"World politics: The emergence of political arenas and modes of observation in world society"
Dear friends and colleagues,

while it is certainly an exciting and important event for our Research Training Group to have been able to welcome the second cohort of doctoral researchers starting on 1 October 2020, the welcoming has certainly not taken the form we had envisaged: no big party, no common retreat of doctoral researchers from two cohorts, etc.. At least we managed to have at least two sessions of the group’s Research Class in October with people being physically present. We hope that the development of the situation in general, and what is possible in the university in particular, will allow for at least a few more such ‘live’ meetings during the winter semester. As has been apparent in this newsletter, the pandemic has significantly curbed most activities pertaining to conferences, travels and other such work.

It has luckily not prevented Anatoly Boyashoy, Aziz Elmuradov, and Yasin Sunca from submitting and defending their dissertations since the last issue of this newsletter. Our warm congratulations! I look forward to announcing more good news of that kind in the next issues.

The coming months will be busy with writing an application for a second funding period, due to be submitted early in the next year. In addition, one particular challenge will be to consult with the new cohort of doctoral researchers and make contingency plans in case planned fieldwork or archival work should prove impossible for longer than hoped for. But we certainly hope that we will be returning to ‘regular’ mode rather sooner than later.

Stay healthy and best wishes

Prof. Dr. Mathias Albert
Speaker of the RTG
Researchers of the RTG

Post-Doctoral Researcher

Dr. James Stafford

Post-Doctoral Project:

Commercial Treaties Between "Political Economy" and "International Law", c. 1750-c. 1950

First Cohort of Doctoral Researchers (2017-2020)

Anatoly Boyashov

Doctoral Project (completed 30.09.2020):

Networks of the UN Human Rights Council in Prevention of Human Rights Violations

Aziz Elmuradov

Doctoral Project (completed 14.09.2020):

Russia and EU in the New World Disorder - Revisiting 'Old' Concepts in the Study of Russian Foreign 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 U.S Military Transformation and the Observation of World Politics, 1865-1910.

Karlson Preuss

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

Dr. Daniela Russ

Dr. Russ successfully completed her PhD in May 2019 and is currently a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Toronto and the University of Guelph.

Yasin Sunca

Doctoral Project (completed 14.09.2020):
Building Political Space at the Intersection of Global Structures and Social Change: The International Relations of the Kurdish Movement in Upper Mesopotamia

Gladys Vásquez Zevallos

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)
Second Cohort of Doctoral Researchers (2020-2023)

Cansu Erdogan
Doctoral Project:
*Development of Long-Term (LTC) Policies in Turkey: (Inter)national Actors, Global Norms, and Domestic Dynamics*

Jonas Fritzler
Doctoral Project:
*Who Defends Human Security Norms in Times of Crisis? Western Small States and Middle Power Norm Entrepreneurship Against the Backdrop of a Changing World Order*

Alina Isakova
Doctoral Project:
*Do International Organizations Actually Cooperate? Factors Influencing Cooperation Between Inter- and Non-governmental Organizations in Early Warning and Response to Violent Conflicts*

Simon Hecke
Doctoral Project:
*Unmasking Empire: Forms of Observing Informal Empire in the 20th Century*

Frank Meyhöfer
Doctoral Project:
*World Diagnoses: Social Theory Between Science and Public Intervention*
Second Cohort of Doctoral Researchers (2020-2023)

Malte Neuwinger

Doctoral Project:
*The Emergence of Large-Scale Field Experiments in Social Policy: How Boundary Organizations Shape Global Institutions*

Tatiana Saraseko

Doctoral Project:
*Urban Renaissance in World Society: Actorness of Global Cities in Global Governance*

Robin Schulze Waltrup

Doctoral Project:
*Ideas and Discourses on Eco-social Policy as a New Paradigm in Global Governance? Exploring the Merging of Environmental and Social Policy Ideas in the OECD and the World Bank*

Oday Uriaqat

Doctoral Project:
*Populism in World Society*

Katerina Volkov

Doctoral Project:
*Between Multilateralism, Bilateralism, and Unilateralism: An Analysis of the Russian Federation’s Involvement in International Organizations, 1945-2020*
Scientific Coordinator

Dr. Mustafa Aksakal

Research Project:

*World Politics on Migration and Inequalities in the EU*


CONFERENCES AND SUMMER SCHOOLS*


Myatt, M. “Modes of Organizing Cybersecurity between the Public/ Private Sphere – A differentiated View from the European Variety of Organized Forms of Network and Partnership Relations” International Online Workshop: Security in Cyberspace: dynamics, limits, and opportunities, Panel 3: Brazil and European Union Cybersecurity overview: policies, institutions, and capacities, Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society (HIIG), Berlin, 14 May 2020

Myatt, M. “China’s strategic strive for technological superiority & the COVID-19 Crisis. Tackling the epidemic through the digital realm?” Online Workshop: Virtual Mapping Exercise "Hybrid Threats in the Shadow of a Pandemic“, Hybrid CoE, Helsinki Finland, 07 May 2020
GUEST LECTURERS AND RESEARCHERS*

- **Mense-Petermann, U.** 30 June 2020 (Bielefeld University) „Der Fall Tönnies und das Produktionsmodell der deutschen Fleischindustrie“ (online lecture)

*Due to the unfortunate COVID 19 pandemic, and in the interest of the safety and health of the members and affiliates of the RTG, as well as our commitment to responsible Covid-19 containment, there were no guest lecturers and/or researchers invited to the university since the last Newsletter (No. 5) publication.
The RTG “World Politics” is proud to announce that Aziz Elmuradov, Anatoly Boyashov and Yasin Sunca have completed their dissertations. We would like to offer our sincerest and most enthusiastic congratulations to these scholars and their excellent academic achievement.

They will start with their post-doctoral researches which is funded by RTG start-up funding scheme by 1st of October.

Aziz Elmuradov
Research project title: Towards a concept of political power in Russia

Anatoly Boyashov

Yasin Sunca
Research project title: Radical Peace: Historicising conflict and decolonizing peace-formation in the Kurdish political space
UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE WINTER TERM 2020/2021

Guest Lecture

15 Dec 2020 Rudolf Stichweh: title tba

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