

Research Bulletin

Upcoming events, latest publications and other research activities

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Upcoming Research Events

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Lucile Maertens |
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Sean Doherty & Maika
Oshikawa | **Building**
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Trade and Innovation
Foster Sustainable
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Fab, 4th Floor, Petal 2

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Quintana | **Wishing De-**
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and the Self-
Realization of African
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12:30–14:00
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Publications by Themes



Cities, Space, Mobilities & Migrations



ARTICLE

Demystifying Sovereignty: Totem and Taboo of Migration Control in International Law

“We all think about immigration . . . as the state asks us to think about it and, ultimately, as it thinks about it itself.” This aphorism of the sociologist Abdelmalek Sayad seems to speak to lawyers and, in particular, international lawyers

who are accustomed to thinking of immigration as a mere question of sovereignty. **Vincent Chetail** contends that this internalisation of sovereignty by the legal profession is a pure mystification. He calls for acknowledging the duality of sovereignty as a Janus with two faces (in *AJIL Unbound*, online October 2024). This metaphor illuminates the ontological ambivalence of the border that can be viewed as either a passage or a wall depending on the viewpoint.

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PHD THESIS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/POLITICAL SCIENCE, 2024

Deciding to Discriminate: A Study of Elite-Level Prejudice and Immigration Policy

Most Western liberal democracies have a complicated history of immigration, marked by significant policy shifts from laissez-faire approaches to national origin quotas and outright exclusion. The migration literature offers numerous theories to explain these changes, but few consider lawmakers’ agency in influencing these outcomes. Instead, scholars often view policymakers as passive adopters of interest group preferences or as reactors to economic and

international pressures. **Julia Greene** addresses this gap by examining the extent to which prejudice has influenced immigration policy over the past century and a half. Analysing 124 years of US Congressional debates on immigration, she finds support for the theory, based on insights from cognitive and social psychology, that prejudice significantly influences decision-making about immigrants. Additionally, she identifies and tests the causes of these attitudes, finding that elites' prejudice is influenced by the size of the immigrant population in their constituency, which, in turn, affects their voting behaviour. These relationships hold despite changes in the normative, socio-political, and demographic landscape over time, though there is some attenuation in more recent debates.

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Global Health



ARTICLE

Alternative Pharmaceutical Innovation Models in Competitive Markets: A Collaborative Approach to Develop a Novel Drug for Hepatitis C

Alternative innovation models have emerged to address failures of the traditional pharmaceutical system, particularly for diseases where market incentives do not attract sufficient research and

development efforts. However, the feasibility of such models for diseases with significant markets is not well-established. **Marcela Vieira, Iulia Slovenski, Kaitlin Large, Adrian Alonso Ruiz and Suerie Moon**, from the Global Health Centre, analyse the development of a novel drug (ravidasvir) for the treatment of hepatitis C, a highly profitable market (in *Tropical Medicine and Infectious Disease*, vol. 9, no. 10, October 2024). Data from qualitative research methods, including literature reviews and semi-structured interviews, was analysed using a novel conceptual framework focusing on actors, resources, organisational practices, and outcomes. Dissimilar to other projects, ravidasvir did not involve any major pharmaceutical companies. Rather, it leveraged the capacities of actors less traditionally involved in the development of novel medicines by constructing a collaborative network of private and public partners from low- and middle-income countries with a shared goal. The collaboration was successful in developing a highly effective, easy-to-use, and affordable medicine and contributed significantly to capacity-strengthening. However, the case also highlighted that strategic behaviour by competing for-profit firms could pose significant challenges and that changing external conditions reduced the potential public health impact of the drug. Lessons from ravidasvir can inform future efforts to develop alternative innovation models for therapeutic areas with significant commercial interest.

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EDITED BOOK

Health: A Political Choice – Building Resilience and Trust

This publication, edited and introduced by **Ilona Kickbusch** and John Kirton, highlights the crucial role of resilience and trust in strengthening health systems globally, especially in the face of challenges like conflict, climate change, and geopolitical instability. It is an official publication of the Global Governance Project, a joint initiative between GT Media Group Ltd, a publishing company based in London, the Global Governance Program, based at the University of Toronto,

and the Global Health Centre at the Geneva Graduate Institute.

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PHD THESIS IN DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS, 2024

Three Essays on Public Health Insurance and Provider Performance

Public health insurance (PHI), known for its all-inclusiveness and centralised government management, is being widely adopted to advance universal health coverage (UHC) in Sub-Saharan Africa. **Zhubin Chen** applies a mixed-methods approach to explore the impact of PHI on the incentives and behaviours of healthcare providers in East Africa. The first chapter investigates Rwanda's community-based health insurance. A multisite ethnography highlights challenges in district hospitals, including increased workload, practice constraints, and delayed reimbursements. The study also reveals the negative impact of delayed payments on provider performance, stressing the need for policymakers to consider healthcare system capacity in UHC reforms. The second chapter integrates ethnographic insights to adapt an economic model and analyse the dynamics between patients, providers, insurers, and hospitals in East Africa. It finds that timely disbursement of performance-based financing improves outcomes, while payment delays demotivate providers. It also proposes cost-effective solutions to mitigate these delays. As a COVID legacy, the third chapter shifts focus to China while maintaining the thesis's aim of understanding PHI's supply-side effects. It examines the impact of diagnosis-related groups (DRGs) on provider performance in Zhejiang province, showing that DRGs reduce costs and hospital stays.

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Technology



EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

The Relationship between AI and Philanthropy: From Historical Roots to Modern Convergence

Camilla Della Giovampaola, PhD Researcher in International History and Politics, and **Maria Cristiana Tudor** explore the relationship between AI and philanthropy from the mid-1950s to the present day (in *The Routledge Handbook of*

Artificial Intelligence and Philanthropy, G. Ugazio and Milos Maricic, eds., Routledge, November 2024). In doing so, they highlight the evolving nature of philanthropic approaches, from traditional philanthropic activities that initially supported AI research to the rise of new, hybrid forms of tech-industry-led philanthropic endeavours that are emerging today. They then approach technology's impact on the philanthropic sector, highlighting many of the key opportunities and challenges, and dives into the emerging phenomenon of "Data Philanthropy". This allows them to outline multiple elements that contribute to the uneven adoption of AI by POs, and the overall low level of digitalisation. Lastly, they present the AI for Social Good (AI4SG) movement, a staple contemporary representation of the intersection between AI and philanthropy. This section maps key stakeholder dynamics to emphasise the importance of cross-sector partnerships, followed by prominent modern applications and concludes with guiding principles for deploying ethical and successful AI4SG projects.

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Trade, Finance, Economies & Work



PHD THESIS IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS, 2024

Essays in Empirical Macroeconomics

This dissertation by **Théodore Renault** consists of three essays in empirical macroeconomics.

The first chapter studies whether the relation between unemployment and wage growth, the so-called wage Phillips curve, varies across sectors and why. Using sectoral level data for the euro

area, it shows that the average slope of the wage Phillips curve is relatively steep. Results further reveal meaningful heterogeneity in the sensitivity of wage growth to unemployment across sectors. What can explain this heterogeneity? A deeper analysis suggests an important role of skills. In particular, the slope of the wage Phillips curve is flatter in the low-skilled sectors and steeper in the high-skilled sectors.

The second chapter (written with Miguel Ampudia and Marco Lombardi) examines the pass-through from wages to inflation in the euro area. It finds a significant wage-price pass-through, which varies across sectors. Estimates show that the wage-price pass-through in private services is significantly higher than in industry and takes longer before reaching its peak. While a higher labour intensity is a key component of the pass-through, these estimates hint at an important role for international competition for the tradable sector: the pass-through is weaker in industries exposed to globalisation.

The third chapter (written with Sebastian Hauptmeier and Frédéric Holm-Hadulla) explores the relation between risk sharing and monetary policy in the euro area using regional data on economic activity. Risk sharing plays a key role in shaping the real effects of monetary policy. With weak risk sharing, monetary policy shocks trigger a strong and durable response in output. With strong risk sharing, the response is attenuated, and output reverts to its initial level over the medium term.

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

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Education, Information & Media

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Education for Societal Transformation: Alternatives for a Just Future

This **NORRAG** Special Issue 10 (October 2024) explores the critical role of education in shaping a more just and equitable world. Contributors from diverse backgrounds offer innovative perspectives on how education can be transformed to address the pressing social, economic, political, and ecological crisis and challenges of our time. Drawing on theoretical frameworks and practical experiences, the authors present a range of alternative approaches and non-reformist



reforms, including anti-racist and anti-patriarchal education, climate/environmental and decolonial education, cosmopolitical learning, critical multicultural education and critical pedagogy, democratic schools, holistic education, Indigenous education and knowledge, peace education, and education for social justice.

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Peace, War, Conflicts & Security



ARTICLE

Objects at Work: Cybersecurity Certificates Making Topological Expertise

Objects do work creating expertise. This article by **Anna Leander** parses how (in *Global Studies Quarterly*, vol. 4, no. 3, July 2024). It works with, revisits, and develops the notion of “boundary-work” located at the core of science and

technology studies by Thomas Gieryn, Susan Leigh Star, and others and adds to it the notion of “orienting work” borrowing from the work of materialist feminists such as Sarah Ahmed and Maria do Mar Pereira. Working with these concepts, it shows that cybersecurity certificates make expertise topological. They demarcate, connect, create affective attachments to, and prefigure shapeshifting boundaries of cybersecurity expertise. They orient toward a maze of routes to cybersecurity expertise, a multiplicity of shifting locations in it, and toward fences that are stretched and straddled. Departing from conventional assumptions about the role of certificates in the formation of expertise, the author shows that rather than close off and stabilise expertise, the work of cybersecurity certificates opens and unsettles it. The cybersecurity expertise they make is preserved in continuous deformation. She also shows that rather than fragment and fracture expertise, the work of certificates stretches, bends, and twists an expertise that remains connected. The work makes expertise of a distinctly topological quality. Engaging this moving, shapeshifting terrain politically is both exceptionally challenging and fundamentally important. The shifting expert terrain is generating a steadily expanding range of cybersecurity concerns that are inscribed ever more firmly in the socio-technical infrastructures of cybersecurity with ramifications for everyday life.

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ARTICLE

***Pro Patria Mori*: When States Encourage Civilian Involvement in Armed Conflict**

Contemporary armed conflicts have increasingly been accompanied by belligerents’ calls for civilians to support their military efforts. **Mina Radončić**, PhD Candidate in Law at the University of Geneva and Teaching Assistant at the Geneva Academy, and **Ashley Stanley-Ryan**, PhD Researcher in International Law at the Institute and Teaching Assistant at the Geneva Academy, investigate the legal consequences of civilians taking up arms provided by or with the tacit support of the State (in *International Review of the Red Cross*, online October 2024). They first look at the

implications of civilian involvement from the perspective of a State's international humanitarian law (IHL) and international human rights law obligations, focusing on removing civilians from the vicinity of hostilities, informing and training civilians on the implications of directly participating in hostilities, and respecting and ensuring respect for the law. They then demonstrate that the broader fabric of public international law is tested when civilians are encouraged to engage in hostilities, through a close analysis of the challenge of attributing civilian acts to the State. The article closes with practical recommendations for States to ensure that they uphold their humanitarian and human rights obligations, and to render the law of international responsibility effective when civilians commit systemic violations of IHL.

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Development & Cooperation



WORLD BANK

CHAPITRE D'OUVRAGE COLLECTIF

Le droit du développement, un cheminement bien personnel: évolution et accroissement de ce corpus de normes à la Banque mondiale grâce aux initiatives d'anciens Présidents du groupe de la Banque mondiale

Ce chapitre de Gabrielle Marceau et **André-Philippe Ouellet**, doctorant en droit international, rend compte des initiatives prises par trois anciens présidents du groupe de la Banque mondiale, initiatives ayant étendu le champ d'action de cette organisation ainsi que la définition de ce que constitue le droit du développement au sein de la Banque mondiale et au-delà (dans *Le droit international du développement, évolution ou révolution? Hommage au professeur Hervé Cassin*, P. F. Mercure, dir., Pedone, octobre 2024). Les initiatives prises par George Woods, Robert McNamara et James Wolfensohn forment le cœur du chapitre et se voient complétées par une analyse du cadre juridique de la Banque en lien avec les initiatives et leur qualification en droit. Ce chapitre exemplifie ainsi la contribution qu'un seul individu peut avoir sur le développement de tout un champ du droit. Pour ne nommer qu'un seul président, McNamara aura étendu l'activité de la Banque dans les secteurs de l'éducation, de la nutrition et plus généralement de la santé grâce à de nouveaux départements, le développement humain étant une condition nécessaire afin d'en arriver au *développement* économique et plus largement. Néanmoins, pour important qu'il soit, le développement économique a parfois pu se faire aux dépens des droits humains ou de la volonté des populations locales. De nombreuses critiques ont en effet été formulées, notamment en lien avec la protection de l'environnement, mais les organisations s'adaptent et, sans être parfait, le cadre environnemental de la Banque est désormais l'un des plus complets à l'échelle des organisations internationales.

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PHD THESIS IN INTERNATIONAL HISTORY AND POLITICS, 2024

Zionism in Development: A Family Microhistory

David Motzafi-Haller examines the social history of development in the late colonial and early post-colonial era through the lens of family history. Focusing on the everyday lives of middle-ranking Zionist Jewish employees of Solel Boneh, a major Israeli construction company, he argues that kinship relationships, household economics, and family strategies were crucial for

capitalising on opportunities and achieving upward mobility in the developing world. It thus addresses scholarly neglect of family in understanding international development and sociologises and historicises the concept of the “development expert”. His research highlights the transnational nature of class formation and the interconnectivity of nation-building projects in the transition from empire to nation-state. The political and economic history of Zionism cannot be confined to events within historical Palestine. Solel Boneh’s extensive work across multiple countries underscores the transnational nature and global contexts of Zionist and Israeli development. Adopting a microhistorical approach, the study provides insight into the daily lives and professional trajectories of individuals involved in the development encounter, shedding light on the social makeup and shifting status groups within the international developer class.

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Human Rights, Humanitarianism, Justice & Inclusion



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Refugees in the Making: Durable Marks of the Nansen Passport in Contemporary Humanitarian Governance

Present categorical distinctions between (vulnerable) refugees and (invulnerable) migrants justify the differentiation not only of the legitimacy for international protection of people in

displacement, but also of mobility. It is through such distinctions that “third-country resettlement” becomes accessible to some, while excluding others. Through a combination of archival data concerning the first legal refugee identity document in 1922, known as the Nansen passport, and ethnographic fieldwork carried out in Jordan with Syrian asylum seekers in 2021–2022, **Hanna Berg**, PhD Researcher in Anthropology and Sociology, unsettles such misleading stability of categories by exploring how category makings from about a hundred years ago bear on humanitarian governance in the present (in *Governing Migration through Paperwork: Legitimation Practices, Exclusive Inclusion and Differentiation*, S. Andreetta and L.M. Borrelli, Berghahn Books, August 2024).

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Gender, Diversity, Race & Intersectionality

ARTICLE

Depo-Provera, Class, Race, and the Domiciliary Family Planning Services in Glasgow and Haringey, 1970–1983



In 1976, the Committee of Safety of Medicines (CSM) in Britain authorised the contraceptive injectable Depo-Provera (DP) for short-term use and for two main reasons only: if a woman had received a rubella vaccine or if her partner had just undergone a vasectomy. Although officially authorised on restricted grounds only, the drug appears to have been widely prescribed by doctors of the Domiciliary Family Planning

Services (DFPS). **Caroline Rusterholz** and Laura Kelly take the prescription of DP in the DFPS of Haringey, a multiracial neighbourhood in London, and Glasgow as a comparative case-study to explore the intersections of medical authority, race, and class (in *The Historical Journal*, online October 2024). Drawing on the archives of the Wellcome Collection, London, and the NHS Archives of the Mitchell Library in Glasgow, they show that the DFPS offered the ideal setting to test and prescribe Depo-Provera widely. In the hands of the medical profession, the drug at times became a tool of violence towards women from disadvantaged backgrounds. This article thus contributes to the wider, global history of DP, and illustrates how racist, classist, and ableist prejudices could shape family planning services in the British context.

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Under the Shadow of Legality: A Shadow Hauntology on the Legal Construction of the Women, Peace and Security agenda

Considered a landmark in feminist international politics, the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda of the UN Security Council has been the object of many feminist explorations. Feminist legal scholars, however, have grappled with the “shadowy” legality of the agenda, mostly analysing it as an “unsuccessful” legal project: a partial or in-progress legal norm, a defective legal form that attests (and furthers) the exile of inclusion of feminists in international law, or yet a formalistic discussion with lesser impact for feminist activists on the ground. Drawing from Avery Gordon’s considerations on taking shadows seriously in our production of knowledge, **Juliana Santos de Carvalho**, PhD Researcher in International Law and Affiliate at the Gender Centre at the time of writing, proposes, however, that reckoning with the shadows of the WPS’s legality enables a more comprehensive analysis of how the agenda has been a successful legal project in its own way (in *Leiden Journal of International Law*, online October 2024). Offering a “shadow hauntology” for the legal status of the WPS, she zooms in on the competing legality perceptions shared by relevant actors, the (gendered and colonially continuous) shadows that have haunted those perceptions into formation, and how these competing visions have shaped the legality of the WPS as a shadow of its own. Her study then offers an alternative way of studying legality both to feminist legal scholarship and studies on international legal sources more broadly. More concretely, it embraces the irresolvability of the legal status of a norm to take stock of the different legal projects and legality perceptions advanced by feminist actors and gender experts, in an effort to understand, in their own terms, the successes achieved.

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Queer Citizenship in 1990s Britain

The 1990s was a distinctive period in the British queer experience. A perceived rise in violent homophobic attacks marks the decade out, as does the activist culture which emerged to counter it. **George J. Severs**, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Gender Centre, argues that ideas of citizenship became an important vehicle for queer activists, especially when challenging legal inequalities such as the age of sexual consent for gay men (in *Contemporary British History*, online October 2024). Queer citizenship campaigns highlighted the state of legislated inequality for queer Britons which was seen to be worsening during the 1990s. The author examines two main examples of such campaigns, grassroots direct-action movements and legal test cases,

arguing that queer citizenship was an increasingly useful concept for queer activists and campaigners.

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Democracy & Civil Society



EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

The Expansion of Constitutional Protections through International Law

Pragya Surana, PhD Researcher in International Law, looks at how the demand placed by international law on domestic systems can be leveraged by domestic actors such as courts to expand the scope of constitutional and other protections within states, deepening rights

protections over time (in *Research Handbook on International Law and Domestic Legal Systems*, H.P. Aust, H. Krieger and F. Lange, Edward Elgar, online October 2024). She builds on Thomas Franck's "democratic entitlement" argument in a novel way, where international law is not imposed by outsiders but relied upon by progressive actors within domestic societies as a possible bulwark against majoritarianism and authoritarianism.

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Sustainability, Environment, the Anthropocene & SDGs

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



ARTICLE

Complex Interlinkages between the SDGs and Their Importance to African Development

A decade of research since the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) argues that accurately measuring the relations between SDGs allows the identification of systemic leverage points that would unlock the

achievement of the SDG agenda as a whole. While the literature on sustainable development linkages has evolved rapidly, regional variations tend to be overlooked. And yet, **Moira V. Faul**, Executive Director of NORRAG and Senior Lecturer, and Felix Laumann have identified important differences between the SDG interlinkages in Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa in comparison to the World as a whole (in *African Journal for Sustainable Development*, vol. 14, no. 1, November 2024). The accurate identification of these links and regional differences between them hold important consequences for Africa achieving its development goals. The authors found that the observed significant interlinkages, more central SDGs, and nexuses between certain SDGs showed different patterns of variation between sub-Saharan Africa, Africa as a whole and the

World. Leveraging significant interlinkages through policy, planning and practice can contribute to unlocking systemic advances to achieve the full SDG agenda. If regional differences in leverage points are not accurately identified, any policy and practice will be neither effective nor cost-efficient. These findings also indicate that existing evidence on sustainable development that may be appropriate in the Global North may not be directly applicable in Africa, and therefore support contemporary calls for improving knowledge equity and evidence production between Global South and North.

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Diplomacy & Global Governance



ARTICLE

Knowledge Machineries and Their Objects of Expertise: Knowing Bodies, Moves, and Moods through “Mobile Health” Data

Politics of socio-material objects should be examined in relationship with the machineries of knowing these objects are embedded in and also sustain. Objects of expertise are embedded in

discursive constructs, material infrastructures, and relationships that “surround” and permeate their production. In turn, such objects give traction to the machineries of knowing that enable their emergence. **Annabelle Littoz-Monnet** uses the concept of “knowledge machinery”, coined by sociologist of science Karin Knorr-Cetina, to denote a focus on the “machinery” and its “parts” at the same time, or to the “macro” and the “micro”, as highly intertwined and mutually reinforcing in processes of knowledge production (in *Global Studies Quarterly*, vol. 4, no. 3, July 2024). She explores these questions in the context of global health governance, with a specific focus on the politics of mobile health and the data it generates, conceived as an object of expertise of its own kind. She shows, first, that mobile health data have specific characteristics and claims attached to them; they are, in themselves, the turning of bodies and lifestyles into standardised and fully mobile “data units” that feed into data flows. As such, they produce ordering, norming, and governance effects, which do not disrupt but sustain the knowledge machinery of global health.

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The Americas and the United Nations: Reimagining Good Neighborliness for a Global Era (1939–1973)

Scholarly accounts of the engagement between “America” and the United Nations (UN) have often taken two separate approaches. On the one hand, some scholars understand “America” as a synonym for the United States. As such, they interrogate the role of this country in the international organisation as a great power embedded in a North Atlantic geopolitical context. On the other hand, another perspective foregrounds “Latin America” – focusing on the actions of the southern states as an example of the influence of “minor powers” in this international organisation. Rarely, however, are the “Americas” taken in tandem. Conversely, **Daniel R. Quiroga-Villamarin**, PhD Researcher in International Law at the time of writing, provides an account of the UN that places hemispheric relations between these separate understandings of “the Americas” at the forefront of the narrative (1939–1973) (in *The Oxford Handbook of International Law and the Americas*, L. Obregón Tarazona, L. Betancur-Restrepo, J.M. Amaya Castro and D.R. Quiroga-

Villamarín, eds., Oxford University Press, in progress; chapter available online August 2024). Alluding to Hobsbawm's famous quip on Latin America as a "laboratory of historical change," he suggests that the dreams and nightmares of continental "good neighbourliness" served as a template for latter imaginaries of global ordering.

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The Americas in and before a Century of International Criminal Law

Dominant accounts have largely excluded actors from the Americas, other than the United States, from the history of international criminal law. Francisco-José Quintana and **Justina Uriburu**, PhD Researcher in International Law at the time of writing, do not attempt to introduce these exclusions into the established celebratory narrative (in *The Oxford Handbook of International Law and the Americas*, L. Obregón Tarazona, L. Betancur-Restrepo, J.M. Amaya Castro and D.R. Quiroga-Villamarín, eds., Oxford University Press, in progress; chapter available online April 2023). Instead, they explore how and why American actors have promoted, resisted, ignored, been affected, or been ignored by different efforts to implement or expand criminal justice in and through international law since the end of World War I until the present. In this way, their chapter presents a counter-history of international criminal law in and from the Americas, unveiling overlooked discontinuities and illuminating the changing political stakes involved in these projects.

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Global Starvation Governance and International Law

Lys Kulamadayil, NSNF Ambizione Fellow, reflects on the concept of starvation in international law, and argues that contemporary understandings have been distorted by the classification of "famine" in purely technical terms, obscuring the intentional use of starvation as a tactic of war, erasure and genocide (in *TWAILR: Reflections*, October 2024).

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VIDEOS | DEMOCRACY WEEK 2024 | ALBERT HIRSCHMAN CENTRE ON DEMOCRACY

Dans le cadre de la Semaine de la démocratie 2024, le Centre Albert Hirschman sur la démocratie (AHCD) a (co)organisé les événements suivants:

– **Democracy and Media: The 2024 US Election and Its Aftermath**

On 10 October, **Rodney Benson**, Professor in the Department of Media, Culture, and Communication at New York University, gave a keynote speech on key characteristics of the US media landscape, how these might impact the campaign and election, and thus impact the state of democracy in the US and globally after the 5 November presidential election. The speech was followed by a panel discussion with **Jussi**

Hanhimaki, Professor of International History and Politics, Geneva Graduate Institute; **Irene Khan**, UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of opinion and expression and Distinguished Fellow and Research Associate, AHCD; and **Stephanie Nebehay**, Journalist, former Reuters' Geneva Bureau Chief and Contributor to weekly Geneva Observer (moderator).

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– **Démocratie, médias et lutte contre la polarisation: quel rôle pour la philanthropie?**

Le 8 octobre, cette conférence s'est penchée sur la polarisation croissante des débats publics qui caractérise les démocraties contemporaines, un sujet à la fois politique et sociétal. Dans ce contexte, comment aborder le rôle des acteurs publics, philanthropiques et médiatiques? Les participant·es étaient **Delphine Bachmann**, conseillère d'Etat, République et canton de Genève; **Esther Mamarbachi**, porte-parole du Département de l'économie et de l'emploi, République et canton de Genève; **Laura Bullon-Cassis**, chercheuse postdoctorante, AHCD; **Pascal Sciarini**, professeur, Département de sciences politiques et relations internationales, et doyen, Faculté des sciences de la société, Université de Genève; **Pascal Crittin**, Directeur de la Radio Télévision Suisse (RTS); **Micheline Louis-Courvoisier**, professeure à l'Institut éthique, histoire et humanités (Faculté de médecine, Université de Genève) et membre du Conseil de fondation de la Fondation Leenaards; et **Marie Wyss**, directrice Suisse Romande, SwissFoundations.

[En savoir plus et regarder la vidéo >](#)

– **Le procès fictif de l'intelligence artificielle dans la démocratie**

Le 11 octobre, un événement original a clôturé le programme du AHCD pour la Semaine de la démocratie 2024: un procès fictif de l'intelligence artificielle (IA). Présidé par Me **Nicolas Capt**, avocat et expert en droit des médias, il a mis en scène un procès visant à examiner le rôle de l'IA dans nos systèmes démocratiques.

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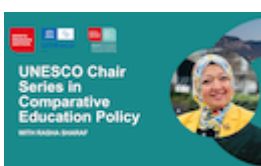


VIDEO | EVENT HIGHLIGHTS | NORRAG

Launch NSI 10 – Education for Societal Transformation: Alternatives for a Just Future

On 23 October, NORRAG Global Education Centre launched *Education for Societal Transformation: Alternatives for a Just Future*. The launch was chaired by **Chanwoong Baek**, NORRAG's Academic Director, and introduced by the sociologist **Rezan Benatar** and the American University Professor **Michael Gibbons**, two of this edition's guest editors.

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



VIDEO | EVENT HIGHLIGHTS | UNESCO CHAIR SERIES IN COMPARATIVE EDUCATION POLICY | NORRAG

With Rasha Sharaf

On 7 October, NORRAG Global Education Centre co-hosted its first session of the UNESCO Chair Series in Comparative Education Policy. Chaired by **Chanwoong Baek**, chair holder and Academic Director of NORRAG, this hybrid session first explored the thematic focuses of NORRAG and the UNESCO Chair in Comparative Education Policy on

the use of evidence and data in education policy, and then introduced the newly launched UNESCO Chair Series. The distinguished guest speaker, Professor **Rasha Sharaf**, led the lecture, emphasising how the promising and glittery future of international agendas has a controversial and contradictory relationship with the ground realities in the Global South.

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



WORLD TEACHERS DAY 2024 | ONLINE DISCUSSION | NORRAG & EIE HUB

Are Teachers Valued in Education in Emergencies Settings? What We Know and How We Address the Challenges

On 1 October, this event took UNESCO's *Global Report on Teachers* as a scene setter, acknowledging the compounding effect of teacher shortages on children, youth, and adolescents amidst increasing conflict, forced displacement, and climate-related risks. Three guests, based on their organisation's research and programming, were invited to respond to the opening prompt: "Are teachers valued in emergency settings? What we know and how we address the challenges." Following initial remarks, members were invited to participate in the discussion that explores the politics, policies, and practices that define teachers' work and education outcomes in emergency settings. Speakers were **Danni Falk**, Education Researcher, ERICC / International Rescue Committee; **Petra Heusser**, Executive Director, Geneva Global Hub for Education in Emergencies (EiE Hub); **Chris Henderson**, Education in Emergencies Specialist, NORRAG – Facilitator; **Nina Papadopoulos**, Senior Advisor, UNHCR; and **Carlos Vargas Tamez**, Head of the Secretariat, UNESCO Taskforce on Teachers for Education 2030.

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VIDEO | UN HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE | GLOBAL HEALTH CENTRE

Are Current Conflicts a Game Changer?

On 9 October, the Global Health Centre's International Geneva Global Health Platform co-hosted with the Global Antibiotic Research & Development Partnership and the Permanent Mission of Barbados to the UN Office and other international organisations in Geneva a panel discussion to discuss the outcomes of the September UNGA high-level negotiations on antimicrobial resistance, and how policymakers, international organisations, patient organisations, and civil society can take action to support mitigation of this major global health risk.

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VIDEOS | "EMOTIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW" PROJECT

Launch of the Series Emotions and International Law Interviews

Emotions and International Law is a SNSF-funded project led by Associate Professor **Anne Saab** with Postdoctoral Resercher **Aliki Semertzi** and PhD Researcher **Portia Karegeya**. Its central objective is to open up a new field of study on emotions and international law and thereby to help adapt the field of international law to address today's complex global problems. As part of its activities, different scholars engaged with international law or law and emotions were interviewed,

including **Valentin Jeutner**, **Sharyn Roach Anleu** and **Susan Bandes**.
[Consult the playlist >](#)



VIDEO | INAUGURAL LECTURE | NAGULENDRAN CHAIR IN PEACE MEDIATION

Peace Mediation in Times of Radical Uncertainty

On 18 September, **Achim Wennmann**, Professor of Practice for the Interdisciplinary Programme and the Institute's Director for Strategic Partnerships, gave the inaugural lecture as **Nagulendran Chair in Peace Mediation**. In the context of a changing strategic landscape, he reflected on the fundamentals and frontlines of peace mediation, and on how this sector should adapt to an era of radical uncertainty.

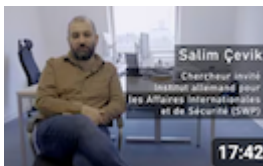
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VIDÉOS | RENCONTRE ANNUELLE DE LA CHAIRE OLTRAMARE 2024

Religion, politique et migration: perspectives comparatives

La conférence annuelle de la Chaire Yves Oltramare s'est déroulée du 7 au 9 octobre dernier. La conférence inaugurale «Pour un droit des exilés: religion, droit et sentiments au XVIIe siècle» par **Naïma Ghermani**, professeure d'histoire moderne à l'Université de Grenoble Alpes, les divers ateliers et la conférence de clôture «Corps, arts et migrations» par **Silvia Maef**, professeure à l'Unité d'arabe de l'Université de Genève", sont disponibles sur la [playlist de la chaire](#).



VIDÉO | À POINT NOMMÉ | CHAIRE OLTRAMARE

La confrérie Gülen: de l'allié de l'AKP au discrédit

Salim Çevik, chercheur invité à l'Institut allemand pour les affaires internationales et de sécurité, est interviewé sur la confrérie Gülen et ses rapports avec les autres groupes religieux en Turquie.

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PODCAST | GLOBAL HEALTH CENTRE

Defending Progress: Challenges and Opportunities of the Health and Human Rights Intersection

On the occasion of the Human Rights Platform's Annual Conference taking place on 5 November at the Geneva Graduate Institute, the Global Health Centre's International Geneva Global Health Platform is pleased to invite **Helena Nygren-Krug**, Senior Advisor at UNAIDS, for a two-part podcast where we unpack the relationship between health and human rights and assess the challenges but also opportunities of this relationship in a changing global context. In the [first episode](#), we discuss the essential links between health and human rights and examine the role of human rights in contemporary health politics. In the [second episode](#), we reflect on the mutual impacts of health and human rights in the context of current crises and their role in multilateral governance negotiations.



PODCAST | WHO IS VOTING IN 2024 E7 | ALBERT HIRSCHMAN CENTRE ON DEMOCRACY

Who Is the US Electorate?

By principle, the US electorate is composed of all American citizens eligible to vote – a fundamental democratic right enshrined in the Constitution. The electorate should represent the entirety of the adult

population, regardless of race, class, gender, or political affiliation. However, in practice, the picture of the American electorate is far more complicated. Who is truly the US electorate? With co-host **Laura Bullon-Cassis** and guests **Shilpa Jindia**, Fellow at the Campaign Legal Center (CLC), and **Benjamin Goldfrank**, Professor of Political Science at Seton Hall University.

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KIX EMAP PODCAST E28 | NORRAG

Education Cannot Stop – Ukraine’s Experience

This episode, hosted by **Ryan Allen**, Assistant Professor, Soka University of America (USA), features **Albina Tsiatkovska**, Director General for International Cooperation at the Ministry of Education and Science in Ukraine. Albina discusses the challenges to education during the war and the actions taken by the Ministry of Education and Science to respond to the emergency needs and plan for the future.

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Awarded Grants

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Caring on the Frontlines: Addressing Safety, Equity, and Economic Vulnerabilities of Community Health Care Workers in Eastern DRC Using a Transdisciplinary Approach

Imagine falling sick in a village amidst a prolonged armed conflict, with no hospital in sight. Who will take care of you? This transdisciplinary research project focuses on community health workers (CHWs) in the South Kivu province, Eastern DR Congo, who serve as a bridge between underserved communities and the health system. CHWs provide essential care, education, and support to their communities, often in challenging, resource-limited conditions. Their role is vital to community health and well-being; however, they are frequently taken for granted, are physically harassed, and their work is hardly remunerated. Combining ethnographic fieldwork with quantitative surveys, particularly examining gender dynamics and violence, the project aims to better understand the lived realities of CHWs and subsequently to develop a safety toolkit, refined through participatory design sessions, to ensure it meets the needs of CHWs – especially women –, enhancing their safety, recognition, and economic stability.

This SNIS project is coordinated by Christophe Pimmer and Giovanfrancesco Ferrari at the Swiss TPH, with funding for the Geneva Graduate Institute supporting the participation of **Silke Oldenburg**, Senior Researcher in the Global Governance Centre, as a principal member of the team.

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Awarded Prizes

Nora Magdalena Diethelm wins the Global Migration Award

Nora Magdalena Diethelm wins the Global Migration Centre's Global Migration Award for her master dissertation in International and Development Studies, "**Rightful Voices: Refugee Participation in Humanitarian Programming: The Example of CARE International in the Azraq Camp**". She identifies the drivers and constraints of refugee participation in humanitarian programming and examines CARE's mechanisms in the Azraq camp to facilitate such participation. While there are few compelling incentives for organisations to implement participation, numerous constraints, including legal restrictions and structural issues in the sector, hinder refugees' influence on humanitarian activities.




The dissertation will soon be published within the Global Migration Research Paper Series.

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Upcoming PhD Defences




 Tuesday 12 Nov
 10:00–12:00
 Room S9, Pétale 2

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/POLITICAL SCIENCE

Oligopoly of Violence: The Reconfiguration of Order in Syria

By **Bilal Salayme**. Committee members: Professor Keith Krause, thesis director; Assistant Professor Christiana Parreira, president of the committee and internal reader; Professor Jana Krause, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo, Norway, external reader.

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 Friday 15 Nov
 14:00–16:00
 Room S9, Pétale 2

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/POLITICAL SCIENCE

Anti-Natalist Violence: Forced Sterilizations, Political Violence, and Coloniality in Peru

By **Ximena Osorio Garate**. Committee members: Professor Elisabeth Prügl, thesis director; Associate Professor Nicole Bourbonnais, president of the committee and internal reader; Professor Laura Sjoberg, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, UK, external reader.

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 Monday 18 Nov
 16:00–18:00
 Room S9, Pétale 2

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

Essays on Corporate Saving

By **Allan Gregory Ward Auclair**. Committee members: Professor Cédric Tille, thesis supervisor; Professor Nathan Sussman, president of the committee and internal reader; Professor Oleg Itskhoki, Department of Economics, Harvard University, USA, external reader.

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 Mardi 19 nov
 14:00–15:00
 Salle S9, Pétale 2

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La délimitation maritime entre États dont les côtes sont adjacentes

Par **Najib Messihi**. Membres du jury: Marcelo Kohen, professeur, directeur de thèse; Zachary Douglas, professeur, président du jury et examinateur interne; Rolf Einar Fife, ambassadeur, membre de la Commission de droit international de l'ONU, examinateur externe.

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