFENCE

No Good Deed Goes Undisputed: Property Relations and Insurgency in the Periphery

By Daniel Norfolk, International Relations/Political Science. Jury: Keith Krause (director), Anna Leander and Benedikt Korf, University of Zurich. 15 January 2018.

Access »

REPORT

Global Violent Deaths 2017: Time to Decide

In this report of the Small Arms Survey, Claire McEvoy and Gergely Hideg show that while the global conflict death rate declined, the global homicide rate increased for the first time since 2004.

Access »

Agenda

Lectures and Seminars
Thursday 8 February
18.00 - 19.15
Auditorium A2

The Future of Governance
Panel discussion co-organised by CIES, CTEI and GGC.

Registration ›

Monday 19 February
18:30 - 20.00
Auditorium Ivan Pictet

The Affects of Democracy
Public lecture organised by the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy with Chantal Mouffe, Professor of Political Theory at the Centre for the Study of Democracy at the University of Westminster in London.

Registration ›

Tuesday 20 February
14:15 - 16.00
Petal 2, Room S1

Dep. of International Economics Research Seminar
With Veronica Rappoport, London School of Economics.

Wednesday 21 February
17:30 - 19:15
Auditorium Ivan Pictet B

World Bank Report on the Changing Wealth of Nations
Organised by the Centre for Finance and Development with the World Bank and Indosuez.

Registration ›

Thursday 22 February
17:00 - 18:45
Auditorium A1B

Green Industrial Policies for Transformative Change
Panel discussion co-organised by CIES and UN Environment.

Registration ›

Monday 26 February
12:15 - 13:30
TBD

Dep. of International Economics Brown Bag Lunch
Weekly event where professors and doctoral students are invited to present their ongoing research.

Tuesday 27 February
14:15-16:00
Petal 2, Room S1

Dep. of International Economics Research Seminar
With Claudio Lucifora, Uni Cattolica Milan.

Thursday 1 March
16:15 - 17:30
Petal 1, Room 847

CIES Econ seminar
With Timo Goeschl, Professor of Environmental Economics, Heidelberg University. Title to be announced.
Dep. of International Economics Research Seminar
With Kenza Benhima, University of Lausanne.

Prophétisme, formation de la nation et cultures de rente en Côte d’Ivoire
Inscription

CIES Lunch Seminar
With Karine Peschard, postdoc Hirschman Centre on Democracy.

Heterogeneity, Measurement Error, and Misallocation: Evidence from African Agriculture
CIES Econ Seminar with Douglas Collin, Professor of Development Economics, University of Oxford.

Upcoming Deadlines

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**Grants**

**Contextualising “Radicalisation”: Violence, Politics and Ideology**
This new International Research Consortium led by Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou and colleagues will constitute an international academic platform where national research and experiments on radicalisation can be compared, confronted and critiqued. Partners are CCDP, CNRS, EHESS, Northwestern University (USA) and University of Saint-Joseph (Beirut, Lebanon).

**Land Commercialization, Gendered Agrarian Transformation, and the Right to Food**
Led by Elisabeth Prügl with Christophe Gironde and Fenneke Reysoo, this SDC- and SNSF-funded project has been granted additional funding to complete its second phase (2018–2020).

**How to Break the Gridlock in Global Health Governance**
Led by Ilona Kickbusch, this SNIS project has been granted an additional funding for six months to complete its second phase (October 2015–March 2018).

**Innovation, Equity and the New Economy of Health**
Led by Ilona Kickbusch with Michaela Told, this SNIS project has been granted an additional funding for one more year (end: December 2018).

**International Development Policy**
This journal (editor-in-chief: Ugo Panizza) has been granted an 18-month extension of its funding contract (until June 2019) by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).
The Euromissile Crisis: An Arms Control Debacle, 1969–1979

Dr Andrea Chiampan (PhD 2017 “The Euromissile Crisis: An Arms Control Debacle, 1969–1979”) has been awarded a postdoc by the SNSF. He will be spending about nine months at King’s College, London, and another nine months at MIT in Cambridge, MA.

Three research grants (Doc.CH) awarded to Graduate Institute students

- Matthew Bamber for “The State of the Islamic State: An Assessment of ISIS’s State-Building Project in its Iraqi and Syrian Territory” (31 months, Political Science)
- Thomas Gidney for “A League of Anomalies? Colonial Membership of the League of Nations” (31 months, History)
- Efrat Gilad for “The Politics of Meat: Contested Consumption in Tel Aviv and Jaffa under the British Mandate, 1920s-1940s” (24 months, History)

Ethnographic research on international norms on prostitution and trafficking

Mira Fey, PhD candidate in International Relations/Political Science, has been awarded a SNSF Doc.Mobility grant. From March 2018 until February 2019, she will finish her PhD dissertation at the Center for Ethnographic Research, University of California, Berkeley.

Prizes

2017 BISA African Affairs Postgraduate Paper Prize

Graduate Institute student Ueli Staeger has been awarded this prize by the British International Studies Association (BISA) for his paper titled “External Actor Involvement at the African Union: Organization, Resources and Practices”.

Visitors
**1 January–1 July 2018**  
Coming from the University of Zurich, **Laura Páez** is hosted at the CTEI and works under the supervision of Theresa Carpenter.

**6 January–6 March 2018**  
Coming from the University of Oxford, **Elena Butti** is hosted at the CCDP and works under the supervision of Keith Krause.

**23 January–14 December 2018**  
Coming from the Universidad EAFIT, **Juan-Felipe Mejia** is hosted at the CCDP and works under the supervision of Keith Krause.

**25 January–25 April 2018**  
Coming from the University of Ghana, **Gertrude Dzifa Torvikey** is hosted at the Gender Centre and works under the supervision of Elisabeth Prügl.

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