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The Farming of Trust: Organic Certification and the Limits of Transparency

In a paper for the *American Ethnologist* (vol. 4, no. 4, November 2018), Shaila Seshia Galvin shows how certification inspectors in the Doon Valley of Uttarakhand, confronted with the limits of document keeping and inspections, come to understand organic farming as “the farming of trust”.

**Interview**

**ARTICLE**

Food Certification, Domestic Politics and International Trade: The US Compliance Response in Three WTO Disputes


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**ARTICLE**

The Contemporary Law of International Watercourses: Some Aspects and Problems

This article by Lucius Caflisch (in *Swiss Review of International and European Law*, vol. 28, no. 3, 2018) outlines the genesis and some features of the modern law of international watercourses, especially the principle of reasonable and equitable utilisation and the do-no-harm rule, as well as the relation between them.

**Publisher**

**ARTICLE**

Apprentissage et classification automatiques pour améliorer la pertinence d’un corpus d’articles

Cherchant à quantifier le développement des politiques environnementales et climatiques sur les quatre dernières décennies, Joëlle Noailly, Laura Minu Nowzohour et al. construisent puis exploitent un corpus d’articles de presse relatifs à cette thématique (in *Revue électronique suisse de science de l’information*, no 19, déc. 2018).

**Accès**
Beatrice Weder di Mauro, New Professor of International Economics

The President of CEPR and Distinguished Fellow at INSEAD Emerging Markets Institute speaks on her recent work and what shaped her early interest in international macroeconomics.

Interview ›

Nation-Building through Compulsory Schooling during the Age of Mass Migration

Between 1850 and 1914, US states adopted compulsory schooling laws as a nation-building tool to instil civic values to culturally diverse migrants, as evidenced by Martina Viarengo and colleagues in The Economic Journal (vol. 129, no. 617, 2019).

Access ›
BOOK CHAPTER

Exclusion as a Liberal Imperative: Culture, Gender, and the Orientalization of Migration
Evangelos Karagiannis and Shalini Randeria open their analysis of exclusion as a liberal imperative (in Migration: Changing Concepts, Critical Approaches, De Gruyter, 2018) with a text from a video put online by a leader of the Austrian right-populist party FPÖ. 

Access ›

WORKING PAPER

Gender-Inclusive Governance for E-Commerce
In the intersection of trade policy and digital technologies, this paper (CTEI 2018-07) by Amalie Giødesen Thystrup, visiting research fellow at CTEI, examines how electronic commerce can work towards gender equality and presents a framework for understanding the multiplicity of gender gaps in e-commerce models.

Access ›
Engendering the Right to Food?
International Human Rights Law, Food Security and the Rural Woman

Joanna Bourke Martignoni, coordinator of the DEMETER project, examines the dominant narratives being constructed about gendered food insecurity and unequal land rights at the international level and the manner in which these are embodied through discussions of the role and status of rural women (in Transnational Legal Theory, January 2019).

DOI ›

Colombia’s Constitutional Debate on Gender Quotas: The Link between Representation, Merit, and Democracy

The centrality of merit in the constitutional debate on gender quotas is fundamentally flawed, for it ignores the subjective nature of merit, limiting the type of experiences and potential that matter in democratic representation. So argues Felipe Ruiz Jaramillo, IR/PS PhD candidate affiliated to the Gender Centre, in Desafíos (vol. 31, no. 1, January 2019).

DOI ›

Career Dynamics and Gender Gaps among Employees in the Microfinance Sector

Using a unique panel dataset of employees from Latin America’s largest microfinance institutions, Martina Viarengo, Ina Ganguli and Ricardo Hausmann (in Towards Gender Equity in Development, Oxford University Press, 2018) show that gender gaps favouring men for promotion exist primarily in the sales division, while there is a significant gender wage gap in the administrative division.

Publisher ›

Frame Contestation and Collective Securitisation: The Case of EU Energy Policy

EU energy policy has been subject to repeated collective and national securitisation attempts. However, as energy can be framed as a security, market or even environmental issue, collective securitisation outcomes have been contested, argue Stephanie Hofmann and Ueli Staeger in West European Politics (online, 2018).

Interview with Ueli Staeger ›
**PHD THESIS**


The lack of coherence in how judicial decisions resolving investment disputes turn out is a major concern. But, as argued by Charalampos Giannakopoulos, achieving coherence in law may be less of a fixed or easily identifiable destination and more of a continuous process.

**Interview ›**

**ENCYCPEDIA ENTRY**

Post-War Societies (Middle East)

After the First World War, nation-states and nation-state movements crystallised as the dominant political choice throughout the Middle East, but nation-state building was complex and infused with transnational and international dimensions, as shown by Cyrus Schayegh in 1914-1918 Online: International Encyclopedia of the First World War (2018).

**Access ›**

**COMMENTARY**

The Institute of International Law’s Resolution on State Succession and State Responsibility

This article-by-article commentary by Marcelo Kohen and Patrick Dumberry explores the resolution adopted in 2015 by the Institute of International Law (Cambridge University Press, 2019).

**Publisher ›**

**ARTICLE**

Strategic Ignorance and Global Governance: An Ecumenical Approach to Epistemologies of Global Power

Earlier scholarship tends to assume an ignorance-knowledge binary relationship that associates ignorance with powerlessness and knowledge with power. Disputing this view, Grégoire Mallard and Linsey McGoey call for greater recognition of the constitutive role played by ignorance in operations of power (in British Journal of Sociology, vol. 69, no. 4, 2018).

**Access ›**

**Democracy and Civil Society**
Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi’s Autocracy: Governmental Constraints, 1960s–1970s

This paper by Cyrus Schayegh (in Iranian Studies, vol. 51, no. 6, 2018) shows how government officials managed to maintain some autonomy vis-à-vis the shah when he became an autocrat. Their strategies included self-effacement, the agreement on a unified cabinet policy position before a royal audience, resignation threats, open pushback, and gifts to third parties.

Access ›

Crypto-Miners: Digital Labor and the Power of Blockchain Technology

Drawing from interviews with cryptocurrency enthusiasts, blockchain advocates and developers, participation in online and offline discussions, and a survey with small-scale crypto-miners, Filipe Calvão (in Economic Anthropology, vol. 6, no. 1, 2019) takes on the material and technoscientific valuation of crypto-mining to understand how a future of open, decentralised accountability implicates human labor alongside automated processes.

Access ›
PHD THESIS
Romanian Nation-Building and American Foreign Assistance (1917–1940)
Looking at the case of American humanitarianism and philanthropy in Romania, Doina Anca Cretu explores the reception of international aid diffusion in Central and Eastern Europe during the First World War and in the interwar period. Interview ›

THÈSE DE DOCTORAT
La protection des investissements en temps de violence: l’apport du DIH, du DIDH et du droit de la responsabilité internationale
En temps de conflit armé et de troubles internes, le droit international des investissements se voit disputer sa réglementation par d’autres corpus juridiques. Bienvenu Venceslas Ouedraogo a consacré sa thèse aux rapports complexes entre ces divers régimes et aux nouvelles normes qui en découlent. Interview ›

Conflict, Dispute Settlement and Peacebuilding

EDITED BOOK
Urban Safety and Peacebuilding: New Perspectives on Sustaining Peace in the City
Edited by Achim Wennmann and Oliver Jütersonke, this book (Routledge, 2018) reflects on the advances on urban safety and peacebuilding to help address the rapidly increasing risk of conflict and insecurity in cities. Interview with the editors ›
International Adjudication, Rhetoric and Storytelling

Andrea Bianchi (in Journal of International Dispute Settlement, vol. 9, no. 1, 2018) considers that legal professionals involved in dispute settlement might greatly benefit from taking a look at literature and learning more about storytelling and rhetoric. These techniques can indeed provide legal arguments with enhanced persuasive force.

Gangs Violence in Latin America

This chapter by Dennis Rodgers provides an overview of the gang phenomenon in Latin America, focusing in particular on Central America and Brazil (in The Routledge Handbook of Latin American Development, ed. by J. Cupples, M. Palomino-Schalsha and M. Prieto, 2018).

Décentraliser dans la Tunisie post-autoritaire: l’émergence d’un pouvoir local face aux limites imposées par le consensus sécuritaire

Dans ce working paper du CCDP (no 13, 2018), Souhail Belhadj montre qu’en dépit de la crise sécuritaire en Tunisie, il ne s’est pas formé de consensus en faveur d’un «changement profond de l’organisation, des pratiques et de l’action sécuritaire de l’État».

Comparing Ideologies of Racial Mixing in Latin America: Brazil and Mexico

This paper by Graziella Moraes Silva and Emiko Saldivar (in Sociologia and Antropologia, vol. 8, no. 2, 2018) observes the ways in which racial mixture impacts racial formations in Latin America, looking at Brazil and Mexico, two of the largest countries in the region, and also those with the largest Afro-descendent and indigenous populations in the continent. For comparison, they analyse survey data from the PERLA project.
EDITED BOOK CHAPTER
The Rise and Fall of Pan-Arabism
Was pan-Arabism essentially but a phase in the political history of the Middle East and North Africa? Yes, concludes Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou after retracing the history of the movement in his contribution to the Routledge Handbook of South-South Relations (ed. Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh and Patricia Daley, 2018).

BOOK CHAPTER
Afghanistan as a Critical Lens in Current Challenges for Anthropology and Sociology
This chapter by Alessandro Monsutti and Nick Miszak is part of Sociology and Social Anthropology in South Asia (Orient BlackSwan, 2018), which, believing that disciplinary histories, even while engaging with the local and the national, are influenced by larger regional forces, calls for a more complete understanding of history and culture in the region.

PHD THESIS
Energy-pricing reforms are indispensable for asserting the real economic value of natural resources and the transition to sustainable development, but they often impact the livelihoods of many and lead to protests. In a holistic approach, Tom Moerenhout considers both what determines the likelihood of their implementation and the constraints they place on the social contract.
Global Value Chains and Technology Transfer: Net Evidence from Developing Countries

This CTEI Working Paper (no. 6, 2018) by Davide Rigo, research assistant at CTEI, uses the World Bank’s Enterprise Surveys as a sample of 18 developing and emerging economies to investigate the causal relationship between global value chains and the transfer of technology (particularly the licensing of foreign technology) to manufacturing firms in developing nations.

Lost in Trans-Nation: Tubu and Other Armed Groups and Smugglers along Libya’s Southern Border

This Small Arms Survey report authored by Jérôme Tubiana and Claudio Gramizzi (2018) explores the role of Tubu militias before and since the fall of the Qaddafi regime; the roles and alliances of Chadian and Sudanese combatants in the border area; the Agadez–Fezzan corridor, placing particular weight on recent changes in migrant smuggling and drug trafficking; and data and analysis of regional weapons flows.
**Edited Book**

**Comparative Methodology in the Era of Big Data and Global Networks**

The *World Yearbook of Education 2019*, edited by Gita Steiner-Khamsi, Radhika Gorur and Sam Sellar (Routledge, 2019), explores the challenges of digital methodologies, data visualisation and computer-based learning for scholars in educational research. With a contribution by Professor Steiner-Khamsi: “**Impacts: Randomized Controlled Trials: League Leader in the Hierarchy of Evidence?**”

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**Agenda**

**Lectures and Seminars**

- **Friday 15 February**
  - 14:15 - 15:45
  - Petal 1, Room 745
  - **Diasporas and International Law**
    International Law Colloquium with Larissa van den Herik, Leiden University

- **Wednesday 20 February**
  - 12:30 - 13:30
  - Auditorium A1A
  - **Globalisation, Robotics and the Future of Work**

- **Thursday 21 February**
  - 12:15 - 13:30
  - Petal 1, Room 847
  - **Market Measures for Sustainable Fishing**
    CIES Lunch Seminar with Visiting Fellow Eva van der Marel, PhD candidate at the The Artic University of Norway (Tromso). Lunch is provided, so please [register here](#)
Tuesday 26 February
16:15 - 18:00
Petal 2, Room S1

**After Empire: Teleology, Nation-States and Imperial Breakup**

This event of the International History Department with **Michael Goebel** marks the launch of the International History Forum, a regular series of discussions that will regularly welcome international historians for an exchange of views with the Institute community on their research and work.

Tuesday 26 February
16:15 - 18:00
Petal 2, Room S5

**Predatory Accumulation in the US Inner City: The Carceral and Psychiatric Mismanagement of Globalized Narcotics Markets and Rising Social Inequality**

ANSO Seminar with **Philippe Bourgois**, Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Center for Social Medicine and Humanities, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). [More info](#)

Wednesday 27 February
18:15 - 20:00
Auditorium A1B

**Public Launch of the "Gangs, Gangsters, and Ganglands" (GANGS) Project**

An interactive panel debate about the global gang phenomenon with **Dennis Rodgers, Philippe Bourgois, Mo Hume, and Gareth A. Jones** to mark the launch a new 5-year, ERC-funded project aiming to develop a global comparative ethnography of gangs.

Thursday 7 March
12:15 - 13:30
Petal 1, Room 847

**Effectiveness of Partnerships for Advancing the Sustainable Development Goal**

CIES Lunch Seminar with **Dario Piselli**, PhD candidate in International Law and research assistant at CIES. Lunch is provided, so please [register here](#)

Friday 8 March
14:15 - 15:45
Petal 2, Room S4

**Capitalism and Jurisdiction over Time: The Case of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction**

International Law Colloquium with **B.S. Chimni**, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Tuesday 12 March
16:15 - 18:00
Petal 2, Room S1

**Global Social History: Class and Social Transformation in World History**

International History Forum with **Christof Dejung**, Professor of History, University of Bern.
Upcoming Deadlines

Throughout the year
Publishing grants at the Graduate Institute

19 February 2019
NORFACE “Democratic Governance in a Turbulent Age”

25 March 2019
Innovation starting grants for the MENA region

31 March 2019
ZHAW mobility grants with South Asia and Iran

Throughout the year
SPIRIT – new SNSF programme promoting cross-border research

Grants

The UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and protecting the Right to Seeds in Europe

The Geneva Academy has been granted CHF 118,860 by Fondation Salvia for the second phase of this project (January 2019–December 2020), whose ultimate goal is that European laws and policies are amended so as to accord with the UN Declaration. More info

Disability and Armed Conflict

Starting in November 2018, this six-month project of the Geneva Academy, funded by Diakonia (60,000 CHF), adds an outreach component to a three-year ongoing project on the rights of persons with disabilities during and in the immediate aftermath of armed conflict. It allows for the collaboration with British photographer Giles Duley, and exhibition at Quai Wilson.

Overview of UNESCO’ Work, Organizations and Track Record

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has granted 12,500 CHF to NORRAG to analyse the landscape of technical agencies and donors in education (17 December 2018–31 March 2019).
Prizes

Lars-Erik Cederman Awarded the Marcel Benoist Swiss Science Prize

Last November Lars-Erik Cederman, professor at ETH Zurich and an alumnus of the Graduate Institute, received the most prestigious science prize awarded in Switzerland (CHF 250,000) for his work on political peace-building and the inclusion of ethnic minorities. More info »

Upcoming PhD Defences

Wednesday 13 February
14:00
Room S9, Petal 2

Essays on Financial Stability and Macroprudential Policy

Thursday 21 February
12:00
Room S9, Petal 2

Migration Intermediaries: Implications and Mechanisms on Migrant's Networks among Pakistani in Hong Kong (China)

Visitors
February–June 2019

Coming from the Bank of Albania, Meri Papavangjeli is hosted at the BCC and works with Ugo Panizza on “A Forecast Combination Analysis for Inflation in Albania”.

February–June 2019

Coming from the Central Bank of Colombia, Paola Morales Acevedo is hosted at the BCC and works with Steven Ongena (UZH) on “Spillover Effects of Foreign Monetary Policy on the Foreign Indebtedness of Financial and Non-financial Companies”.

11 March 2019–11 February 2020

Coming from the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Gabriela Costa Chaves will be hosted at GHC and work with Suerie Moon on “The Analysis of Patenting Approaches to Obtain Exclusivity of Biological Medicines in Brazil”.

March–November 2019

Coming from The New School for Social Research/UNCTAD, Monica Hernandez will be hosted at CFD and work with Ugo Panizza on “Unintended Effects of (un)coordinated international monetary policy on the financial situation of countries in Central America”.

March–October 2019

Coming from the Center for Non-Traditional Security and Peaceful Development Studies, Zhejiang University, Mengting Wang will be hosted at the IR/PS Department and work with Anna Leander on “Security Privatisation and Protecting China’s Overseas Interests”.

March–April 2019

Coming from Oxford University, Ezekiel Lein will be hosted at the IL Department and work with Marcelo Kohen on “International Human Rights Law”.

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