

Research Bulletin

Upcoming events, latest publications and other research activities

27 May 2024 (no. 5, 2024)

Upcoming Research Events

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	GHC WHA 77 SIDE EVENT Data for Forecasting a Healthier Future 13:00–14:30 hybrid	EXECUTIVE EDUCATION & TECH HUB PANEL DISCUSSION Tech Diplomacy and the Futures of Diplomacy 9:00–10:00 Auditorium A1B GGC & CIES BOOK LAUNCH Thomas Hale Long Problems: Climate Change and the Challenge of Governing across Time 12:30–14:00 Room S3 GHC WHA 77 SIDE EVENT One Health and Pandemic Prevention in Practice: Is the Global South leading innovation? 13:00–14:30 hybrid IE DEP. VILFREDO PARETO SEMINAR	IE DEP. BROWN BAG LUNCH (INTERNAL EVENT) Karolina Wilczyńska 12:15–13:30 room S8 GHC WHA 77 SIDE EVENT Replenish or Perish? The Way Forward for Global Health Partnerships 13:00–14:30 hybrid NORRAG The Right to Pre- school Education 15:00–16:30 online	CIES INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR (INTERNAL EVENT) Pablo Lapegna Care and More Than Human Relations in Unexpected Places: On Farming and Pesticides in Argentina 12:15–13:30 Room P1-547 GGC NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE THEORY & HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW DAY 1 The Province of International Law: Space, Time, and Representation In International Legal History 14:15–18:30 Auditorium A2, starting with keynote lecture: Luis Eslava The Political Economy of	GGC NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE THEORY & HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW DAY 2 The Province of International Law: Space, Time, and Representation In International Legal History 10:00–19:00 Auditorium A2				

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 the Minimum Wage**
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**Representation:
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 International Legal
 History**
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**Farid Fezoua | Impact
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 And Building Strong
 Partnerships**
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 CHAIRE YVES
 OLTRAMARE
**Benjamin Gaillard |
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 économique catholique
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 EVENT)
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**Dmitry Grozoubski |
 Why Politicians Lie
 about Trade**
 16:00–18:00 The Fab

CFD
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 Charles Wyplosz &
 Cédric Tille | Should
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 Fund?**
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**06
 JUN** **Thursday**

INTERNATIONAL
 CONFERENCE
**Peace and Security
 Now: Reflections on
 New Frontiers and
 Challenges in
 Peacemaking**
 13:30–18:30
 Auditorium A2

**07
 JUN** **Friday**

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Peace, War, Conflicts & Security



EDITED BOOK

Resisting Domination in Palestine: Mechanisms and Techniques of Control, Coloniality and Settler Colonialism

This meticulously curated volume edited by **Alaa Tartir**, Researcher and Academic Coordinator, Timothy Seidel and Tariq Dana presents an assemblage of insightful, critical, and

contemporary perspectives on how Israeli domination has been sustained and reproduced in new forms and means using various mechanisms and techniques of control, coloniality, and settler colonialism (Bloomsbury, April 2024). Based on original empirical fieldwork, the contributors adopt interdisciplinary and decolonial approaches in their examination of the intricate functions and structures of domination that permeate Palestinian life by illuminating the power dynamics at play and revealing the mechanisms that sustain the settler-colonial regime. In [their introduction](#), the editors demonstrate how sites of colonial control and domination exerted on Palestine by Israel are also sites of Palestinian resistance. They explore political, economic, environmental, and intellectual sites of control by focusing on issues related to governmentality, mechanisms of dispossession and de-development, land, indigeneity, space and racial capitalism, as well as highlighting how norms, narratives, and knowledge production perpetuate domination.

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ARTICLE

Aussenpolitik im Innern: Ägyptische Exilanten, Zensur und Fremdenpolizei in der Schweiz, 1910–1919 (Foreign Policy in the Interior: Egyptian Exiles, Censorship, and the Aliens' Police in Switzerland 1910–1919)

In the decade of the First World War, neutral Switzerland, particularly Geneva, served as a main stage for Egyptian radical agitation. Leaders of the Egyptian national movement organised international conferences and student groups and published extensively on the Egyptian question.

Anna Diem, PhD Researcher in International History and politics, looks at how the local and national Swiss authorities dealt with Egyptian exiles and their nationalist and anti-imperialist politics, and traces how their attitudes towards them changed in the course of roughly a decade (in German, in *Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Geschichte*, vol. 74, no. 1, 2024). She argues that

initially, the closeness of the Swiss government to the Central Powers and a commitment to the liberal tradition left the Egyptians largely undisturbed, with few exceptional interventions and occasional censorship to appease British complaints or Allied-friendly sentiment in Geneva. Only with the red scare towards the end of the war and the establishment of a centralised aliens' police did the Swiss authorities start cracking down on the Egyptians, arguably conflating them with the bigger, older, and more prominent group of exiles from the Russian empire, restricting residence permits and who was allowed into the country, to the point where the Egyptian group dissolved and left Switzerland.

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PHD THESIS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW, 2024

Resolving Sub-Saharan Africa's "Conflict Trap": The Inimitable Contribution of Sub-regional Economic Communities (EAC, ECOWAS, SADC) through "Deep" Trade Treaties

A significant number of sub-African Saharan (SSA) states are ensnared in the "conflict trap", which co-exists with the evolution of SSA Sub-regional Economic Communities (SRECs) into consequential peace-security organisations, away from their original mandates around multilateral political-economic cooperation when founded in the decolonisation era. The inimitable role SRECs can play in resolving SSA's "conflict trap" remains nonetheless grossly underappreciated. Employing a combination of International Law and Critical Security Studies (CSS), **Walter Mandela** showcases the extent of the contribution of SSA SRECs to peace-security enhancement in SSA through peace-security dividends that emanate from SRECs in addition to providing recommendations on how SRECs can be better leveraged for ridding SSA of the "conflict trap".

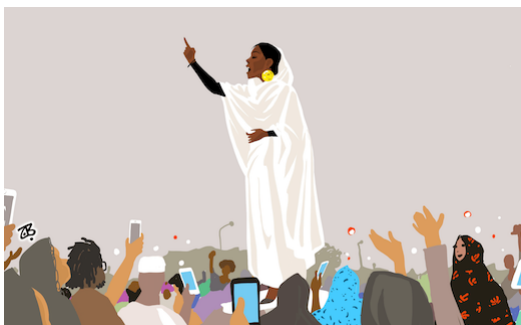
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Development & Cooperation



WEBZINE

Africas Rising?

Since the end of the Cold War, emerging countries are successfully challenging the leadership of the West and are transforming this plural continent. If China has come to play a preponderant role, notably in terms of infrastructure development, the existence of multiple Africas presents prospects for a host of

other international actors. The continent's development, however, is not without raising many questions, as African countries continue to face structural issues such as poverty, inequalities, civil conflict and political repression. How will Africas – in their plural dimension – take advantage of their dynamism to write a new page in their history in the decades to come? **Our professors and researchers** offer some nuanced answers.

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[Global Challenges](#) is a series of dossiers designed to share with a broader, non-specialist audience the ideas, knowledge, opinions and debates produced at the Geneva Graduate Institute. The present issue was produced by the Research Office.

Development Dynamics: Market Structure, Geopolitics, and Growth

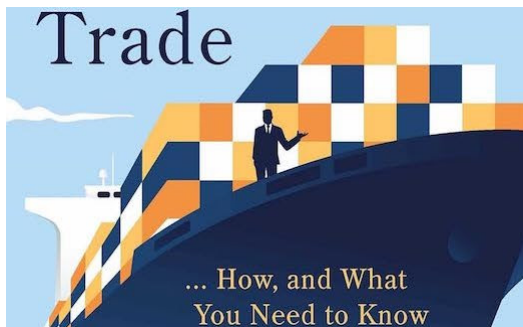
Pinyi Chen presents three chapters on development dynamics involving market structures, geopolitics, and growth. Chapter 1 assesses China's cigarette market, suggesting price elasticity is low and increased tobacco taxes may not reduce smoking due to cultural and political factors. Chapter 2 evaluates the economic benefits of releasing Israeli-controlled Area C of the West Bank, estimating a potential USD 4.4 billion annual gain. Chapter 3 analyses income patterns in postcolonial states, linking development to spatial scales and historical regimes, and highlighting the complex interplay between growth, geography, and colonial histories.

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Trade, Finance, Economies & Work



MONOGRAPH

Why Politicians Lie About Trade... and What You Need to Know about It

This book reveals how international trade really works and the compromises and deals nations must make to take part in the greatest commercial show on earth (Canbury Press, May 2024). With clear writing and lively case studies, **Dmitry Grozoubinsk**, Executive-Director of the Geneva

Trade Platform and a former trade negotiator, takes readers on an often humorous tour of the shadowy workings of the agreements, tariffs, taxes and disputes that characterise this USD 32 trillion-a-year machine. The author reveals the underlying political and geographical forces that shape the impact of trade on topics as diverse and important as food, jobs, gender, conflict and climate change. And he reveals what politicians cover up about the system – and why it matters.

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[Book launch on Wednesday 5 June at 16:00 at the Fab >](#)

ARTICLE

Twenty-First Century Customs Fraud: How to Effectively Enforce EU Sustainability Requirements on Imports

Countries increasingly adopt measures to make their economy more sustainable. These measures range from pricing carbon and protecting forests to promoting renewable energy and banning forced labour. **Joost Pauwelyn** examines how countries can effectively enforce such sustainability requirements on imports (in *Journal of International Economic Law*, online May 2024). Based on two case studies – the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – and other developments in EU customs law and practice, he shows that customs inspection of elements that cannot be physically detected in the imported product as such is neither unique nor new. Similar challenges arise when dealing with massive inflows of small e-commerce consignments or having to check the origin or value of products. Indeed, for customs enforcement more generally, the trend is one away from physical inspection of products on a transaction basis at the point of entry, toward verification and control of firms before and especially after release of the goods. To implement this “product-to-firm” shift, four back-up features are, however, crucial, focusing on data, penalties/circumvention, cooperation, and resources.

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WORKING PAPER

Obscure Contract Terms: An Inadvertent Pricing Experiment

Contract terms that improve or reduce the likelihood of repayment of a debt should impact its price. That is basic economics. But what about a contract that is hundreds of pages long and has lengthy and complex terms that even the lawyers are unwilling to read? Believers in efficient markets might predict that variations that affect the likelihood of repayment in such obscure contract terms will be priced at the outset if there are profits to be made by exploiting these variations. An alternate view is that little attention is paid to the fine print in highly standardised contracts until the likelihood of default becomes sufficiently salient to make reading the fine print worthwhile. Using several inadvertent real-world experiments, Stephen J. Choi, Mitu Gulati, **Ugo Panizza**, Robert E. Scott and W. Mark C. Weidemaier examine the question of how and when variations that are assumed to be standardised in obscure contract terms are priced (International Economics Department Working Paper no. 05-2024, Geneva Graduate Institute, 2024).

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WORKING PAPER

IMF Programs and Borrowing Costs: Does Size Matter?

Salim Chahine, **Ugo Panizza** and **Guilherme Suedekum**, PhD Researcher in International Economics, study whether IMF programmes and their size affect borrowing costs by comparing the coupon of bonds issued around an IMF arrangement (International Economics Department Working Paper no. 06-2024, Geneva Graduate Institute, April 2024). By comparing bonds issued immediately before the inset of the programme with bonds issued immediately after the programme, they show that, on average, the approval of the programme leads to a 72-basis points reduction in borrowing costs and programme size matters. Their point estimates indicate that when programme size increases by one percent of GDP, borrowing costs decrease by 23 basis points. The authors also show that programme size only matters for ex-post programmes (i.e., those implemented during crises). For precautionary ex-ante programmes, borrowing costs increase with programme size. However, the effect of programme size is small and, therefore, ex-ante programmes never lead to a statistically significant increase in borrowing costs and in most cases lead to a significant reduction in borrowing costs.

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WORKING PAPER

Local Currency Sovereign Debt Markets, Global Financial Conditions and the Role of Foreign Investors

Guilherme Suedekum, PhD Researcher in International Economics, studies how the presence of foreign investors in local currency sovereign debt markets contributes to the transmission of global financial conditions to emerging market economies (International Economics Department Working Paper no. 19-2023, Geneva Graduate Institute, November 2023). His estimates indicate that the higher the share of local currency government bonds held by foreign investors, the more sensitive the credit risk of these bonds becomes to global financial shocks. When foreign investors' holdings reach 45 percent, the credit risk of local currency government bonds becomes as sensitive to global financial shocks as the credit risk of foreign currency government bonds. He also explores exogenous foreign investor outflows caused by an unanticipated announcement of country weight rebalancing in the J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified index in March 2014. Countries that experienced foreign investor outflows also experienced a decrease in the sensitivity of their local currency sovereign debt markets to changes in global financial conditions.

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BRIEFING NOTE

Environment, Climate, and Sustainable Development at MC13: A Review of Ministerial Declarations, Decisions, and Statements

Eugene James, Vinati Bhola and **Carolyn Deere Birkbeck** compile examples of how and where World Trade Organization (WTO) members addressed issues of environment, climate, and sustainable development in ministerial declarations, decisions, and statements by members at MC13 (Forum on Trade, Environment and SDGs [TESS], April 2024). The review is intended to be extensive but also illustrative. It does not claim to be exhaustive in capturing all mentions of the array of environment issues or sustainable development considerations that may have arisen in the range of statements made and documents issued by ministers at MC13. The compilation will serve as a useful reference point for governments and stakeholders seeking to advance inclusive cooperation at the WTO on trade and sustainability.

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Gender, Diversity, Race & Intersectionality



MONOGRAPH

Responsible Pleasure: The Brook Advisory Centres and Youth Sexuality in Postwar Britain

The period between the 1960s and the 1990s has traditionally been associated with sexual liberation and a growing sense of permissiveness in Britain, during which cultural and social norms of young people's sexuality went through a dramatic shift.

Using the Brook Advisory Centre (Brook) as a case study, **Caroline Rusterholz** examines how and why this occurred, providing a socio-cultural history of youth sexuality in Britain over these three decades (Oxford University Press, May 2024). She focuses on Brook as a pioneering sexual health charity operating on the cusp of voluntary and state-financed sectors. From the opening of its first centre in London, followed by other centres across Britain, to the present day, Brook has been a major provider of contraceptive advice and sexual counselling to unmarried people and teenagers and remains a key player in sexual health services today. Drawing on a wide range of archived and published materials, as well as oral history interviews conducted by the author, this book provides a substantial and original contribution to scholarship on the forging of the modern sexual subject.

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There will be a book launch on 13 June hosted both in-person and online at Birkbeck, University of London. [Read more >](#)

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Radical Acts: HIV/AIDS Activism in Late Twentieth-Century England

Drawing on campaign materials, broadcast media, and new oral history interviews, **George Severs**, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Gender Centre, reconstructs and discusses the overlooked world of radical AIDS activism in England, following ACT UP's travels from New York to London via prominent queer intellectuals, and reconstructing the vibrant theatrical campaigns staged by ACT UP groups across England (Bloomsbury Publishing, May 2024). He explores expressions of activism that were far more common than demonstrations and marches. Manifestations of a political commitment to ameliorating the injustices facing people living with HIV permeated most aspects of everyday life. These forms of "everyday activism" played out in workplaces, universities and church halls across England, as well as through transnational

networks.

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Democracy & Civil Society



ARTICLE

Searching for a Recipe for Success: Environmental Citizen Petitions under Free Trade Agreements

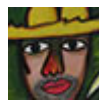
Submissions on enforcement matters (SEMs) allow civil society members to assert that one party to a free trade agreement (FTA) is failing to enforce its domestic environmental laws.

Submissions that survive every step of the SEM process result in a 'factual record' prepared by a secretariat on enforcement matters. Relying on qualitative comparative analysis and an original dataset compiling the 158 SEMs submitted under the framework of US FTAs, **Noémie Laurens**, Postdoctoral Researcher in International Relations, investigates what conditions make submissions more likely to succeed in leading to a factual record (in *Environmental Politics*, online April 2024). She finds that the existence of previous submissions dealing with the same facts, submissions against developing countries, and the presence of at least one non-governmental organisation as a submitter contribute to a submission's success, but only in conjunction with other conditions and for a limited number of cases. This result provides overall evidence that secretariats' decisions are unbiased by the factors examined in this article.

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Arts, Culture & Religion



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Coming Out in America: Thirty Years of Cultural Change

The last few decades witnessed a dramatic change in public opinion toward gay people. Raquel Fernández, Sahar Parsa and **Martina Viarengo** show that this process was initiated by a sharp increase in the approval of same-sex relationships in 1992–93, following the debate on

whether gay people could serve openly in the military (in *The Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, online April 2024). They study the hypothesis that the greater salience of gay-related issues during this period initiated a process of cultural change. Using a difference-in-difference empirical strategy, they show that greater exposure to the gay population, measured in a variety of ways, led to a greater increase in approval. Furthermore, media attention and

campaign contributions increased by more in high exposure locations. These results, the authors show, cannot be explained simply by a process of expanding liberal views of civil liberties.

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Diplomacy & Global Governance



MONOGRAPHIE

La dépolitisation du monde

Les débats sur l'utilité des organisations internationales pendant la pandémie de COVID-19 ou la guerre en Ukraine illustrent le poids des attentes qui reposent sur ces institutions, malgré leur affirmation de ne pas intervenir dans le champ politique. **Lucile Maertens** et Marieke Louis prennent cette revendication au sérieux et

étudient la manière dont ces organisations s'efforcent de «dépolitiser le monde» (Presses de l'Université de Montréal, mai 2024). S'appuyant sur divers cas d'étude, de la gestion de la crise environnementale à la réforme du Conseil de sécurité de l'ONU, elles analysent de façon précise les pratiques d'expertise, les prétentions à la neutralité et le jeu sur la temporalité des négociations qui mènent à la dépolitisation. Elles mettent au jour trois grandes logiques qui la sous-tendent: le pragmatisme, les stratégies de légitimation et les tactiques d'évitement de la responsabilité. Tout en éclairant la complexité et la crise de légitimité du multilatéralisme contemporain, elles montrent en définitive qu'il est impossible de réduire ces organisations à de simples mécanismes apolitiques établis uniquement pour faciliter la coopération internationale.

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ARTICLE

Dialectical Order-Making through Ambiguity: Contestation Is the Norm in International Peace and Security Maintenance

What kind of order and contestation dynamics emerge if the initial institutional bargain includes liberal, partially liberal, and nonliberal visions of order? **Stephanie Hofmann** locates the liberal ideational and institutional properties within the crisis management domain and analyses contestation dynamics and their impact (in *Global Studies Quarterly*, vol. 4, no. 2, April 2024). Her argument is twofold. First, liberal visions of order (e.g., based on human rights and self-determination) have coexisted alongside other aspirations focusing on the right of nonintervention and privileged political communities because post-World War II conflict management is rooted in the legal ambiguity of the Charter of the United Nations (UN). This ambiguity (low legalised institutionalisation) gives space to different interpretations of what counts as peace, enforcement, threat, and the relationship between the UN and regional organisations (low liberal embeddedness). Second, ambiguity and competing visions of order sustain persistent contestation, which produces dialectical ordering within and outside the UN. Within dialectical ordering, order-challenging contestation occurs when actors disengage from the global level or when their vision of order becomes globally hegemonic. While order-challenging attempts in the realm of crisis management exist, they have remained unsuccessful so far. Seen from this perspective, there has never been a liberal international order in conflict management – only liberal attempts to impose a liberal order on an ongoing dialectical order-making process. So far, other order-challenging attempts, such as Russia's sphere of influence or China's developmental

peace approaches, have also remained unsuccessful. Contestation remains the norm.

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International Law, Security, and Sanctions: A Decolonial Perspective on the Transnational Legal Order of Sanctions

This article by **Grégoire Mallard** and Jin Sun reviews recent literature on sanctions from international law, political science, sociology, anthropology, and history. It shows how the literature during the comprehensive sanctions decade (the 1990s), with a largely critical view on sanctions in the age of globalisation, was co-opted by the targetisation of sanctions in the sanctions miniaturisation decade (the 2000s) (in *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, vol. 20, online April 2024). It then reviews the sanctions literature in sociology and anthropology during the sanctions enforcement decade (the 2010s), addressing the transnational characteristics of sanctions, their infrastructural materiality in the digital economy, and the deputisation of private actors to police their implementation. Last, the article reviews the literature in colonial governmentality to encourage sanctions specialists to take a longer-term view of transnational orders of sanctions. This section ends with a call to decolonise sanctions research – or rather, to question the colonial origins of sanctions as an instrument of world making so that a properly decolonial perspective on sanctions can be elaborated.

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EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

The Icebreakers Group and COCOM Export Regulation Policy in the 1950s

Yi Liu, PhD Researcher in International History and Politics, offers a historical perspective on the export control regulations of the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls (COCOM), shedding light on the role of economic interest groups in shaping the economic dimension of the Cold War (in *The Palgrave Handbook of Non-State Actors in East-West Relations*, P. Marton, G. Thomasen, C. Békés and A. Rácz, eds., Palgrave Macmillan, February 2024). She focuses on the impact of the activities of the “Icebreakers” group on Britain’s position on COCOM’s export regulations concerning China in the 1950s. Scrutinising how Chinese Communists supported the Icebreakers in UK–China trade, exploiting the competition between two business communities, the Icebreakers and the Old China hands, for access to the Chinese market, she argues that it was British businessmen’s anti-embargo campaign that pushed the British government to abolish the China Differential list within COCOM in 1957. The nuanced and partly covert role the Icebreakers played during the process challenges simplistic narratives that centre on the decision-making of Western governments in this context. Socialist countries and non-state actors involved in the East–West trade displayed their agency by (impactfully) manipulating the dynamic relations between business communities and western governments to promote an agenda corresponding with their counter-embargo objectives.

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Global Health

ARTICLE

Abstracts from the 5th PPRI Conference 2024: Ensuring Access to Affordable Medicines through Innovative Policies, Vienna, Austria, 25–26 April 2024

Sustainable access to affordable medicines remains a public health issue globally, including for high-income countries. To foster the debate on avenues for the future, the fifth PPRI Conference



held in Vienna on 25 and 26 April 2024 offered a forum for the debate on innovating pharmaceutical policymaking to develop and implement futureproof policy options, which are able to address current and future challenges. This article of the *Journal of Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice* gathers all the abstracts of the conference papers. Among the contributors were **Iulia Slovenski**, Research Assistant at the Global

Health Centre, with “**Unlocking Global Access to Medicines for Pandemics: The Potential and Limits of Alternative Innovation Models**”, and **Adrián Alonso Ruiz**, Researcher and Project Manager at the Global Health Centre, with “**Break on Through (to the Other Side): A Case Study on Increasing Access to Affordable CAR-T Therapy through an Academic Hospital’s Alternative Innovation Mode**” (vol. 17, 2024, online April 2024).

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DISCUSSION PAPER

IP and Access to Publicly Funded Research Results in Health Emergencies: Publicly Funded International R&D Projects

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the public sector provided significant funding to accelerate the research and development (R&D) of health products. Globally, however, unequal and inequitable access to such products has prompted questions on how placing strategic conditions on public funding could improve access to the fruits of R&D. An important aspect of this issue is how conditions on intellectual property (IP) can contribute to achieving public policy goals such as affordable pricing and reliable supply. To facilitate the discussion, this report by **Yiqi Liu** and **Suerie Moon** provides empirical evidence of conditions adopted by publicly funded international R&D projects directed at health emergencies, with a particular focus on IP management (WIPO, June 2023). The authors find that conditions on public funding of international R&D projects are a regularly used and effective tool to ensure better access to the fruits of publicly funded R&D for health emergencies. The cases demonstrate that conditions can be applied with sufficient flexibility to tailor contracts to specific projects. However, there are no clear international norms or rules for doing so. Rather, the global governance of public funding for R&D in health emergencies remains ad hoc and piecemeal, with ample room for improved coherence and effectiveness across organisations.

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This paper was commissioned by the World Intellectual Property Organization.

WORKSHOP REPORT

The Making of a Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing (PABS) System: A Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue

The workshop “The Making of a PABS System: A Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue” took place on 14 February 2024 at the Geneva Graduate Institute. It included two panels:

– “**Scope, Samples and GSD**”

Speakers tackled a range of topics including: the advantages and disadvantages of narrower versus broader scope of pathogens to be included in the system, how decisions should be made on which pathogens should be included, approaches to recognition and coordination of laboratory networks by WHO, defining what it means for a database to be considered “publicly available”, ensuring adherence to benefit-sharing commitments, preventing free riding in the PABS system, revenue generation models for financing, and methods for detecting and enforcing breaches of obligations.

– “**Cross-Cutting Issues**”

Speakers discussed topics including: understanding relevant developments under the Convention on Biological Diversity, incentivising private sector participation in the PABS system, implementing real-time supply obligations during pandemics, determining appropriate product set-asides,

implications of prohibiting seeking IP rights on unmodified vs modified materials under the PABS System, and ensuring equitable benefit sharing between and during pandemics.

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*The workshop sought to inform WHO Member States involved in discussions over a Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing (PABS) system in the context of negotiations towards a Pandemic Agreement and amended International Health Regulations. Co-convenors were the International Geneva Global Health Platform and the Global Health Centre (GHC). The first draft of the report was produced by ChatGPT and reviewed and lightly edited by GHC members **Ava Greenup**, **Suerie Moon** and **Gian Luca Burci** for clarity.*

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Cities, Space, Mobilities & Migrations



ARTICLE

Colonial City, Global Entanglements: Intra-and Trans-Imperial Networks in George Town, 1786–1937

The city of George Town, Penang has always been enmeshed in complex circulations of trade, people, and ideas. By the end of the nineteenth century, George Town developed a multicultural and polyglot society that included a kaleidoscopic

mix of ethnic groups. **Bernard Z. Keo** investigates the role played by George Town's cosmopolitan population in developing the port-city into a global hub for commercial, intellectual, and physical interchange (in *Journal of World History*, vol. 35, no. 1, March 2024). In particular, he argues that the city's success depended on intricate webs of personal and professional connections developed by George Town's residents across Southeast Asia and beyond. He hones in on how one community, the Peranakan Chinese, built and leveraged networks across the British, Dutch, and Japanese Empires. By exploring these intra-and trans-imperial networks, he makes the case for studying colonial cities like George Town not as passive nodes of empire but as active sites within overlapping imperial networks.

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RESEARCH PAPER

Solidarity Movements: An Ethnography of Anti-Deportation Struggles in Switzerland

Deportation in contemporary times only seems to rise. Still, in many countries, the phenomenon of solidarity movements promoted through political altruism of host country nationals towards irregular migrants against their deportation can be noticed. However, scholars have argued that these movements lack impetus for change. Focusing on Switzerland because of the high occurrence of such movements in the country and its configuration as a direct democracy, and employing participant observation of anti-deportation protests, material analysis and interviews, **Carolina Miranda Futuro**, Master Student in International Relations/Political Science at the time of writing, investigates empirical examples of two Swiss solidarity movements that, contrary to usual conclusions, have a radical scope that aims to reform the deportation system and count upon active deportee participation, who demonstrate a political and resistant subjectivity *Global Migration Research Paper no. 32*, May 2024). All in all, it is in the in-depth personal investigation of such episodes that an alternative emerging political imaginary can be observed, which aims to contest the legitimacy of employing deportation as a migration governance tool.

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Carolina Miranda Futuro is the 2023 winner of the Global Migration Centre's Global Migration Award, which rewards one Graduate Institute student for their outstanding Master thesis in the field of migration and offers the opportunity to publish the thesis within the Global Migration Research Paper Series.



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ARTICLE

The Active Form of Security: Technology and the Material-Aesthetic Script

How are socially and politically controversial security practices materially-technologically scripted into our lives in ever-deeper ways?

Jonathan Luke Austin and **Anna Leander** propose that acts of aesthetic design are at the

heart of that process and are being deployed by technology corporations to “smooth” the diffusion of security practices, discourses, and politics across global space (in *Science, Technology, & Human Values*, online May 2024). To substantiate that claim, they make three moves. First, they propose an understanding of the “script” that returns to the roots of the concept in theatre and the arts. That understanding stresses that our material-technological enmeshing is governed strongly by aesthetic and affective factors that operate through forms of resonance (rather than reason). In consequence – the authors argue – much of the power of technology conglomerates is linked to their capacity to harness these aesthetico-affective resonances. Second, they demonstrate this through a case study focused on the material-aesthetic design activities of Google, teasing out how it deploys aesthetic practices to extend its sociopolitical power. Third, they speculatively conclude by introducing the architect Keller Easterling’s concept of “active form” to show how conceptualising scripts in aesthetic terms also provides insights into how security practices are diffused across global contexts, irrelevant contextual sociopolitical differences, and seemingly without any limit.

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CCDP SPOTLIGHT E2 | CENTRE ON CONFLICT, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACEBUILDING

Negotiating with the Devil: Inside the World of Armed Conflict Mediation

Research Associate **Robert Watkins** interviews **Pierre Hazan** about the latter's book *Negotiating with the Devil: Inside the World of Armed Conflict Mediation*. Pierre Hazan, a seasoned peace mediator, governmental advisor, and former diplomatic correspondent specialised in international justice, peace-keeping operations and humanitarian action, re-examines in his book the acute practical and ethical dilemmas that affected his work in Bosnia, Ukraine, the Sahel and the Central African Republic.

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS | KIX EMAP WEBINAR 18 | NORRAG

Transforming Education through Technology in Southeast Asia

This webinar took place on 7 March 2024. It discussed issues and trends related to the digitalisation of education in Southeast Asia by bringing together experts from the sub-region who explored research and good practices surrounding technology in education by drawing on case study research from the Southeast Asia region and, in some instances, from the Pacific region.

[Read more and watch the highlights >](#)



HYBRID PANEL DISCUSSION | NORRAG

Private Sector Actors and Approaches in Education

Private sector actors have been increasingly engaging in addressing the challenges faced in achieving Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4) – ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education for all. On 7 May 2024, experts engaged in a dialogue on the role private actors play in addressing access to inclusive and equitable quality education. Speakers were **Chanwoong Baek**, Assistant Professor, International Relations/Political Science, Geneva Graduate Institute and Academic Director, NORRAG – Chair and moderator; **Marina Dreux Frotté**, Research Associate, NORRAG; **Moira V. Faul**, Executive Director, NORRAG; **Emon Nandi**, Assistant Professor, Centre of Excellence in Teacher Education (CETE), Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS); **Prachi Srivastava**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education, Western University; and **Clare Woodcraft**, Fellow, Cambridge Judge Business School, University of Cambridge.

[Watch the event >](#)



GLOBAL HEALTH CENTRE'S INTERNATIONAL GENEVA GLOBAL HEALTH PLATFORM

Implementing One Health through Global Health Diplomacy: Comparing Switzerland and Rwanda

Despite being there for many years, One Health has gained a lot of attention in the last year at the political level. With the new trends and changes appearing in health diplomacy, and the intersections with One Health, **Katherine Urbáez**, Founder of the Health Diplomacy Alliance, talks about her research results and how diplomacy has been a tool for implementing new policies. She is interviewed by **Erika Shinabargar**, Student Assistant at the International Geneva Global Health Platform,

and **Paniz Jamali**, President of the Global Health Initiative IHEID.

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GLOBAL HEALTH CENTRE'S INTERNATIONAL GENEVA GLOBAL HEALTH PLATFORM & THE GOVERNING PANDEMICS INITIATIVE **Pandemic Negotiations: Closing the Deal**

On 17 April 2024, this public event served as a moment to reflect over more than two years of negotiations within the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response and the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005). The event's primary objectives were to assess the progress made, to shape political momentum as we approach the culminating stages of these crucial negotiations, and to further trust among stakeholders leading up to the May 2024 World Health Assembly. The agenda included a keynote address by Dr **Mike Ryan**, Deputy Director General and Executive Director, Health Emergencies Programme, of the World Health Organization (WHO), followed by a high-level, multi stakeholder panel featuring senior government officials, civil society members, and independent experts.

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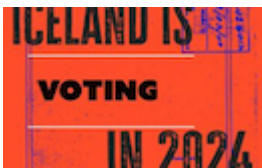


VIDEO | GENEVA GRADUATE INSTITUTE & ALBERT HIRSCHMAN CENTRE ON DEMOCRACY

Global Governance in a Context of Democratic Backsliding

On 25 April, **Staffan Lindberg**, Professor of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg and Director of the Varieties of Democracy project, presented key takeaways from the Democracy Report 2024 and discussed its implications for democracies worldwide with **Yanina Welp**, Research Fellow at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy.

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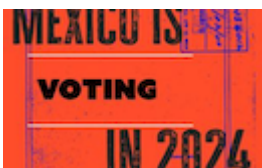


WHO'S VOTING IN 2024? E2 | ALBERT HIRSCHMAN CENTRE ON DEMOCRACY (AHCD)

Iceland: What Is at Stake in the Presidential Elections?

In this episode, we explore the upcoming Icelandic presidential elections. From its unique political history to the current landscape, we examine the stakes involved as a diverse field of candidates vie for leadership. Join us as we delve into the issues shaping Iceland's future presidency and its future.

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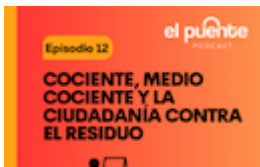


WHO'S VOTING IN 2024? E3 | ALBERT HIRSCHMAN CENTRE ON DEMOCRACY (AHCD)

Mexico: Violence and Democracy

This episode looks into how ongoing violence is affecting Mexico's democracy in general and this electoral process in particular. **Sandra Ley**, political scientist, head of the Security Program at México Evalúa, and **Javier Aparicio**, economist and professor at the CIDE, are in conversation with **Yanina Welp**, Research Fellow at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy

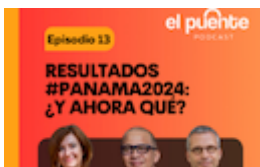
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EL PUENTE E12 | CENTRO INTERNACIONAL DE ESTUDIOS POLÍTICOS Y SOCIALES (CIEPS) EN COLABORACIÓN CON AHCD

Cociente, medio cociente y la ciudadanía contra el residuo

Descubre cómo el cálculo del cociente, medio cociente y el controversial residuo están en el centro del debate en Panamá, provocando lo que antes era impensable: protestas en contra de "los residuos". **Harry Brown Arauz** (político e investigador del CIEPS Panamá) y **Yanina Welp** (investigadora asociada del Instituto Albert Hirschman) profundizan en las características del sistema electoral panameño y las normas electorales de los comicios del 5 de mayo. Además, nuestros invitados especiales, **Willibald Sonnleitner** (sociólogo e investigador de El Colegio de México) y **Claire Nevache** (investigadora asociada del CIEPS Panamá), nos explican por qué el método de cálculo del residuo en las elecciones legislativas sitúa a Panamá como uno de los países menos proporcionales de América Latina. Escúchalo el episodio en [Spotify](#) o [Youtube](#).



EL PUENTE E13 | CENTRO INTERNACIONAL DE ESTUDIOS POLÍTICOS Y SOCIALES (CIEPS) EN COLABORACIÓN CON AHCD

Resultados #Panamá2024, ¿y ahora qué?

Yanina Welp (política e investigadora del Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy), **Harry Brown Arauz** (político e investigador del CIEPS Panamá) y **Salvador Martí i Puig** (catedrático de Ciencias Políticas de la Universidad de Girona, España) analizan los resultados de las elecciones presidenciales de Panamá en clave regional y los retos del país en el próximo quinquenio. Escúchalo el episodio en [Spotify](#) o [Youtube](#).

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Awarded Grants

Fernanda Conforto Receives a Dissertation Fellowship from the Economic History Association

Fernanda Conforto De Oliveira, who already holds an SNSF Doc.CH fellowship that ends in August this year, has been awarded a USD 10,000 dissertation fellowship by the Economic History Association (EHA) that will enable her to complete her PhD thesis entitled "**Opening the Black Box of Financial Negotiations: the IMF, Argentina, and Brazil in the Post-war Era (1945-1964)**" in 2024–25. According to Michael Hauert, Executive Director of the EHA, there were a number of high-quality candidates to the fellowships, which made the committee's decision very difficult, and this award all the more impressive.

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Visitors

📅 22 Feb–1 July 2024

📍 GMC

Angela Moore

Coming from the University of Oxford, Junior Visiting Fellow Angela Moore is researching “Regulating Asylum: the CEAS, the Refugee Crisis, and the Search for Common Standards”.

📅 5 June–4 Aug 2024

📍 IL Dep.

Gustavo Minervini

Coming from Università degli Studi di Torino, Visiting Fellow Gustavo Minervini will do research on “The Protection of Nuclear Facilities during Armed Conflicts: A Systemic Approach”.

📅 15 June–15 Sep 2024

📍 CTEI

Özlem Canbeldek Akin

Coming from Bakircay University, Visiting Fellow Özlem Canbeldek Akin will do research on “Environmental Protection in International Investment Law: Turkish Perspective”.



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Calls for Papers and More

EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ACADEMY | EIBA 2024 CONFERENCE

Rethinking in IB Research for the Next 50 Years

The **2024 EIBA Conference** will be held at Aalto University, in Espoo, Finland, on 12–14 December 2024. In light of escalating global challenges and societal divides, the Conference calls for multidisciplinary collaboration to address complex issues facing internationalising firms. The organisers welcome novel research questions, theoretical frameworks and methodologies that foster an inclusive dialogue between established and emerging topics in IB.

- **15 July 2024**: submission deadline

In addition to the call for papers, the organisers also call for

- Panel proposals | Submission deadline: **15 July 2024**
- Posters submissions | Submission deadline: **15 September 2024**
- Reviewers | Each submitting author automatically becomes a reviewer for at least two paper submissions. Papers for review will be received soon after **15 July** and returned **20 August**.

[Full CfP here >](#)

GENEVA GRADUATE INSTITUTE | APPLIED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Call for 2024–2025 ARP Partner Applications

Every year, the Geneva Graduate Institute invites policy and practice partners to bid for a group of first-year Masters students to undertake Applied Research Projects (ARPs) on their behalf. ARPs involve small student groups working together to conduct policy-relevant research with partner organisations on issues relating to international development and international relations.

- **31 July 2024**: application deadline for projects that will kick-off early October and end mid-May 2025

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Awarded Prizes

CONCOURS DE PROCÈS SIMULÉ EN DROIT INTERNATIONAL CHARLES-ROUSSEAU 2024

Plusieurs prix gagnés par des étudiant-es de l'Institut

Le **concours** portait cette année sur «Cour internationale de Justice – *Activités armées en lien avec la déclaration d'indépendance de l'Estogne – Prancie c. Estogne*». Les étudiant-es de master en droit international **Leonardo Flach Aurvalle, Despoina Chatzopoulou, Luisa Baumann, Matthieu Membrez, Maxime Rogier** et **Myrto Zaragka** se sont vu décerner les distinctions suivantes:

- Prix du meilleur orateur de l'ensemble de la compétition (Matthieu Membrez);
- Prix du troisième meilleur mémoire écrit (à la fois pour le demandeur et le défendeur);
- Prix des quarts de finale;
- Prix de la meilleure photo d'équipe (de gauche à droite: Myrto Zaragka, Maxime Rogier, Luisa Baumann et Matthieu Membrez):



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Upcoming PhD Defences

📅 Tuesday 4 June
🕒 14:30–16:30
📍 Pétale 2, Room S9 & online

INTERNATIONAL LAW
"Architects of the Better World": Democracy, Law, and the Construction of International Order (1919–1998)

By **Daniel Ricardo Quiroga Villamarin**. Committee members: Andrea Bianchi, Professor, Thesis Co-Supervisor; Carolyn Biltoft, Associate Professor, Thesis Co-Supervisor; Fuad Zarbiyev, Professor, President of the Committee and Internal Reader; Samuel Moyn, Professor, Department of History, Yale University, USA, and External Reader.

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Research Bulletin

Upcoming events, latest publications and other research activities

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Upcoming Research Events

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	GHC WHA 77 SIDE EVENT Data for Forecasting a Healthier Future 13:00–14:30 hybrid	EXECUTIVE EDUCATION & TECH HUB PANEL DISCUSSION Tech Diplomacy and the Futures of Diplomacy 9:00–10:00 Auditorium A1B GGC & CIES BOOK LAUNCH Thomas Hale Long Problems: Climate Change and the Challenge of Governing across Time 12:30–14:00 Room S3 GHC WHA 77 SIDE EVENT One Health and Pandemic Prevention in Practice: Is the Global South leading innovation? 13:00–14:30 hybrid IE DEP. VILFREDO PARETO SEMINAR Erika Deserrano Gender Disparities in the Welfare Effect of the Minimum Wage 14:15–15:30 Room S4	IE DEP. BROWN BAG LUNCH (INTERNAL EVENT) Karolina Wilczyńska 12:15–13:30 room S8 GHC WHA 77 SIDE EVENT Replenish or Perish? The Way Forward for Global Health Partnerships 13:00–14:30 hybrid NORRAG The Right to Pre- school Education 15:00–16:30 online	CIES INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR (INTERNAL EVENT) Pablo Lapegna Care and More Than Human Relations in Unexpected Places: On Farming and Pesticides in Argentina 12:15–13:30 Room P1-547 GGC NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE THEORY & HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW DAY 1 The Province of International Law: Space, Time, and Representation In International Legal History 14:15–18:30 Auditorium A2, starting with keynote lecture: Luis Eslava The Political Economy of Representation: Counter-Archiving and International Legal History 14:15–15:45 CFD, NORRAG & GHC Farid Fezoua Impact Investing in Global	GGC NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE THEORY & HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW DAY 2 The Province of International Law: Space, Time, and Representation In International Legal History 10:00–19:00 Auditorium A2				

**Health and Education –
And Building Strong
Partnerships**
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CHAIRE YVES
OLTRAMARE
**Benjamin Gaillard |
Pour une archéologie
de la pensée
économique catholique
en Amérique du Sud**
18:30–20:00 salle
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NO EVENTS

04 JUN Tuesday

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**ITLOS Advisory
Opinion on Climate
Change**
13:00–14:00 online

05 JUN Wednesday

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LUNCH (INTERNAL
EVENT)**
With Orlando Román
12:15–13:30 room
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**Dmitry Grozoubski |
Why Politicians Lie
about Trade**
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CFD
**Roman Baumann,
Charles Wyplosz &
Cédric Tille | Should
SNB Create a Swiss
Sovereign Wealth
Fund?**
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06 JUN Thursday

INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE
**Peace and Security
Now: Reflections on
New Frontiers and
Challenges in
Peacemaking**
13:30–18:30
Auditorium A2

07 JUN Friday

NO EVENTS

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EDITED BOOK

Resisting Domination in Palestine: Mechanisms and Techniques of Control, Coloniality and Settler Colonialism

This meticulously curated volume edited by **Alaa Tartir**, Researcher and Academic Coordinator, Timothy Seidel and Tariq Dana presents an assemblage of insightful, critical, and

contemporary perspectives on how Israeli domination has been sustained and reproduced in new forms and means using various mechanisms and techniques of control, coloniality, and settler colonialism (Bloomsbury, April 2024). Based on original empirical fieldwork, the contributors adopt interdisciplinary and decolonial approaches in their examination of the intricate functions and structures of domination that permeate Palestinian life by illuminating the power dynamics at play and revealing the mechanisms that sustain the settler-colonial regime. In [their introduction](#), the editors demonstrate how sites of colonial control and domination exerted on Palestine by Israel are also sites of Palestinian resistance. They explore political, economic, environmental, and intellectual sites of control by focusing on issues related to governmentality, mechanisms of dispossession and de-development, land, indigeneity, space and racial capitalism, as well as highlighting how norms, narratives, and knowledge production perpetuate domination.

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ARTICLE

Aussenpolitik im Innern: Ägyptische Exilanten, Zensur und Fremdenpolizei in der Schweiz, 1910–1919 (Foreign Policy in the Interior: Egyptian Exiles, Censorship, and the Aliens' Police in Switzerland 1910–1919)

In the decade of the First World War, neutral Switzerland, particularly Geneva, served as a main stage for Egyptian radical agitation. Leaders of the Egyptian national movement organised international conferences and student groups and published extensively on the Egyptian question.

Anna Diem, PhD Researcher in International History and politics, looks at how the local and national Swiss authorities dealt with Egyptian exiles and their nationalist and anti-imperialist politics, and traces how their attitudes towards them changed in the course of roughly a decade (in German, in *Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Geschichte*, vol. 74, no. 1, 2024). She argues that initially, the closeness of the Swiss government to the Central Powers and a commitment to the liberal tradition left the Egyptians largely undisturbed, with few exceptional interventions and occasional censorship to appease British complaints or Allied-friendly sentiment in Geneva. Only with the red scare towards the end of the war and the establishment of a centralised aliens' police did the Swiss authorities start cracking down on the Egyptians, arguably conflating them with the

bigger, older, and more prominent group of exiles from the Russian empire, restricting residence permits and who was allowed into the country, to the point where the Egyptian group dissolved and left Switzerland.

[PDF \(open access\) >](#)

PHD THESIS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW, 2024

Resolving Sub-Saharan Africa's "Conflict Trap": The Inimitable Contribution of Sub-regional Economic Communities (EAC, ECOWAS, SADC) through "Deep" Trade Treaties

A significant number of sub-Saharan (SSA) states are ensnared in the "conflict trap", which co-exists with the evolution of SSA Sub-regional Economic Communities (SRECs) into consequential peace-security organisations, away from their original mandates around multilateral political-economic cooperation when founded in the decolonisation era. The inimitable role SRECs can play in resolving SSA's "conflict trap" remains nonetheless grossly underappreciated. Employing a combination of International Law and Critical Security Studies (CSS), **Walter Mandela** showcases the extent of the contribution of SSA SRECs to peace-security enhancement in SSA through peace-security dividends that emanate from SRECs in addition to providing recommendations on how SRECs can be better leveraged for ridding SSA of the "conflict trap".

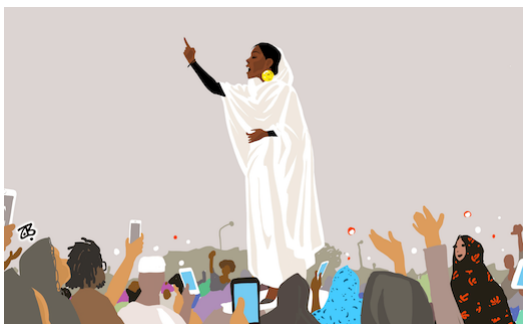
[Read more about the PhD thesis in this interview >](#)

[Repository](#) (access to the PhD thesis restricted to members of the Institute community; others may [contact Dr Mandela](#)).


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Development & Cooperation



WEBZINE

Africas Rising?

Since the end of the Cold War, emerging countries are successfully challenging the leadership of the West and are transforming this plural continent. If China has come to play a preponderant role, notably in terms of infrastructure development, the existence of multiple Africas presents prospects for a host of

other international actors. The continent's development, however, is not without raising many questions, as African countries continue to face structural issues such as poverty, inequalities, civil conflict and political repression. How will Africas – in their plural dimension – take advantage of their dynamism to write a new page in their history in the decades to come? **Our professors and researchers** offer some nuanced answers.

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PHD THESIS IN DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS, 2023

Development Dynamics: Market Structure, Geopolitics, and Growth

Pinyi Chen presents three chapters on development dynamics involving market structures, geopolitics, and growth. Chapter 1 assesses China's cigarette market, suggesting price elasticity is low and increased tobacco taxes may not reduce smoking due to cultural and political factors.

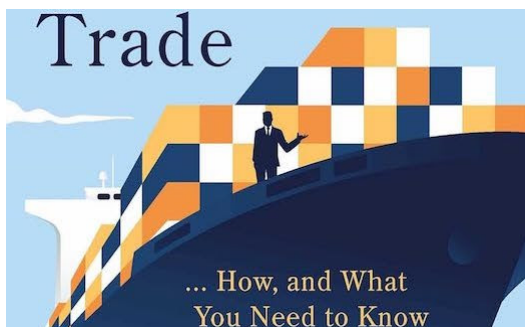
Chapter 2 evaluates the economic benefits of releasing Israeli-controlled Area C of the West Bank, estimating a potential USD 4.4 billion annual gain. Chapter 3 analyses income patterns in postcolonial states, linking development to spatial scales and historical regimes, and highlighting the complex interplay between growth, geography, and colonial histories.

[Repository](#) (file embargoed until October 2026; for access, [contact Dr Chen](#)).

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Trade, Finance, Economies & Work



MONOGRAPH

Why Politicians Lie About Trade... and What You Need to Know about It

This book reveals how international trade really works and the compromises and deals nations must make to take part in the greatest commercial show on earth (Canbury Press, May 2024). With clear writing and lively case studies, **Dmitry Grozoubski**, Executive-Director of the Geneva

Trade Platform and a former trade negotiator, takes readers on an often humorous tour of the shadowy workings of the agreements, tariffs, taxes and disputes that characterise this USD 32 trillion-a-year machine. The author reveals the underlying political and geographical forces that shape the impact of trade on topics as diverse and important as food, jobs, gender, conflict and climate change. And he reveals what politicians cover up about the system – and why it matters.

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[Book launch on Wednesday 5 June at 16:00 at the Fab >](#)

ARTICLE

Twenty-First Century Customs Fraud: How to Effectively Enforce EU Sustainability Requirements on Imports

Countries increasingly adopt measures to make their economy more sustainable. These measures range from pricing carbon and protecting forests to promoting renewable energy and banning forced labour. **Joost Pauwelyn** examines how countries can effectively enforce such sustainability requirements on imports (in *Journal of International Economic Law*, online May 2024). Based on two case studies – the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – and other developments in EU customs law and practice, he shows that customs inspection of elements that cannot be physically detected in the imported product as such is neither unique nor new. Similar challenges arise when dealing with massive inflows of small e-commerce consignments or having to check the origin or value of products. Indeed, for customs enforcement more generally, the trend is one away from physical inspection of products on a transaction basis at the point of entry, toward verification and control of firms before and especially after release of the goods. To implement this “product-to-firm” shift, four back-up features are, however, crucial, focusing on data, penalties/circumvention, cooperation, and resources.

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WORKING PAPER

Obscure Contract Terms: An Inadvertent Pricing Experiment

Contract terms that improve or reduce the likelihood of repayment of a debt should impact its price. That is basic economics. But what about a contract that is hundreds of pages long and has

lengthy and complex terms that even the lawyers are unwilling to read? Believers in efficient markets might predict that variations that affect the likelihood of repayment in such obscure contract terms will be priced at the outset if there are profits to be made by exploiting these variations. An alternate view is that little attention is paid to the fine print in highly standardised contracts until the likelihood of default becomes sufficiently salient to make reading the fine print worthwhile. Using several inadvertent real-world experiments, Stephen J. Choi, Mitu Gulati, **Ugo Panizza**, Robert E. Scott and W. Mark C. Weidemaier examine the question of how and when variations that are assumed to be standardised in obscure contract terms are priced (International Economics Department Working Paper no. 05-2024, Geneva Graduate Institute, 2024).

[Repository \(public access\) >](#)

WORKING PAPER

IMF Programs and Borrowing Costs: Does Size Matter?

Salim Chahine, **Ugo Panizza** and **Guilherme Suedekum**, PhD Researcher in International Economics, study whether IMF programmes and their size affect borrowing costs by comparing the coupon of bonds issued around an IMF arrangement (International Economics Department Working Paper no. 06-2024, Geneva Graduate Institute, April 2024). By comparing bonds issued immediately before the inset of the programme with bonds issued immediately after the programme, they show that, on average, the approval of the programme leads to a 72-basis points reduction in borrowing costs and programme size matters. Their point estimates indicate that when programme size increases by one percent of GDP, borrowing costs decrease by 23 basis points. The authors also show that programme size only matters for ex-post programmes (i.e., those implemented during crises). For precautionary ex-ante programmes, borrowing costs increase with programme size. However, the effect of programme size is small and, therefore, ex-ante programmes never lead to a statistically significant increase in borrowing costs and in most cases lead to a significant reduction in borrowing costs.

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WORKING PAPER

Local Currency Sovereign Debt Markets, Global Financial Conditions and the Role of Foreign Investors

Guilherme Suedekum, PhD Researcher in International Economics, studies how the presence of foreign investors in local currency sovereign debt markets contributes to the transmission of global financial conditions to emerging market economies (International Economics Department Working Paper no. 19-2023, Geneva Graduate Institute, November 2023). His estimates indicate that the higher the share of local currency government bonds held by foreign investors, the more sensitive the credit risk of these bonds becomes to global financial shocks. When foreign investors' holdings reach 45 percent, the credit risk of local currency government bonds becomes as sensitive to global financial shocks as the credit risk of foreign currency government bonds. He also explores exogenous foreign investor outflows caused by an unanticipated announcement of country weight rebalancing in the J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified index in March 2014. Countries that experienced foreign investor outflows also experienced a decrease in the sensitivity of their local currency sovereign debt markets to changes in global financial conditions.

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BRIEFING NOTE

Environment, Climate, and Sustainable Development at MC13: A Review of Ministerial Declarations, Decisions, and Statements

Eugene James, Vinati Bhola and **Carolyn Deere Birkbeck** compile examples of how and where World Trade Organization (WTO) members addressed issues of environment, climate, and sustainable development in ministerial declarations, decisions, and statements by members at MC13 (Forum on Trade, Environment and SDGs [TESS], April 2024). The review is intended to be extensive but also illustrative. It does not claim to be exhaustive in capturing all mentions of the array of environment issues or sustainable development considerations that may have arisen in

the range of statements made and documents issued by ministers at MC13. The compilation will serve as a useful reference point for governments and stakeholders seeking to advance inclusive cooperation at the WTO on trade and sustainability.

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Gender, Diversity, Race & Intersectionality



MONOGRAPH

Responsible Pleasure: The Brook Advisory Centres and Youth Sexuality in Postwar Britain

The period between the 1960s and the 1990s has traditionally been associated with sexual liberation and a growing sense of permissiveness in Britain, during which cultural and social norms of young people's sexuality went through a dramatic shift.

Using the Brook Advisory Centre (Brook) as a case study, **Caroline Rusterholz** examines how and why this occurred, providing a socio-cultural history of youth sexuality in Britain over these three decades (Oxford University Press, May 2024). She focuses on Brook as a pioneering sexual health charity operating on the cusp of voluntary and state-financed sectors. From the opening of its first centre in London, followed by other centres across Britain, to the present day, Brook has been a major provider of contraceptive advice and sexual counselling to unmarried people and teenagers and remains a key player in sexual health services today. Drawing on a wide range of archived and published materials, as well as oral history interviews conducted by the author, this book provides a substantial and original contribution to scholarship on the forging of the modern sexual subject.

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There will be a book launch on 13 June hosted both in-person and online at Birkbeck, University of London. [Read more >](#)

MONOGRAPH

Radical Acts: HIV/AIDS Activism in Late Twentieth-Century England

Drawing on campaign materials, broadcast media, and new oral history interviews, **George Severs**, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Gender Centre, reconstructs and discusses the overlooked world of radical AIDS activism in England, following ACT UP's travels from New York to London via prominent queer intellectuals, and reconstructing the vibrant theatrical campaigns staged by ACT UP groups across England (Bloomsbury Publishing, May 2024). He explores expressions of activism that were far more common than demonstrations and marches. Manifestations of a political commitment to ameliorating the injustices facing people living with HIV permeated most aspects of everyday life. These forms of "everyday activism" played out in workplaces, universities and church halls across England, as well as through transnational networks.

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Democracy & Civil Society



ARTICLE

Searching for a Recipe for Success: Environmental Citizen Petitions under Free Trade Agreements

Submissions on enforcement matters (SEMs) allow civil society members to assert that one party to a free trade agreement (FTA) is failing to enforce its domestic environmental laws.

Submissions that survive every step of the SEM process result in a ‘factual record’ prepared by a secretariat on enforcement matters. Relying on qualitative comparative analysis and an original dataset compiling the 158 SEMs submitted under the framework of US FTAs, **Noémie Laurens**, Postdoctoral Researcher in International Relations, investigates what conditions make submissions more likely to succeed in leading to a factual record (in *Environmental Politics*, online April 2024). She finds that the existence of previous submissions dealing with the same facts, submissions against developing countries, and the presence of at least one non-governmental organisation as a submitter contribute to a submission’s success, but only in conjunction with other conditions and for a limited number of cases. This result provides overall evidence that secretariats’ decisions are unbiased by the factors examined in this article.

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Arts, Culture & Religion



ARTICLE

Coming Out in America: Thirty Years of Cultural Change

The last few decades witnessed a dramatic change in public opinion toward gay people. Raquel Fernández, Sahar Parsa and **Martina Viarengo** show that this process was initiated by a sharp increase in the approval of same-sex relationships in 1992–93, following the debate on

whether gay people could serve openly in the military (in *The Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, online April 2024). They study the hypothesis that the greater salience of gay-related issues during this period initiated a process of cultural change. Using a difference-in-difference empirical strategy, they show that greater exposure to the gay population, measured in a variety of ways, led to a greater increase in approval. Furthermore, media attention and campaign contributions increased by more in high exposure locations. These results, the authors show, cannot be explained simply by a process of expanding liberal views of civil liberties.

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MONOGRAPHIE

La dépolitisation du monde

Les débats sur l'utilité des organisations internationales pendant la pandémie de COVID-19 ou la guerre en Ukraine illustrent le poids des attentes qui reposent sur ces institutions, malgré leur affirmation de ne pas intervenir dans le champ politique. **Lucile Maertens** et Marieke Louis prennent cette revendication au sérieux et

étudient la manière dont ces organisations s'efforcent de «dépolitiser le monde» (Presses de l'Université de Montréal, mai 2024). S'appuyant sur divers cas d'étude, de la gestion de la crise environnementale à la réforme du Conseil de sécurité de l'ONU, elles analysent de façon précise les pratiques d'expertise, les prétentions à la neutralité et le jeu sur la temporalité des négociations qui mènent à la dépolitisation. Elles mettent au jour trois grandes logiques qui la sous-tendent: le pragmatisme, les stratégies de légitimation et les tactiques d'évitement de la responsabilité. Tout en éclairant la complexité et la crise de légitimité du multilatéralisme contemporain, elles montrent en définitive qu'il est impossible de réduire ces organisations à de simples mécanismes apolitiques établis uniquement pour faciliter la coopération internationale.

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ARTICLE

Dialectical Order-Making through Ambiguity: Contestation Is the Norm in International Peace and Security Maintenance

What kind of order and contestation dynamics emerge if the initial institutional bargain includes liberal, partially liberal, and nonliberal visions of order? **Stephanie Hofmann** locates the liberal ideational and institutional properties within the crisis management domain and analyses contestation dynamics and their impact (in *Global Studies Quarterly*, vol. 4, no. 2, April 2024). Her argument is twofold. First, liberal visions of order (e.g., based on human rights and self-determination) have coexisted alongside other aspirations focusing on the right of nonintervention and privileged political communities because post-World War II conflict management is rooted in the legal ambiguity of the Charter of the United Nations (UN). This ambiguity (low legalised institutionalisation) gives space to different interpretations of what counts as peace, enforcement, threat, and the relationship between the UN and regional organisations (low liberal embeddedness). Second, ambiguity and competing visions of order sustain persistent contestation, which produces dialectical ordering within and outside the UN. Within dialectical ordering, order-challenging contestation occurs when actors disengage from the global level or when their vision of order becomes globally hegemonic. While order-challenging attempts in the realm of crisis management exist, they have remained unsuccessful so far. Seen from this perspective, there has never been a liberal international order in conflict management – only liberal attempts to impose a liberal order on an ongoing dialectical order-making process. So far, other order-challenging attempts, such as Russia's sphere of influence or China's developmental peace approaches, have also remained unsuccessful. Contestation remains the norm.

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International Law, Security, and Sanctions: A Decolonial Perspective on the Transnational Legal Order of Sanctions

This article by **Grégoire Mallard** and Jin Sun reviews recent literature on sanctions from international law, political science, sociology, anthropology, and history. It shows how the literature

during the comprehensive sanctions decade (the 1990s), with a largely critical view on sanctions in the age of globalisation, was co-opted by the targetisation of sanctions in the sanctions miniaturisation decade (the 2000s) (in *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, vol. 20, online April 2024). It then reviews the sanctions literature in sociology and anthropology during the sanctions enforcement decade (the 2010s), addressing the transnational characteristics of sanctions, their infrastructural materiality in the digital economy, and the deputisation of private actors to police their implementation. Last, the article reviews the literature in colonial governmentality to encourage sanctions specialists to take a longer-term view of transnational orders of sanctions. This section ends with a call to decolonise sanctions research – or rather, to question the colonial origins of sanctions as an instrument of world making so that a properly decolonial perspective on sanctions can be elaborated.

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EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

The Icebreakers Group and COCOM Export Regulation Policy in the 1950s

Yi Liu, PhD Researcher in International History and Politics, offers a historical perspective on the export control regulations of the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls (COCOM), shedding light on the role of economic interest groups in shaping the economic dimension of the Cold War (in *The Palgrave Handbook of Non-State Actors in East-West Relations*, P. Marton, G. Thomasen, C. Békés and A. Rácz, eds., Palgrave Macmillan, February 2024). She focuses on the impact of the activities of the “Icebreakers” group on Britain’s position on COCOM’s export regulations concerning China in the 1950s. Scrutinising how Chinese Communists supported the Icebreakers in UK–China trade, exploiting the competition between two business communities, the Icebreakers and the Old China hands, for access to the Chinese market, she argues that it was British businessmen’s anti-embargo campaign that pushed the British government to abolish the China Differential list within COCOM in 1957. The nuanced and partly covert role the Icebreakers played during the process challenges simplistic narratives that centre on the decision-making of Western governments in this context. Socialist countries and non-state actors involved in the East–West trade displayed their agency by (impactfully) manipulating the dynamic relations between business communities and western governments to promote an agenda corresponding with their counter-embargo objectives.

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Global Health



ARTICLE

Abstracts from the 5th PPRI Conference 2024: Ensuring Access to Affordable Medicines through Innovative Policies, Vienna, Austria, 25–26 April 2024

Sustainable access to affordable medicines remains a public health issue globally, including for high-income countries. To foster the debate on avenues for the future, the fifth PPRI Conference held in Vienna on 25 and 26 April 2024 offered a forum for the debate on innovating pharmaceutical policymaking to develop and implement futureproof policy options, which are able to address current and future challenges. This article of the *Journal of Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice* gathers all the abstracts of the conference

papers. Among the contributors were **Iulia Slovenski**, Research Assistant at the Global Health Centre, with “**Unlocking Global Access to Medicines for Pandemics: The Potential and Limits of Alternative Innovation Models**”, and **Adrián Alonso Ruiz**, Researcher and Project Manager at the Global Health Centre, with “**Break on Through (to the Other Side): A Case Study on Increasing Access to Affordable CAR-T Therapy through an Academic Hospital’s Alternative Innovation Mode**” (vol. 17, 2024, online April 2024).

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DISCUSSION PAPER

IP and Access to Publicly Funded Research Results in Health Emergencies: Publicly Funded International R&D Projects

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the public sector provided significant funding to accelerate the research and development (R&D) of health products. Globally, however, unequal and inequitable access to such products has prompted questions on how placing strategic conditions on public funding could improve access to the fruits of R&D. An important aspect of this issue is how conditions on intellectual property (IP) can contribute to achieving public policy goals such as affordable pricing and reliable supply. To facilitate the discussion, this report by **Yiqi Liu** and **Suerie Moon** provides empirical evidence of conditions adopted by publicly funded international R&D projects directed at health emergencies, with a particular focus on IP management (WIPO, June 2023). The authors find that conditions on public funding of international R&D projects are a regularly used and effective tool to ensure better access to the fruits of publicly funded R&D for health emergencies. The cases demonstrate that conditions can be applied with sufficient flexibility to tailor contracts to specific projects. However, there are no clear international norms or rules for doing so. Rather, the global governance of public funding for R&D in health emergencies remains ad hoc and piecemeal, with ample room for improved coherence and effectiveness across organisations.

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This paper was commissioned by the World Intellectual Property Organization.

WORKSHOP REPORT

The Making of a Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing (PABS) System: A Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue

The workshop “The Making of a PABS System: A Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue” took place on 14 February 2024 at the Geneva Graduate Institute. It included two panels:

– “**Scope, Samples and GSD**”

Speakers tackled a range of topics including: the advantages and disadvantages of narrower versus broader scope of pathogens to be included in the system, how decisions should be made on which pathogens should be included, approaches to recognition and coordination of laboratory networks by WHO, defining what it means for a database to be considered “publicly available”, ensuring adherence to benefit-sharing commitments, preventing free riding in the PABS system, revenue generation models for financing, and methods for detecting and enforcing breaches of obligations.

– “**Cross-Cutting Issues**”

Speakers discussed topics including: understanding relevant developments under the Convention on Biological Diversity, incentivising private sector participation in the PABS system, implementing real-time supply obligations during pandemics, determining appropriate product set-asides, implications of prohibiting seeking IP rights on unmodified vs modified materials under the PABS System, and ensuring equitable benefit sharing between and during pandemics.

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The workshop sought to inform WHO Member States involved in discussions over a Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing (PABS) system in the context of negotiations towards a Pandemic Agreement and amended International Health Regulations. Co-convenors were the International Geneva Global Health Platform and the Global Health Centre (GHC). The first draft of the report

was produced by ChatGPT and reviewed and lightly edited by GHC members **Ava Greenup**, **Suerie Moon** and **Gian Luca Burci** for clarity.

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Cities, Space, Mobilities & Migrations



ARTICLE

Colonial City, Global Entanglements: Intra-and Trans-Imperial Networks in George Town, 1786–1937

The city of George Town, Penang has always been enmeshed in complex circulations of trade, people, and ideas. By the end of the nineteenth century, George Town developed a multicultural and polyglot society that included a kaleidoscopic

mix of ethnic groups. **Bernard Z. Keo** investigates the role played by George Town's cosmopolitan population in developing the port-city into a global hub for commercial, intellectual, and physical interchange (in *Journal of World History*, vol. 35, no. 1, March 2024). In particular, he argues that the city's success depended on intricate webs of personal and professional connections developed by George Town's residents across Southeast Asia and beyond. He hones in on how one community, the Peranakan Chinese, built and leveraged networks across the British, Dutch, and Japanese Empires. By exploring these intra-and trans-imperial networks, he makes the case for studying colonial cities like George Town not as passive nodes of empire but as active sites within overlapping imperial networks.

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RESEARCH PAPER

Solidarity Movements: An Ethnography of Anti-Deportation Struggles in Switzerland

Deportation in contemporary times only seems to rise. Still, in many countries, the phenomenon of solidarity movements promoted through political altruism of host country nationals towards irregular migrants against their deportation can be noticed. However, scholars have argued that these movements lack impetus for change. Focusing on Switzerland because of the high occurrence of such movements in the country and its configuration as a direct democracy, and employing participant observation of anti-deportation protests, material analysis and interviews, **Carolina Miranda Futuro**, Master Student in International Relations/Political Science at the time of writing, investigates empirical examples of two Swiss solidarity movements that, contrary to usual conclusions, have a radical scope that aims to reform the deportation system and count upon active deportee participation, who demonstrate a political and resistant subjectivity (Global Migration Research Paper no. 32, May 2024). All in all, it is in the in-depth personal investigation of such episodes that an alternative emerging political imaginary can be observed, which aims to contest the legitimacy of employing deportation as a migration governance tool.

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Carolina Miranda Futuro is the 2023 winner of the Global Migration Centre's Global Migration Award, which rewards one Graduate Institute student for their outstanding Master thesis in the field of migration and offers the opportunity to publish the thesis within the Global Migration Research Paper Series.

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Technology



ARTICLE

The Active Form of Security: Technology and the Material-Aesthetic Script

How are socially and politically controversial security practices materially-technologically scripted into our lives in ever-deeper ways?

Jonathan Luke Austin and **Anna Leander** propose that acts of aesthetic design are at the

heart of that process and are being deployed by technology corporations to “smooth” the diffusion of security practices, discourses, and politics across global space (in *Science, Technology, & Human Values*, online May 2024). To substantiate that claim, they make three moves. First, they propose an understanding of the “script” that returns to the roots of the concept in theatre and the arts. That understanding stresses that our material-technological enmeshing is governed strongly by aesthetic and affective factors that operate through forms of resonance (rather than reason). In consequence – the authors argue – much of the power of technology conglomerates is linked to their capacity to harness these aesthetico-affective resonances. Second, they demonstrate this through a case study focused on the material-aesthetic design activities of Google, teasing out how it deploys aesthetic practices to extend its sociopolitical power. Third, they speculatively conclude by introducing the architect Keller Easterling’s concept of “active form” to show how conceptualising scripts in aesthetic terms also provides insights into how security practices are diffused across global contexts, irrelevant contextual sociopolitical differences, and seemingly without any limit.

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Multimedia



CCDP SPOTLIGHT E2 | CENTRE ON CONFLICT, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACEBUILDING

Negotiating with the Devil: Inside the World of Armed Conflict Mediation

Research Associate **Robert Watkins** interviews **Pierre Hazan** about the latter’s book *Negotiating with the Devil: Inside the World of Armed Conflict Mediation*. Pierre Hazan, a seasoned peace mediator, governmental advisor, and former diplomatic correspondent specialised in international justice, peace-keeping operations and humanitarian action, re-examines in his book the acute practical and ethical dilemmas

that affected his work in Bosnia, Ukraine, the Sahel and the Central African Republic.

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS | KIX EMAP WEBINAR 18 | NORRAG

Transforming Education through Technology in Southeast Asia

This webinar took place on 7 March 2024. It discussed issues and trends related to the digitalisation of education in Southeast Asia by bringing together experts from the sub-region who explored research and good practices surrounding technology in education by drawing on case study research from the Southeast Asia region and, in some instances, from the Pacific region.

[Read more and watch the highlights >](#)



HYBRID PANEL DISCUSSION | NORRAG

Private Sector Actors and Approaches in Education

Private sector actors have been increasingly engaging in addressing the challenges faced in achieving Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4) – ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education for all. On 7 May 2024, experts engaged in a dialogue on the role private actors play in addressing access to inclusive and equitable quality education.

Speakers were **Chanwoong Baek**, Assistant Professor, International Relations/Political Science, Geneva Graduate Institute and Academic Director, NORRAG – Chair and moderator; **Marina Dreux Frotté**, Research Associate, NORRAG; **Moira V. Faul**, Executive Director, NORRAG; **Emon Nandi**, Assistant Professor, Centre of Excellence in Teacher Education (CETE), Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS); **Prachi Srivastava**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education, Western University; and **Clare Woodcraft**, Fellow, Cambridge Judge Business School, University of Cambridge.

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GLOBAL HEALTH CENTRE'S INTERNATIONAL GENEVA GLOBAL HEALTH PLATFORM

Implementing One Health through Global Health Diplomacy: Comparing Switzerland and Rwanda

Despite being there for many years, One Health has gained a lot of attention in the last year at the political level. With the new trends and changes appearing in health diplomacy, and the intersections with One Health, **Katherine Urbáez**, Founder of the Health Diplomacy Alliance, talks about her research results and how diplomacy has been a tool for implementing new policies. She is interviewed by **Erika Shinabargar**, Student Assistant at the International Geneva Global Health Platform, and **Paniz Jamali**, President of the Global Health Initiative IHEID.

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GLOBAL HEALTH CENTRE'S INTERNATIONAL GENEVA GLOBAL HEALTH PLATFORM & THE GOVERNING PANDEMIC INITIATIVE

Pandemic Negotiations: Closing the Deal

On 17 April 2024, this public event served as a moment to reflect over more than two years of negotiations within the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness

and response and the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005). The event's primary objectives were to assess the progress made, to shape political momentum as we approach the culminating stages of these crucial negotiations, and to further trust among stakeholders leading up to the May 2024 World Health Assembly. The agenda included a keynote address by Dr **Mike Ryan**, Deputy Director General and Executive Director, Health Emergencies Programme, of the World Health Organization (WHO), followed by a high-level, multi stakeholder panel featuring senior government officials, civil society members, and independent experts.

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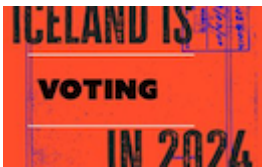


VIDEO | GENEVA GRADUATE INSTITUTE & ALBERT HIRSCHMAN CENTRE ON DEMOCRACY

Global Governance in a Context of Democratic Backsliding

On 25 April, **Staffan Lindberg**, Professor of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg and Director of the Varieties of Democracy project, presented key takeaways from the Democracy Report 2024 and discussed its implications for democracies worldwide with **Yanina Welp**, Research Fellow at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy.

[Read more and watch the video >](#)



WHO'S VOTING IN 2024? E2 | ALBERT HIRSCHMAN CENTRE ON DEMOCRACY (AHCD)

Iceland: What Is at Stake in the Presidential Elections?

In this episode, we explore the upcoming Icelandic presidential elections. From its unique political history to the current landscape, we examine the stakes involved as a diverse field of candidates vie for leadership. Join us as we delve into the issues shaping Iceland's future presidency and its future.

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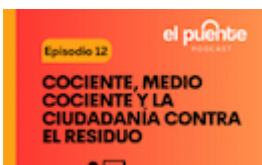


WHO'S VOTING IN 2024? E3 | ALBERT HIRSCHMAN CENTRE ON DEMOCRACY (AHCD)

Mexico: Violence and Democracy

This episode looks into how ongoing violence is affecting Mexico's democracy in general and this electoral process in particular. **Sandra Ley**, political scientist, head of the Security Program at México Evalúa, and **Javier Aparicio**, economist and professor at the CIDE, are in conversation with **Yanina Welp**, Research Fellow at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy

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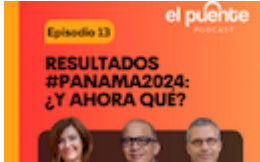
EL PUENTE E12 | CENTRO INTERNACIONAL DE ESTUDIOS POLÍTICOS Y SOCIALES (CIEPS) EN COLABORACIÓN CON AHCD

Cociente, medio cociente y la ciudadanía contra el residuo

Descubre cómo el cálculo del cociente, medio cociente y el controversial residuo están en el centro del debate en Panamá, provocando lo que antes era impensable: protestas en contra de "los residuos". **Harry Brown Arauz** (político e investigador del CIEPS Panamá) y **Yanina Welp** (investigadora asociada del Instituto Albert Hirschman)

profundizan en las características del sistema electoral panameño y las

normas electorales de los comicios del 5 de mayo. Además, nuestros invitados especiales, **Willibald Sonnleitner** (sociólogo e investigador de El Colegio de México) y **Claire Nevache** (investigadora asociada del CIEPS Panamá), nos explican por qué el método de cálculo del residuo en las elecciones legislativas sitúa a Panamá como uno de los países menos proporcionales de América Latina. Escúchalo el episodio en [Spotify](#) o [Youtube](#).



EL PUENTE E13 | CENTRO INTERNACIONAL DE ESTUDIOS POLÍTICOS Y SOCIALES (CIEPS) EN COLABORACIÓN CON AHCD
Resultados #Panamá2024, ¿y ahora qué?

Yanina Welp (politóloga e investigadora del Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy), **Harry Brown Arauz** (politólogo e investigador del CIEPS Panamá) y **Salvador Martí i Puig** (catedrático de Ciencias Políticas de la Universidad de Girona, España) analizan los resultados de las elecciones presidenciales de Panamá en clave regional y los retos del país en el próximo quinquenio. Escúchalo el episodio en [Spotify](#) o [Youtube](#).

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Awarded Grants

Fernanda Conforto Receives a Dissertation Fellowship from the Economic History Association

Fernanda Conforto De Oliveira, who already holds an SNSF Doc.CH fellowship that ends in August this year, has been awarded a USD 10,000 dissertation fellowship by the Economic History Association (EHA) that will enable her to complete her PhD thesis entitled “[Opening the Black Box of Financial Negotiations: the IMF, Argentina, and Brazil in the Post-war Era \(1945-1964\)](#)” in 2024–25. According to Michael Huert, Executive Director of the EHA, there were a number of high-quality candidates to the fellowships, which made the committee's decision very difficult, and this award all the more impressive.

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Visitors

📅 22 Feb–1 July 2024

📍 GMC

Angela Moore

Coming from the University of Oxford, Junior Visiting Fellow Angela Moore is researching “Regulating Asylum: the CEAS, the Refugee Crisis, and the Search for Common Standards”.

📅 5 June–4 Aug 2024

📍 IL Dep.

Gustavo Minervini

Coming from Università degli Studi di Torino, Visiting Fellow Gustavo Minervini will do research on “The Protection of Nuclear Facilities during Armed Conflicts: A Systemic Approach”.

📅 15 June–15 Sep 2024

📍 CTEI

Özlem Canbeldek Akin

Coming from Bakircay University, Visiting Fellow Özlem Canbeldek Akin will do research on “Environmental Protection in International Investment Law: Turkish Perspective”.



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Calls for Papers and More

EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ACADEMY | EIBA 2024 CONFERENCE

Rethinking in IB Research for the Next 50 Years

The **2024 EIBA Conference** will be held at Aalto University, in Espoo, Finland, on 12–14 December 2024. In light of escalating global challenges and societal divides, the Conference calls for multidisciplinary collaboration to address complex issues facing internationalising firms. The organisers welcome novel research questions, theoretical frameworks and methodologies that foster an inclusive dialogue between established and emerging topics in IB.

- **15 July 2024**: submission deadline

In addition to the call for papers, the organisers also call for

- Panel proposals | Submission deadline: **15 July 2024**
- Posters submissions | Submission deadline: **15 September 2024**
- Reviewers | Each submitting author automatically becomes a reviewer for at least two paper submissions. Papers for review will be received soon after **15 July** and returned **20 August**.

[Full CfP here >](#)

GENEVA GRADUATE INSTITUTE | APPLIED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Call for 2024–2025 ARP Partner Applications

Every year, the Geneva Graduate Institute invites policy and practice partners to bid for a group of first-year Masters students to undertake Applied Research Projects (ARPs) on their behalf. ARPs involve small student groups working together to conduct policy-relevant research with partner organisations on issues relating to international development and international relations.

- **31 July 2024**: application deadline for projects that will kick-off early October and end mid-May 2025

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Awarded Prizes

CONCOURS DE PROCÈS SIMULÉ EN DROIT INTERNATIONAL CHARLES-ROUSSEAU 2024

Plusieurs prix gagnés par des étudiant-es de l'Institut

Le **concours** portait cette année sur «Cour internationale de Justice – *Activités armées en lien avec la déclaration d'indépendance de l'Estogne – Prancie c. Estogne*». Les étudiant-es de master en droit international **Leonardo Flach Aurvalle, Despoina Chatzopoulou, Luisa**

Baumann, Matthieu Membrez, Maxime Rogier et Myrto Zaragka se sont vu décerner les distinctions suivantes:

- Prix du meilleur orateur de l'ensemble de la compétition (Matthieu Membrez);
- Prix du troisième meilleur mémoire écrit (à la fois pour le demandeur et le défendeur);
- Prix des quarts de finale;
- Prix de la meilleure photo d'équipe (de gauche à droite: Myrto Zaragka, Maxime Rogier, Luisa Baumann et Matthieu Membrez):



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Upcoming PhD Defences

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