

Research Bulletin

Upcoming events, latest publications and other research activities

23 May 2022 (no. 6, 2022)

Upcoming Research Events

23 Monday

CCDP RESEARCH SEMINAR
Basil Abdelrazeq Yaseen Farraj | Molding Consciousness: Palestinian Political Prisoners and the Post-Oslo Moment
16:30–17:45 hybrid

24 Tuesday

VILFREDO PARETO SEMINAR | IE DEP.
Isabela Manelici | Responsible Sourcing? Theory and Evidence from Costa Rica
12:15 - 13:30 Petal 1 Room S5

HISTORY BRUNCH
Achim Merlo | The Rising Sun And A Rising Europe: Japan–European Community Relations On The Way To Maastricht (1973–1993)
12:30–13:30 hybrid

75TH WHA SIDE EVENT | GHC
Expanding Vaccine Manufacturing in Latin America & The Caribbean: A Roadmap to Equitable Access
13:00–15:00 hybrid

IHP FORUM
Christophe Bourseiller | La survie de la collaboration dans la France de l'après-guerre, 1944–1954
16:15–18:00 hybrid

PANEL DISCUSSION | GHC, WHO & GOVERNMENTS OF CROATIA AND MEXICO
A Different Scale: Global Action to Address Obesity
19:00–20:30 hybrid

25 Wednesday

GGC & IISD
Geneva SDG Community Coffee: Young People Driving Climate Action
08:30–09:30 Room S4

CONFÉRENCE | GGC
Jean-Marie Ehouzou | Quel avenir pour le multilatéralisme africain ? / What Future for African Multilateralism?
18:00–19:30 Auditorium Ivan Pictet

26 Thursday

NO EVENTS

27 Friday

NO EVENTS

AHCD
AHCD PHD Colloquium
16:15–18:00 Room S1

PUBLIC LECTURE | AHCD
Challenges for Women in the International Justice System | Hilary Charlesworth
18:30–20:00 online

VILFREDO PARETO SEMINAR | IE DEP.
Christian Volpe Martincus | Linkages with Multinationals: The Effects on Domestic Firms' Exports
12:15 - 13:30 Petal 1 Room S5

DISCUSSION | CO-HOSTED BY GGC, CIES & MINT
Environmental Protection in Antarctica: Temptations and Accountability
13:00–15:00 online

PANEL DISCUSSION | AHCD
The Chilean Coup and Its Global Impact: 1973–2023
17:00–19:00 hybrid

JUNE

HISTORY BRUNCH
Atiya Hussain | The Undivided Rupee: Partition and the Monetary Transformation of British India
12:30–13:30 hybrid

BOOK LAUNCH | CTEI & GTP
James Bacchus | Trade Links: New Rules for a New World
15:00–16:00
President Wilson Hotel

NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE THEORY & HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW | DAY 1 | GGC
Political Economy, History, & International Law
16:30–18:00 Room S8

BOOK LAUNCH | ANSO DEP.
Patricia Spyer | Orphaned Landscapes
18:00–20:00
Auditorium A2

NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE THEORY & HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW | DAY 2 | GGC
Political Economy, History, & International Law
10:15–18:00 Room S8

CCDP RESEARCH SEMINAR
Alyssa Yamamoto | Closing Civic Space: The Misuse of Counter-Terrorism Financing Measures against Human Rights Defenders
16:30–17:45 hybrid

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MONOGRAPHIE

L'énergie de l'État: pour une sociologie historique et comparée du politique

Comment penser l'ébranlement qu'a suscité le passage, aux XIXe et XXe siècles, d'un monde d'empires, gouvernant par la différence ethnique et religieuse, à un système d'États-nations, imposant une uniformisation culturelle et une conception

exclusive de la citoyenneté? Question fondamentale à laquelle **Jean-François Bayart** apporte une réponse originale, en montrant qu'un tel processus a nourri des logiques souvent présentées comme contradictoires, mais en réalité synergiques: la mondialisation, l'universalisation de l'État-nation et la généralisation de consciences identitaristes (La Découverte, mars 2022). Le basculement d'un type de domination à un autre sous-tend nombre de conflits contemporains et de retours de flamme nationalistes.

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Peace, War, Conflicts & Security



ARTICLE

Redefining Global Jihad and Its Termination: The Subjugation of al-Qaeda by Its Former Franchise in Syria

Although the globalisation of jihad has proceeded in several stages from the mobilisation against the Soviet Union in Afghanistan in the 1980s to Islamic State's current campaign, the end of global jihad

is less understood, including the conditions in which *jihadi* groups could reject al-Qaeda (AQ) or Islamic State (IS). **Jerome Drevon**, Visiting Lecturer in International relations/Political Science and Research Associate at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, and Patrick Haenni examine this question through the trajectory of a former AQ franchise, *jabhat al-nusra* (JaN), that became *hay'at tahrir al-sham* (HTS) in 2017 (in *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, online April 2022). They argue that global jihad is not absolute and that it exists on a spectrum of four interconnected dimensions that can be disaggregated. In Syria, JaN was only partially globalist when it emerged. Its rejection of IS and AQ resulted from its opposition to their strategic objectives against the backdrop of the evolution of the Syrian conflict, which eroded JaN's globalism and made it particularly costly.

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ARTICLE

International Weapons Trafficking from the United States of America: A Crime Script Analysis of the Means of Transportation

Using a crime script analysis, **Nicolas Florquin**, of the Small Arms Survey, and others at the École des sciences criminelles of the University of Lausanne (UNIL) aim to document how smugglers operate when they traffic arms from the US to foreign countries (in *Global Crime*, online May 2022). Their study is based on an analysis of 66 cases that have been judged by US courts (2008–2017). The criminal activities involved are detailed in a series of distinct scenes, according to Cornish's theory. Five scripts have been developed, based on the means of transport used by the traffickers: road transport, commercial airlines, postal services, freight transport and crossing the border on foot. Results suggest that most criminals prefer to operate according to an established modus operandi. This commonality suggests that the potential exists for the professionalisation of this criminal activity.

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Matt Schroeder, of the Small Arms Survey, contributed the initial dataset of court cases analysed in the article and provided inputs at the initial stages of this research.

RESEARCH PAPER

Bertha von Suttner: Locating International Law in Novel and "Salon"

In this portrait of Bertha von Suttner, **Janne Nijman** brings us to study sources traditionally not considered relevant within the scope of international legal history (ASSER Research Paper no. 2022-5, February 2022). That is, female diaries and a bestselling novel, *Die Waffen Nieder!* (1889), which has a female protagonist. Not allowed access to the formal sessions of the 1899 and 1907 Hague Peace Conferences, Suttner resorted to a typical female practice to influence intellectual and political debates. As *Salonnière* in The Hague during these Conferences, she created an informal social space for frank conversations among the small cosmopolitan elite of diplomats, journalists and international legal experts to influence negotiations and to contribute to the "peace through law" project. Locating international law in her novel and Salon, this portrait connects loosely with a more socio-legal and materialist approach to international legal history. It shows Suttner held a rather well-developed – and at times fairly sceptical – outlook on international law.

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Forthcoming in Immi Tallgren, ed., Portraits of Women in International Law: New Names and Forgotten Faces?, Oxford University Press, 2022.

TWO RESEARCH PAPERS

– Business in Complex Environments: Entry-Points for Peace-Supporting Investments

The "complex environment" is a label to describe an operations context that different constituencies give different names. Business might call these environments "emerging" or "frontier" markets; multilateral donors or governments might call the same places "fragile states" or "least developed" or "developing countries". The "complex environment" is a useful analytic category because it unites a diverse set of actors on the same question: How do we make sense of the environment in which we operate? By drawing on the research in economics, political economy and the social sciences, **Achim Wennmann**, Director of Strategic Partnerships and Senior Researcher at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, describes the political and economic dynamics that are shaping complex environments and that are relevant for investment in countries affected by, or emerging from, violent conflict (PDI Research Paper no. 1, Peace Dividend Initiative and Geneva Graduate Institute,

November 2021).

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– Accompaniment Mechanisms for Peace-Supporting Investments: Strategic Elements and Lessons Learned

Achim Wennmann sketches key strategic elements for accompanying mechanisms for private investments in complex environments and distils lessons learned from practical experiences (PDI Research Paper no. 2, Peace Dividend Initiative and Geneva Graduate Institute, December 2021). Key highlights are: 1) Successful accompaniment mechanisms focus on the most acute risk factors of conflict and violence and opportunities for peace, and on sustained institutional support by an honest broker over longer periods of time. 2) Investors can draw upon a multitude of instruments developed in the field of private peace diplomacy over the last three decades: verification mechanisms, community dialogues, networks of insider mediators, brain trusts, infrastructures for peace... 3) Positive results of accompaniment mechanisms tend to emerge from stepping outside of formal, top-down approaches reaching out to atypical actors and conflict management systems and institutions that are based on the foundations of those functioning parts of society that are found in even the most fragile contexts.

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Sustainability, Environment, the Anthropocene & SDGs



EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

Environmental Regulations in the Mining Sector and Their Effect on Technological Innovation

Using a panel dataset of 31 countries over 1990–2015, combining measures of EPS recently developed by the OECD, OECD data on mining sector productivity and WIPO mining environmental patent-filing

data, Maxwell Andersen and **Joëlle Noailly**, Head of Research of the Centre for International Environmental Studies and Lecturer in International Economics, provide an overview of the mining sector's relationship with the environment, environmental consequences of the extraction of the most economically important and prevalent minerals, and an overview of environmental regulation in each country, including mining-sector-specific regulations and more general environmental regulations, and mining environmental patent-filing patterns (in *Global Challenges for Innovation in Mining Industries*, A. Daly and others, eds., Cambridge University Press, online April 2022). The literature surrounding country-level environmental patent filing and the (weak) Porter hypothesis is reviewed, followed by a description of the dataset, its construction, summary statistics, and results of the central regression analyses.

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EDITED BOOK AND CHAPTER

Politics of Urban Planning: Exploring Urban Change in South Asia

Edited and **introduced** by Luca Pattaroni, Amita Bhide and **Christine Lutringer**, Executive Director and Senior Researcher at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, this is the first book to cover one of the major planning controversies in

India (Springer, March 2022). Christine Lutringer is also the author, with Salomé Houllier-Binder, of the chapter

Politics of Categories

The act of mapping entails drawing, naming and populating categories. These categories exist in urban planning both as a planning tool and as a political and economic tool. The authors explore how this double dimension, and the tension between the two aspects, are revealed by the controversies and struggles around the Mumbai Development Plan (DP). How were DP categories produced, used, owned and contested by diverse social and economic interests in order to gain control over certain aspects of the city? As categories contribute to producing and maintaining an urban “order”, the politics of categories are analysed in relation to the trajectories of urban growth. Recognising the fluidity of urban space in everyday practices, the authors conclude with a reflection on the role of boundaries in contemporary forms of politics.

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EXPERT'S REPORT

World Migration Report Digital Toolkit for Policy Officials: Insights from Policy Officials Working on International Migration at the Country Level and at Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva

To maximise the use of migration research and analysis for policy officials working on international migration, the International Organization for Migration's Migration Research Division and the Graduate Institute's Global Migration Centre partnered to develop a digital toolkit for policy officials that draws on the contents of the IOM flagship World Migration Report series and associated products (e.g. interactive data platform). The **first phase of this project** is completed. It was led by **Cecilia Cannon**, Researcher at the Global Governance Centre and Co-director of the Executive Master in International Negotiation and Policy-making, and involved **Rodolfo Ribeiro Coutinho Marques**, PhD Researcher in International Law, who gathered insights from policy officials working on international migration at the country level and at Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva.

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THEMATIC ISSUE

Governing Migration for Development from the Global Souths

Edited and **introduced** by **Dêlidji Eric Degila** and Valeria Marina Valle, the 14th thematic volume of *International Development Policy* provides perspectives through case studies from the global South(s), focusing on the challenges and opportunities

of governing migration for development. 14 chapters by 30 authors from all continents explore existing and new policies and frameworks in terms of their successes and best practices, and look at them through the lens of additional challenges, such as those brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the rise of nationalisms and an increase in xenophobia.

Read the issue in open access.

Paperback version forthcoming at **Brill**, Autumn 2022.


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Education, Information & Media



WORKING PAPER

The Colonial Legacy of Education: Evidence from of Tunisia

What is the effect of exposure to colonial public primary education on contemporary education outcomes in Tunisia? **Mhamed Ben Salah**, PhD Researcher in Development Economics, Cédric Chambru and Maleke Fourati assemble a new

dataset on the location of schools with the number of pupils by origin, along with population data during the French protectorate (1881–1956), and match those with contemporary data on education at both district and individual level (Working Paper / Department of Economics no. 411, University of Zurich, May 2022). They find that the exposure of the local population to colonial public primary education has a long-lasting effect on educational outcomes, even when controlling for colonial investments in education. They suggest that the efforts undertaken by the Tunisian government after independence to promote schooling finally paid off after 40 years and overturned the effects of history.

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Development & Cooperation



PHD THESIS IN ANTHROPOLOGY AND
SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT

Tensions, Disorientation, and Search for Moral Grounds: Development Driven Order and Conflicting Value Systems in Kyrgyzstan

In 2016–2018, **Aikokul Arzieva** conducted a multi-sited ethnography to explore how her fellow Kyrgyz people

experience and make sense of “development”. When development values and norms are disseminated without proper consideration of the historical context, the diversity

of cultural philosophies and the heterogeneity of people within those cultures and knowledge systems, development tends to produce tensions and conflicts, argues Dr Arzieva, who hopes her PhD thesis (February 2022) will invite policymakers to rethink how to engage with human lives without trapping them into predefined categories and methods.

Read an **interview with Dr Arzieva** about her research and findings.

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Digital Technologies & Artificial Intelligence



ARTICLE

Circular Specifications and “Predicting” with Information from the Future: Errors in the Empirical SAOM–TERGM Comparison of Leifeld & Cranmer

In this article of *Network Science* (vol. 10, no. 4, March 2022), **James Hollway** and others review the empirical comparison of

Stochastic Actor-oriented Models (SAOMs) and Temporal Exponential Random Graph Models (TERGMs) by **Leifeld & Cranmer (2019)** in the same journal. When specifying their TERGM, Philip Leifeld and Skyler Cranmer use exogenous nodal attributes calculated from the outcome networks’ observed degrees instead of endogenous ERGM equivalents of structural effects as used in the SAOM. This turns the modelled endogeneity into circularity and obtained results are tautological. In consequence, their out-of-sample predictions using TERGMs are based on out-of-sample information and thereby predict the future using observations from the future. Thus, their analysis rests on erroneous model specifications that invalidate the article’s conclusions. Finally, beyond these specific points, the reviewers argue that their evaluation metric – tie-level predictive accuracy – is unsuited for the task of comparing model performance.

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CONFERENCE PAPER

A Hybrid Text Analysis Method for Comparing Contextual Specificity in Political Documents

One of the most problematic phenomena in text analyses of corpora of political documents such as speeches or position papers is that of contextual specificity. For example, both the referent and the valence of terms such as “tightening” or “hardliner” differ not only by domain, say monetary vs. foreign policy, but also by specific issue, speaker, and time period. To address this issue, **David Sylvan, Jean-Louis Arcand** and Ashley Thornton present a hybrid machine learning method based on training a semantic parser on human-annotated text (paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 30 September–3 October 2021). Applied to two extensive corpora of policy announcements – one by the Federal Reserve Board on monetary policy, the other by the US State Department and the White House on relations with Russia – made by dozens of

speakers/authors, over decades, and on a variety of particular issues, the hybrid method is able to “predict” contextually specific details of newspaper articles about those announcements, such as the nature of the action being announced, the motives seen as underlying it, and how the action itself is viewed.

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Trade, Finance, Economies & Work



ARTICLE

Keynesian Metageography and Its Afterlives

After drawing parallels between the methods of mapping and those of economic modelling, **Carolyn Biltoft** seeks to uncover the implicit world map in J. M. Keynes’s 1933 essay “National Self-Sufficiency” (in *Critical Historical Studies*,

vol. 8, no. 1, Spring 2021). A close reading of that essay demonstrates that Keynes’s articulation of the concept of the national economy rested on a specific political-economic geography, which often obscured a view of the global and indeed imperial distribution of power and resources. The author then suggests that those epistemological and spatial assumptions helped shape the conceptual infrastructure on which subsequent models of macroeconomic intervention grew after World War II.

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WORKING PAPER

Long-Term Debt Sustainability in Emerging Market Economies: A Counterfactual Analysis

The 2015 Addis Ababa Action Agenda recognised the need for policies aimed at maintaining long-term debt sustainability. **Ugo Panizza** describes a set of commonly used definitions of debt sustainability and shows that none of them focuses on long-term debt sustainability. He then discusses several practical and conceptual difficulties linked to assessing solvency in developing and emerging countries (International Economics Department Working Paper no. 7, April 2022). Do countries default because they borrow too much, or because investors think that they will default and this expectation becomes self-fulfilling? To answer this question, the author uses a sample of 17 emerging market countries over 1970–2020 to build counterfactual debt levels under the assumption that these countries had continuous access to the international capital market without paying any premium over US Treasuries. The exercise shows that most debt crises are not driven by solvency issues.

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Clean Energy Access: Gender Disparity, Health, and Labour Supply

Women bear a disproportionate share of the health and time burden associated with lack of access to modern energy. Anjali P. Verma and **Imelda** study the impact of clean energy access on adult health and labour supply outcomes by exploiting a

nationwide rollout of a clean cooking fuel programme in Indonesia International (Economics Department Working Paper no. 11, May 2022). They find that access to clean cooking fuel led to an improvement in women's health and an increase in their work hours. We also find an increase in men's work hours and in their propensity to have an additional job, primarily in those households where women accrued the largest programme benefits.

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Enough Potential Repudiation: Economic and Legal Aspects of Sovereign Debt in the Pandemic Era

Anna Gelpern and **Ugo Panizza** survey recent economic and legal literature on sovereign debt in light of the COVID-19 shock (International Economics Department Working Paper no. 9, April 2022). Most of the core theoretical contributions we review across the two disciplines hinge on immunity, and the sovereign borrower's consequent inability to commit to repay foreign creditors, as the distinguishing attribute of sovereignty. They highlight a persistent gap between sovereign debt theories grounded in immunity and empirical evidence that low- and middle-income country governments borrow far more than theory would predict. On the other hand, advanced economy governments, generally viewed as outside the scope of this literature before the euro area debt crisis, have shown themselves to be far more commitment challenged than previously supposed. The authors conclude that the traditional split between a literature concerned with developing economy sovereigns that repudiate, and one concerned with advanced economies that don't, is no longer appropriate (if it ever was).

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WORKING PAPER

What Drives Long-Term Interest Rates? Evidence from the Entire Swiss Franc History 1852–2020

Using newly compiled financial market data for Switzerland starting in 1852, **Cédric Tille** and others study domestic and international drivers of long-term interest rates (IRENE Working Paper no. 3, Institute of Economic Research, University of Neuchâtel, April 2022). They use a time-varying parameter vector autoregressive model to estimate long-term trends in nominal interest rates, exchange rate growth, and inflation. They then decompose the Swiss long-term interest rate trend into various drivers, using an interest rate accounting framework. The decline in long-term interest rates since 1970 is mainly driven by a decline in the level of inflation. Comparing Switzerland with the rest of the world, the authors show that while Swiss real interest rates were higher during the 19th century, the pattern reversed after World War 2 with Swiss nominal and real rates becoming lower than foreign ones. However, this Swiss "low interest rate island" has disappeared in recent years. The authors document a connection between inflation risk and the Swiss term spread, as well between relative inflation risk and the difference between Swiss and foreign real interest rates.

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THREE POLICY BRIEFS OF THE FORUM ON TRADE, ENVIRONMENT & THE SDGS (TESS)

– Trade and Environment at the World Trade Organization: State of Play and Entry Points

By providing a space for multilateral cooperation, the World Trade Organization (WTO) is an important venue for deliberations and action in support of sustainable trade among a broad diversity of members, including developing countries.

Christophe Bellmann, Head of Policy Analysis and Strategy at TESS, **Carolyn Deere Birkbeck**, Director of TESS and Senior Researcher at the Global Governance Centre, **Marianne Kettunen**, Senior Policy Advisor and Head of Partnerships at TESS, and **Mahesh Sugathan**, Senior Policy Advisor at TESS, provide an update on the trade and environment interface from a WTO governance perspective (April 2022).

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– Trade and Climate Change in the World Trade Organization

Governments have at their disposal a wide range of trade and trade-related policy tools to influence production and consumption patterns in support of climate mitigation and adaptation. **Christophe Bellmann** explores the relationship between trade, climate change, and sustainable development, and the potential for trade policies to help address the climate crisis in the context of international cooperation at the World Trade Organization. He looks at how and where these issues have been discussed in the multilateral trading system and suggests possible options for meaningful cooperation.

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– Biodiversity and International Trade Policy Primer: How Does Nature Fit in the Sustainable Trade Agenda?

Carolyn Deere Birkbeck, Elena Antoni, **Marianne Kettunen** and **Jamie Wang**, Research Assistant, introduce readers to the state of the world's biodiversity, as well as drivers and impacts of biodiversity loss (UK Research and Innovation Global Challenges Research Fund, Trade, Development and the Environment Hub, UN Environment Programme and Forum on Trade, Environment & the SDGs, November 2021). They review international commitments, instruments, nature-related priorities, and the state of play on relevant international policy making on biodiversity. Building on this foundation, they explore linkages between trade flows and biodiversity, including the intersections of trade policy and biodiversity goals. Finally, the authors propose a number of priority areas for enhanced policy dialogue, research and action.

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*TESS – the Forum on Trade, Environment and the SDGs – is a joint initiative of the Graduate Institute and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), aiming to align trade and trade policy with the urgent need for global action on the intersecting crises of climate, nature and pollution, informed by the need for progress on the UN Sustainable Development Goals. **Read more***

ARTICLE

Legal Air Cover

Patrick Bolton, **Ugo Panizza** and Mitu Gulati set forth some options to provide temporary legal protection to debtor countries while they are diverting resources to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic (in *Journal of Financial Regulation*, vol. 7, no. 2, October 2021).

DOI (free access)

*This article is an updated version of International Economics Department Working Paper no. 16, 2020 – see November 2020 **Research Bulletin**.*

ARTICLE

Make-Wholes in Sovereign Bonds

Unnoticed in the literature on sovereign bonds, a number of issuers have begun using “doomsday” or “make-whole” call provisions. These are call options set deep out of the money at issuance. **Ugo Panizza** and Mitu Gulati document the birth and evolution of these provisions in the sovereign market (in *Capital Markets Law*



Human Rights, Humanitarianism, Justice & Inclusion



ARTICLE

Exemplary Lovers: Humanity and Hierarchy in Muslim Philanthropy

Till Mostowlansky, Research Professor and Eccellenza Professorial Fellow in Anthropology and Sociology, analyses how Muslim philanthropists have become part of a sphere of civic engagement that is defined through contact between Muslim

and non-Muslim actors, concepts and exemplary figures (in **Public Anthropologist**, vol. 4, no. 1, online March 2022). With an emphasis on exchanges between England, Iran and Pakistan, he follows the spiritual connections, pilgrimage economy, moral sentiments and hierarchies that inform philanthropic institutions across a broad range of social and geographical spaces.

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PHD THESIS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

Providing Remedy for Corporate Human Rights Abuses Committed Abroad: The Scope and Implementation of Home States' Obligation

In recent years, victims of corporate human rights abuses who are unable to seek and obtain Do home states of transnational corporations have an obligation to provide a remedy for victims whose rights have been infringed by overseas operations of these corporations? And how do recent domestic legislative and judicial responses to various legal barriers, such as the issue of jurisdiction and parent company liability, impact victims' access to home state remedies? **Wubeshet Tiruneh** addresses these two questions in his PhD thesis and suggests recommendations on how states could facilitate victims' access to their respective judicial remedies (March 2022).

Read an **interview with Dr Tiruneh** about his research and findings

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PHD THESIS IN ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT

From Demographic Security to Demographic Resilience: Towards an Anthropology of Multilateral Policymaking in Eastern Europe

In her PhD thesis (2021), **Alanna Armitage** brings an anthropological perspective to demographic security policy and programmes in Eastern Europe, both to understand how excessive claims and crisis narratives on demographic decline are impacting public policy and to enrich the work of the organisation in which she works.

Read an **interview with Dr Armitage** about her research and findings



Gender, Diversity, Race & Intersectionality



ARTICLE

Similar Gaps, Different Paths? Comparing Racial Inequalities among BA Holders in Brazil and the United States

Graziella Moraes Silva and others
compare how racial inequalities are shaped
by school-to-work transitions among
bachelor's degree (BA) holders in Brazil

and the United States and find that distinct paths linking higher education and the job market can drive similar patterns of Black–White earnings gaps (in *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, online April 2022). While the distribution across fields of study matters more for racial earnings inequality in Brazil, differential returns to the same field and occupations are a stronger determinant in the United States. “Linked closure”, that is, the exclusion of Black BA holders from occupations with high levels of linkage to the labour market, is the predominant mechanism in the United States, while a mix between linked closure and “unlinked closure”, that is, the exclusion of Black BA holders from occupations that have weak linkages to fields of study, is more important in Brazil.

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Contraception and Reproduction in Global Conversation

As illustrated by a wave of local, national, and global studies published in the last decade, there is more to the early birth control movement (both globally and within the United States) than Margaret Sanger, and there is more to reproduction than birth control. The four recently published books reviewed by **Nicole Bourbonnais** – **MacNamara 2018**, **Roth 2020**, **Takeuchi-Demirci 2018** and **Theobald 2019** – incorporate but also move past the most well-known advocates and points of political friction, allowing us to see the broader landscape of activism, interests and individual actions that shaped the reproductive continuum in the twentieth century (in *Journal of Women's History*, vol. 33, no. 4, Winter 2021).

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Other Relevant Information



Multimedia



BOOKS | RESEARCH OFFICE

L'énergie de l'État: pour une sociologie historique et comparée du politique

Jean-François Bayart présente son livre *L'énergie de l'État*, paru aux **éditions La Découverte**. Une réflexion sur la transformation du pouvoir des États à travers le temps et les continents assortie d'une critique novatrice de la domination contemporaine et de sa bêtise identitaire.

Regardez la vidéo



ANTONIO CASSESE: THE STUBBORN SPARROW E4 |
INTERNATIONAL LAW

The Human Rights Challenge in Europe: Nino's work at the European University Institute

In the late 1980s, Antonio Cassese ("Nino") contributed to the growth of the protection of human rights in the European Union by leading an impactful research project at the European University Institute (EUI). **Paola Gaeta** and **Antonio Coco** discuss such pioneering work with guest **Andrew Clapham**, an active member of that research project. They get a testimony about that endeavour by **Philip Alston**, who led another study at the EUI together with Joseph Weiler, that eventually contributed to the adoption of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in 2000.

Listen to the podcast



ANTONIO CASSESE: THE STUBBORN SPARROW E5 |
INTERNATIONAL LAW

War Crimes and the ICTY

In October 1995, the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) delivered a decision stating for the first time that war crimes can also be committed in non-international armed conflict. As the first President of the ICTY, Antonio Cassese ("Nino") played a key role in the drafting of the decision and the development of international criminal justice. **Paola Gaeta** and **Antonio Coco** discuss the legacy of this landmark decision and the early days at the ICTY with Professor **Georges Abi-Saab**, who was at that time a Judge serving in the ICTY Appeals Chamber. In an interview given when he was President of the ICTY, Nino explains the challenges to bring criminal cases for war crimes against political and military leaders.

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MOBILE HUMANITARIANS | WEBINAR SERIES BY ALLEGRA

In March and April 2022, **Till Mostowlansky**, Research Professor and Eccellenza Professorial Fellow in Anthropology and Sociology, and **Agnieszka Sobocinska**, a historian at King's College, both members of Allegra, invited 4 anthropologists and historians to discuss their work. Together they thought through humanitarianism and mobility, past and present.

E1 | Building Aidland: Aid Workers and the Creation of a Global Aid Industry in the 1970S

Kevin O’Sullivan, from the National University of Ireland, Galway, author of *The NGO Moment: The Globalisation of Compassion from Biafra to Live Aid*, speaks about aid workers and the creation of a global aid industry in the 1970s.

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E2 | Being like Family: Humanitarian Mobility and Metaphors of Kinship across Asia

Chika Watanabe, from the University of Manchester, discusses her work on the activities of a Japanese NGO, the Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement (OISCA), in Myanmar.

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E3 | Race, Security, and the Contradictions of Humanitarianism

Young-Sun Hong, from Stony Brook University, talks about her long-standing work on German aid to Korea in the Cold War.

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E4 | Mobilities after Displacement

Ann-Christin Zuntz, from the University of Edinburgh, speaks about her research on refugee workers in agricultural businesses in the Middle East and on how their labour relates to mobility and humanitarianism.

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Who Owns Antarctica? The Geopolitics of the 7th Continent

Antarctica, the world’s seventh continent, is seldom in the news. In popular imagination, it is a remote and inaccessible continent that has remained untouched. **Alan Hemmings**, Professor, University of Canterbury, **Sanjay Chaturvedi**, Professor of International Relations, South Asian University, New Delhi, **Rasmus Bertelsen**, Professor of Northern Studies, The Arctic University of Norway, and Nong Hong, Executive Director & Senior Fellow, Institute for China-America Studies, challenge this conventional wisdom, arguing that it ignores not just current developments in Antarctica, but also its history.

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Democracy in the Digital Age

A high-level public event with EU Commissioner **Věra Jourová** tackles the risks of misinformation and disinformation, and

what the EU is doing about them.

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Perspectives on Putin and Russia's Invasion of Ukraine

Shalini Randeria and **Stephen Holmes**, the Walter E. Mayer Professor of Law and co-director of the Center on Law and Security at New York University, discuss how Vladimir Putin's worldview was shaped and explore his possible motives for invading Ukraine. Also examined is the global response to the invasion, which has not been uniform around the world, as well as how the invasion has brought about closer unity between the United States and Europe, which had been drifting apart for some time.

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Stories of the Future: Youth Shaping the Role of Artificial Intelligence in Democracy

With the development of new technologies and new forms of media, existing models of democratic participation are being challenged and reshaped. Starting in September, **Christine Lutringer**, Executive Director and Senior Researcher at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, will lead this two-year project thanks to a CHF 199,152 grant, focusing on active citizenship and political participation in the digital age.

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GENEVA GRADUATE INSTITUTE AND UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA
Rare Voices in Economics Conference – 2nd Edition

This conference will take place on 12–13 September. PhD candidates and postdoctoral researchers are invited to submit a full paper by 29 May. We particularly encourage submissions from underrepresented groups in the academic profession, but we invite everyone to apply. All economics research papers are welcome.

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CENTRE FOR FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT
Histories of Capitalism in Europe and the World

With the support of the Pierre du Bois Foundation and the Department of International History and Politics at the Graduate Institute, the Centre for Finance and Development invites proposals for the second Annual Pierre du Bois Doctoral Workshop to be held in Geneva on 29–30 September. We welcome proposals related to the general topic of the workshop from PhD candidates, postdocs and early-career scholars in history and related disciplines who are registered at any European university. Abstracts of 300–400 words should be submitted by 30 May 2022, along with a short bio mentioning university affiliation.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Real Struggles, High Stakes: Cooperation, Contention, and Creativity

High stakes can produce cooperation as we have seen in the unprecedented mobilisation around women's issues, racial justice, climate change, support for democracy, and, most recently, Ukraine. It can prompt anxiety and contention as it has, for instance, in increasing polarisation and repressive police responses to social protests across many parts of the globe and in Russia's invasion of Ukraine. And, when faced with dire circumstances, people can be quite creative – in caring for others, in generating solidarity, or in understanding and solving problems. The 64th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (ISA), to be held in Montréal on 15–18 March 2023, invites contributions addressing this high-stakes moment and our responses to it.

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 **Submission**
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CENTRE FOR FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Interdisciplinary Conference on Democracy and Finance

This interdisciplinary conference, to be held at the Geneva Graduate Institute on 16–17 February 2023, will investigate the complex and multifaceted links connecting democracy and finance in the *longue durée*. Organisers invite scholarly discussions on the issue. Original paper abstracts of no more than 300 words, along with their academic CV, must be submitted by 10 June 2022.

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 **Submission**
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JSPG AND GHFUTURES2030

Strengthening Youth-Centered Policy and Governance of Digital Transformations in Health

The *Journal of Science Policy & Governance* (JSPG), *The Lancet* and Financial Times Commission on Governinghealth futures 2030: Growing up in a digital world (GHFutures2030) invite students, postdoctoral researchers, policy fellows, early career researchers and

young professionals to submit policy briefs, policy analyses and position papers, technology assessments and other articles addressing bold and innovative policy ideas for governing health futures towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and achieving health for all.

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Three Essays on Contemporary Turkish Politics

By **Bugra Güngör**. Committee members: Ravinder Bhavnani, Thesis Director; Sung Min Rho, President and Internal Reader; Yaprak Gürsoy, Professor, Contemporary Turkish Studies, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK.

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