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Research Training Group 2225
"World politics: The emergence of political arenas and modes of observation in world society"
The Research Training Group on "World politics: The emergence of political arenas and modes of observation in world society" (RTG 2225) commenced its work on 1 October 2017. The group deals with the emergence of world politics as a specific type of politics. With a research-oriented, interdisciplinary, and international profile, it investigates the pathways that have led to the establishment of world politics as a specific form of politics that does not emerge from the modern form of the (nation) state, but concurrent with it, as well as with the principle of sovereign equality.

Nine doctoral researchers and one post-doctoral researcher took up their positions in October. Another doctoral researcher joined in March 2018. In cooperation with eleven principal investigators from Political Science/International Relations, Sociology, History, and Law, they pursue their research projects in the field of world politics (for more information on the individual research projects, see pp. 2-3).

On 24 October, an official opening ceremony took place to officially launch the RTG. After welcoming remarks by Professor Albert, Dean of the Faculty of Sociology and speaker of the RTG, and Professor Angelika Eppe, Vice-Rector for International Affairs and Diversity of Bielefeld University and one of the RTG’s Principal Investigators, Dr Heidi Tworek, Assistant Professor for International History at the University of British Columbia (Vancouver), delivered a guest lecture on "Lies are the Law of the World!" News and Global Media Networks in the Twentieth Century'.

On 14 and 15 December 2017, the junior researchers of the RTG participated in the annual retreat of the Institute for World Society Studies in Bad Salzuflen. They organized two sessions on "Coloniality and the Diffusion of Knowledge" and on "Comparison as a Method and Practice in World Politics". The researchers are currently planning the first two in a series of workshops for later in 2018.

During the RTG’s first term, all members of the RTG had the opportunity to present and discuss their research proposals in the Research Class. In addition, they attended a Theory Class that provided an overview of relevant theoretical approaches. Several members of the RTG presented their work at academic conferences, visited archives, or carried out field research. 2018 will see an increase in these and related networking activities.
Post-Doctoral and Doctoral Researchers of the RTG

Post-Doctoral Researcher

Dr. James Stafford

Post-Doctoral Project:
Commercial Treaties Between "Political Economy" and "International Law", 1750-1950

Doctoral Researchers

Anatoly Boyashov

Doctoral Project:

Aziz Elmuradov

Doctoral Project:
Competing Narratives of Europe in Russian Foreign Policy: In Search of Identity or Policy?

Sandra Holtgreve

Doctoral Project:
Coloniality in the Global South and North. An Analysis of Social Work Education in Germany, Mexico and Ecuador

Marc Jacobsen

Doctoral Project:
Antisemitism in the World Society: Globalization and the Transformation of Jew Hatred
Madeleine Myatt
Doctoral Project:
Cybersecurity a Shared Responsibility? The Role, Implementation and Strategic Promotion of Cooperative Partnerships with the Cybersecurity Industry

Johannes Nagel
Doctoral Project:
The US Military during the Global Transformation, 1865-1905

Karlson Preuss
Doctoral Project:
The Unwritten Constitution as an Intersection between Global Law and World Politics

Daniela Russ
Doctoral Project:
Energy as a Mode of Observation in World Politics

Yasin Sunca
Doctoral Project:
Building Political Space at the Intersection of Global Structures and Social Change: The International Relations of the Kurdish Movement in Upper Mesopotamia

Gladys Vásquez
Doctoral Project:
The Creation of American Regional Integration and the Origination of the Inter-American System after Independence. The Congress of Panama (1826) and the American Congress of Lima (1847)
Academic Conferences

The members of the Research Training Group "World Politics" presented their research at various occasions:


Publications


Field and Archival Research


Guest Lecturers and Researchers

The following guest researchers visited the research Training Group "World Politics" during the winter term 2017/2018.

**Heidi Tworek.** 24 October 2017. Public opening lecture "Lies are the Law of the World! News and Global Media Networks in the Twentieth Century". Heidi Tworek is Assistant Professor for International History at the University of British Columbia (Vancouver).

**George Lawson.** 28-29 November 2017. Public lecture "Global Historical Sociology". George Lawson is Associate Professor in International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

**Stephan Stetter.** 23-24 January 2018. Internal lecture "Social Evolution Theory of World Politics: Conceptual Considerations". Stephan Stetter is Professor of Global Politics and Conflict Studies at the Universität der Bundeswehr Munich.
Upcoming Events – Summer Semester 2018

Guest Lectures
Additional events will be published online.

Guest Researchers
25 June-11 July 2018. Peter Hålden. Associate Professor in Political Science at the Swedish Defence University (Stockholm).