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Culture, Identity and Religion



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Gift Exchange: The Transnational History of a Political Idea

By tracing how Mauss's theoretical and normative ideas inspired prominent thinkers and government officials in France and Algeria, from Pierre Bourdieu to Mohammed Bedjaoui, **Grégoire Mallard's** book (CUP, March 2019) adds a building block to our comprehension of the role that anthropology, international law and economics have played in shaping international economic governance from the age of European colonisation to the latest European debt crisis.

[Interview >](#)

ARTICLE

Pentecôtisation du christianisme et butinage religieux au Kenya: entre fondamentalisme et mode populaire d'action politico-religieuse

Pour **Yvan Droz** et Yonatan Gez (in *Revue canadienne des études africaines*, 2019), la pentecôtisation des dénominations chrétiennes se heurte aux pratiques religieuses quotidiennes: le butinage religieux. Les auteurs proposent de voir dans la mobilité religieuse une religiosité morale. Et considèrent que la diversité des pratiques religieuses interdirait l'instrumentalisation politique du religieux que certaines élites politiques imaginent.

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ARTICLE

Climate, the Earth, and God: Entangled Narratives of Cultural and Climatic Change in the Peruvian Andes

Building on ethnographic fieldwork, **Morgan Scoville-Simonds**, postdoc at CIES, explores (in *World Development*, vol. 110, 2018) two local climate narratives related to Catholic and Evangelical religious traditions with differing ontological and epistemological foundations. The concept of "entangled narrative" is proposed as a way of accounting for the social and cultural embeddedness of climate perceptions.

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Global Health



ARTICLE

The Ongoing Ebola Epidemic in the Democratic Republic of Congo, 2018–2019

Since late February 2019, a sharp rise in cases and increased transmission of Ebola have been observed in eastern DRC.

These coincide with organised attacks by armed groups targeting response teams, deteriorating security, and the population's increasing distrust of the response effort, as explained by **Vinh-Kim Nguyen** et al. (in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, Special Report, May 2019).

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EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

Rethinking Biomedicine

In this chapter (in *Social Science at the Crossroads*, S. Randeria and B. Wittrock, eds., Brill, 2019), **Vinh-Kim Nguyen** examines how Yehuda Elkana's concepts of "partial theories" and of "rethinking the enlightenment" contribute to rethinking biomedicine in the age of global health.

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ARTICLE

The Legal Determinants of Health: Harnessing the Power of Law for Global Health and Sustainable Development

Law is crucial for protecting the health and wellbeing of society. Through a contribution in the *Lancet*–O'Neill Institute Commission on Global Health and Law, **Gian Luca Burci** et al. (in *Lancet*, vol. 393, May 2019) show how law can be a powerful tool in advancing global health. The Commission provides seven recommendations to implement to advance global health with justice.

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The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Environmental Law

AND CHAPTER

Comparative Environmental Law: Structuring a Field

This Oxford handbook, edited by Emma Lees and **Jorge Viñuales** (May 2019), brings together over 50 leading experts to analyse environmental law as a key technology to tackle the daunting environmental challenges the world faces today. In his introductory chapter, Professor Viñuales explains how the challenge of unveiling the architecture of environmental law as a single overall technology was met.

[Interview >](#)

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Policy Theory and Practice

This chapter by **James Hollway** et al. (in *Global Environmental Outlook report (GEO) 6: Healthy Planet, Healthy People*, CUP, June 2019) reviews the conceptual and empirical challenges of identifying effective environmental policy designs. Some common elements to effective policy designs are that they establish a baseline by which to monitor performance, that affected stakeholders are included in policy design and monitoring, and that crisis-mode policy decisions are eschewed for longer-term visions.

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Oceans and Coastal Policy

James Hollway et al. (in **Global Environmental Outlook (GEO) 6: Healthy Planet, Healthy People**, CUP, June 2019) argue that diverse policy instruments and approaches are required to tackle different problems. For example, addressing coral reef bleaching demands treating carbon emissions. Marine litter requires comprehensive and coordinated regional measures. But irrespective of the instrument used, effective policy relies on strong, independent scientific support, standardised monitoring, and empowered surveillance and enforcement.

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Natural and Anthropogenic Climate Change Understanding in the Soviet Union, 1960s–1980s

Katja Doose, researcher at CIES, wrote a contribution with Jonathan Oldfield in *Climate Change Discourse in Russia: Past and Present* (Routledge, August 2018).

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Vulnerability

Morgan Scoville-Simonds, postdoc at CIES, and Karen O'Brien trace (in *Companion to Environmental Studies*, N. Castree, M. Hulme and J.D. Proctor, eds., Routledge, 2018) the development of vulnerability as a concept, demonstrating how analyses have broadened to identify social and political processes that shape not only who is vulnerable, but how and why. They highlight the need to incorporate subjective (cognitive, affective, cultural) dimensions of vulnerability in future research and practice.

[Public full text >](#)

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Problems and Progress in Combating IUU Fishing

Eva van der Marel, visiting fellow at CIES, contributed to *Strengthening International Fisheries Law in an Era of Changing Oceans* (eds. R. Caddell and E. Molenaar, Hart, April 2019).

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Finance and Development



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How FinTech Enters China's Credit Market

How does FinTech credit mitigate local credit supply frictions in China's segmented credit market? **Yi Huang** et al. (in *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, vol. 109, May 2019) show that FinTech credit (1) expands the extensive margin of credit to borrowers of lower credit scores and (2) provides relatively more credit to borrowers with lower credit scores. They confirm both predictions based on comprehensive data from one of China's largest FinTech credit providers.

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Increasing Trust in Bankers to Enhance Savings: Experimental Evidence from India

Lore Vandewalle, Rahul Mehrotra and Vincent Somville (in *Economic Development and Cultural Change*) show how trust between local bankers and new account holders is influenced, and its strong association with savings behaviour. Trust in one's banker matters for account savings, but is more difficult to influence than trust in bankers in general.

[Interview with R. Mehrotra >](#)

PHD THESIS

Three Essays in International Economics

This three-essay thesis in International Economics by **Faïçal Belaid** (April 2019) addresses three areas that influence economic development in Africa: the role of bank funding, the impact of the tourism sector and the effect of access to energy on the industrial development.

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Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and Action



FOUR REPORTS FROM THE GENEVA ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

(See also below)

Disability and Armed Conflict

Alice Proddy highlights that many key international humanitarian law provisions for minimising the impact of armed conflict are not applied in a disability-inclusive manner.

[More info and access >](#)

Treaty Bodies' Individual Communication Procedures: Providing Redress and Reparation to Victims of Human Rights Violations

This publication (May 2019) by **Claire Callejon**, **Kamelia Kemileva** and **Felix**

Kirchmeier addresses the handling of individual communications, tackles efficiency questions related to this procedure and outlines a series of key recommendations to improve the system.

[More info and access >](#)

The Right to Seeds in Europe

Adriana Bessa and **Christophe Golay** focus on the steps that the European Union (EU) and EU member states shall take, via the implementation of the UN Declaration, to better protect this right in Europe.

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The War Report: Armed Conflicts in 2018

This report edited by **Annyssa Bellal** identifies, describes, and discusses the situations of armed violence that amounted in 2018 to armed conflicts, in accordance with the definitions under international humanitarian law and international criminal law.

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Migration and Refugees



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Young Afghans at the Doorsteps of Europe: The Difficult Art of Being a Successful Migrant

Building on ethnographic research in Greece, Bulgaria, Serbia and Italy, **Alessandro Monsutti** et al. (in *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, May 2019) examine how issues of status and prestige shape the aspirations and strategies of Afghans at the doorstep of the EU. They argue that migration is embedded in a system of social meanings and values and is intertwined with what it means to be successful for young men.

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Gender



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The Poverty of Neoliberalized Feminism: Gender Equality in a “Best Practice” Large-Scale Land Investment in Ghana

Based on ethnographic research in Ghana’s Volta Region, this article by **Elisabeth Prügl** et al. (in *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, May 2019) argues that a narrow focus on including women and superficial corporate social responsibility promises fail to address intersectional inequalities. Focusing on gender equality without regard to local institutions at best serves to empower a few well-connected women and at worst acts as a cover-up of highly exploitative practices.

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Our Joan of Arc: Women, Gender, and Authority in the Harmony Division of the UNIA,

Nicole Bourbonnais (in *Global Garveyism*, R. Stephens and A. Ewing, eds., UP of Florida, March 2019) explores gender dynamics within the Kingston, Jamaica branch of the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), with a focus on the 1940s. Both male and female UNIA members actively fought against gender inequality, but the Kingston branch found itself split when it came to the issue of birth control, illustrating a deeper tension surrounding women's bodily autonomy.

Publisher >

ARTICLE

L'économie solidaire sous le prisme du genre: une analyse critique et possibiliste

Christine Verschuur et al. (in *Revue française de socio-économie*, vol. 22, 2019) proposent d'étudier l'économie solidaire sous le prisme du genre et d'un double regard, inspiré à la fois de l'économie substantive polanyienne et des recherches féministes. Il met en lumière les chemins multiples et sinueux de l'émancipation, fruit d'un entremêlement entre principes d'échange dont l'équilibre est en renouvellement permanent.

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Governance



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Re-configuring the Free World: Kissinger, Brzezinski, and the Trilateral Agenda

Did Henry Kissinger's 1973 "Year of Europe (and Japan)" initiative fall flat? Not at all, argues **Jussi Hanhimäki** in his essay for the *Journal of Transatlantic Studies* (vol. 17, March 2019). Such initiatives as the G-7 and the CSCE reshaped the relationship between the United States and its major European allies (and Japan) in a way that reflected the changing international environment but did not dilute America's dominant position as the leader of the "West".

Interview >

Governing Proliferation Finance: Multilateralism, Transgovernmentalism, and Hegemony in the Case of Sanctions against Iran

This chapter by **Grégoire Mallard** (in *The Oxford Handbook of Institutions of International Economic Governance and Market Regulation*, E. Brousseau, J.-M. Glachant and J. Sgard, eds., 2019) examines which actors have been designing and implementing sanctions against nuclear proliferators and which legal technologies they have developed to regulate global financial transactions. It helps better understand the increasing role of the UN Security Council, the “financialisation” of global regulation and the judicialisation of the enforcement of sanctions.

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Conflict, Dispute Settlement and Peacebuilding



MONOGRAPH

The Myth of International Protection: War and Survival in Congo

In this ethnographically based work (Univ. of California Press, March 2019), **Claudia Seymour**, senior fellow at the CCDP, relates the stories of young people in the Democratic Republic of Congo who live on the front lines of conflict, in conditions of poverty and destitution. The idea of protection and universalised human rights is turned on its head as Seymour uncovers the complicities and hypocrisies of the aid world.

[Interview >](#)

RESEARCH REPORT

Supporting or Resisting Change: Elite Strategies in War to Peace and Political Transitions

This IPTI report (February 2019) by **Thania Paffenholz, Andreas Hirblinger, Suzanne van Hooff** and **Molly Kellogg** investigates the strategies elite actors apply in order to influence political change in support of or in resistance to political change processes. To this end, it reconstructs the patterns of elite behavior across 43 peace and transition processes.

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BRIEFING PAPER

Darkening Horizons: Global Violent Deaths Scenarios, 2018–30

Gergely Hideg and **Anna Alvazzi del Frate** (SAS, May 2019) identify three different scenarios reflecting global violent deaths trends in the period 2018–30: (1) “business-as-usual”, where international efforts continue as at present; (2) a positive scenario with concerted efforts that lead to a reduction in lethal violence; and (3) a negative scenario, where inaction causes even further increases in violent deaths.

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PHD THESIS

Opening the Black Box of US Presidential Rhetoric: The Influence of Speechwriting on Frame Formation in Three War Justification Campaigns

In his PhD thesis in International Relations/Political Science (2019), **Mihai Tudor Mihailescu** finds that a president’s ability to persuade is not simply a matter of personal style or writing craft but the outcome of complex organisational dynamics.

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Trade and Economic Integration



WORKING PAPER

Cross-Border E-commerce: WTO Discussions and Multi-Stakeholder Roles: Stocktaking and Practical Ways Forward

Following the WTO Ministerial in Buenos Aires in 2017, a group of countries started work on trade-related aspects of e-commerce. There is disagreement whether now is the time for agreement, and whether the WTO is the right venue. CTEI held a workshop to explore these issues. This CTEI Working Paper (2019-01) by Visiting Professor **Michael Kende** and **Nivedita Sen** provides a comprehensive discussion and background.

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The ILO's Role in Global Governance: Limits and Potential

This chapter by **Velibor Jakovleski**, **Scott Jerbi** and *Thomas Biersteker* (in *The ILO @ 100*, C. Gironde and G. Carbonnier, eds., Graduate Institute Publications and Brill-Nijhoff, 2019) explores recent efforts by the ILO's leadership to reassert the organisation's role in broader global policy contexts. It concludes that the ILO's current governance practices have mixed prospects for the organisation's role in a changing governance landscape.

[Video interview >](#)

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Others contributions in The ILO @ 100 (see opposite) include notably:

– L'OIT centenaire: pertinence et défis dans un monde du travail en mutation

by **Christophe Gironde** and **Gilles Carbonnier**. [Access >](#)

– From the Centre to the Margins and Back Again: Women in Agriculture at the ILO

by **Christine Verschuur**. [Access >](#)

– Working Futures: The ILO, Automation and Digital Work in India

by **Filipe Calvão** and **Kaveri Thara**.

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Development Policies and Practices



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Dépossession foncière, transition agraire et capacité d'adaptation: devenir des populations autochtones de Ratanakiri (Cambodge)

Le Nord-Est du Cambodge connaît une transition agraire rapide impulsée par des entreprises agricoles accaparant des terres agricoles, accompagnée d'une forte immigration khmère. Pour **Christophe Gironde** et Andres Torrico Ramirez (in *Revue internationale des études du développement*, 2019/2), les ménages autochtones réorganisent leurs activités productives en exploitation des terres restantes, au prix d'un endettement peu durable.

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Conclusions: What Policy Makers Do with PISA

This chapter by **Gita Steiner-Khamsi** concludes *Understanding PISA's Attractiveness: Critical Analyses in Comparative Policy Studies*, which she coedited with Florian Waldow (Bloomsbury, May 2019). The book offers a truly global perspective on the uses and abuses of PISA as scholars in different countries examine how "PISA Success" is explained in their respective (national) contexts. The conclusions vary to the extent that they coined the term "projection" to denote that national policy actors utilise PISA results politically to advance their own national agendas.

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Working Alternatives to Capitalism: Factory Take-Overs and Return to the Land in Early 21st Century France

This thesis by **Ieva Snikersproge**, ANSO, investigates two attempts to implement alternatives to capitalist ways of (re)production in a capitalist society. The first case study focuses on Milkerie, an ice-cream factory, and the second analyses counterintuitive immigration to Diois, a relatively isolated and poor area. The thesis argues that undoing the subordination of human activity to capital (re)production processes involves either reinventing work that cuts across life-work distinction or de-commodifying labour at the level of the society.

ISA 2019 CONVENTION – ERRATA

*In the Research Bulletin's **special issue** on the ISA 2019 Convention, three contributions were overlooked. We apologise for this oversight. Here and below are the abstracts.*

Cooperation among Regional and International Security Organizations: Institutional and Operational Dynamics

Peacekeeping and peacebuilding missions are increasingly multidimensional and require the capabilities and competences of different actors. The interplay between multinational organisations is an opportunity for cooperation and complementarity, but it also fosters difficulties and inefficient competition. This paper by **Juliette Ganne** aims at understanding how relations between the European Union, United Nations, and African Union headquarters are translated when these organisations are conducting intervention side by side. It compares those environments to regime complexes. Insights from regime complexity theories help to understand the behaviour of the actors in the field and the development of their cooperative or conflictual ties. This paper suggests understanding the international intervention as a whole rather than focusing on individual conflict and post-conflict missions and operations.

Reproduction, Technopolitics, and the Body: Forced Sterilisations and Violence in Peru

Between 1996 and 2000, almost 300,000 Peruvian women were sterilised following President Fujimori's "National Program of Reproductive Health and Family Planning 1996–2000". Promoted as a progressive feminist enterprise, the programme was supposed to empower women by giving them education and choice regarding their reproductive health. However, the programme disproportionately targeted indigenous Quechua-speaking women of rural areas of Peru living in poverty, sterilising thousands of women without their consent, through coercion and intimidation. This paper by **Ximena Osorio Garate** focuses on the "National Program of Reproductive Health and Family Planning 1996–2000" document as an enabling object for coercive sterilisations and the constitution of the bodies of indigenous women as objects of reproductive violence. Drawing on post-human and science and technology feminist theories, it explores the scientific-technological aspects of reproductive control, the production of gendered and racialised embodied subjects, and understandings of violence.

Feminist Traditions and Current Challenges in the Study of Militarization: When International Empirical Research Meets Gender Approaches

Since Enloe wrote her definition of militarisation (2000), feminist scholars have used it to make visible processes and practices connecting everyday life and global structures, linking the local and the international. Inspired by feminist scholarship, this roundtable co-organised by **Vanessa Gauthier Vela** aims to engage with the problematic of militarisation as based on gendered hierarchy. By employing qualitative methods (interviews, participant observation, ethnography, archival analysis) and gender theorisation, this discussion will focus more generally on the empirical and epistemological issues linked to critical approaches when studying international phenomenon. How do we explore the relations between the local and the international levels? How do we locate each level and through what processes are they linked? Which actors participate in each of these levels? Which populations are affected by militarization? What are the challenges of a feminist methodology in IR? As young feminist scholars, what are the challenges in applying and renewing Enloe's definition to our research?

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Geneva Drug Policy Week

The Institute, the Small Arms Survey and the Global Commission are among the participants in this event, with several meetings taking place at Maison de la paix. More info [here](#) >

Monday 16 September
12:30 - 13:30
Petal 2, Room S4

Geneva Trade and Development Workshop

Restart of the workshop. More info [here >](#)

Monday 16 September
12:30 - 14:00
Maison de la paix

Brown Bag Lunch

Restart of the Dep. of Economics' Brown Bag Lunches.
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Thursday 3 October,
08:30 - Friday 4 October,
18:30
Auditorium A1B

Microcosms of Global Capitalism

Pierre du Bois Annual Conference with **Carolyn Biloft**
and **Amalia Ribì-Forclaz**. More info and registration
[here >](#)

Lundi 7 octobre, 18:30
Mardi 8 octobre, 20:00
Maison de la paix

Les politiques du blasphème

Colloque Yves Oltramare 2019 avec **Jean-François Bayart**. Plus d'infos [ici >](#)


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Grants

Business with the Devil? Assessing the Financial Dimension of Authoritarian Regimes in Latin America, 1973–1985

Carlo Edoardo Altamura won a SNSF Ambizione grant (CHF 905,648) to carry out this four-year project (March 2019–February 2023) on the interactions between international financial institutions, Western commercial banks and authoritarian regimes in Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico. [More info >](#)

Graduate Institute’s Seed Money Grants

At the June 2019 session of its seed money scheme the Graduate Institute awarded a total amount of CHF 15,000 respectively to **Shaila Seshia Galvin** and **Rui Pedro Estevez**. Seed money grants are designed to support early career faculty in preparing and submitting a proposal for external funding within one year of the start of the award.

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Prizes

Reuben Muhindi Wambut Global Winner of 2019 St. Gallen Wings of Excellence Award

The master student of International Economics was recently awarded top prize at the prestigious St. Gallen Symposium for his essay on “Systemic Interventions for Sustainable Capital Financing”. [See >](#)


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Upcoming PhD Defences

 Thursday 27 June
 16:00-18:00
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Three Essay in Macroeconomics

By **Ye Jin Heo**, International Economics. President of the committee: Ugo Panizza. Members of the committee: Cédric Tille; Mathias Hoffmann, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Zurich.


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Visitors

Mark Pollack, Professor of Political Science and Law at the Temple University, is hosted at the Global Governance Centre and works on "**Paths of International Law**" with Nico Krisch.

Carlo Norrlof, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Toronto will be hosted at the Global Governance Centre through its research fellows affiliation programme.

Jérôme Bellion-Jourdan, European Union Senior Policy Advisor, will be hosted at the Global Governance Centre through its research fellows affiliation programme.


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