Research Training Group 2225
"World politics: The emergence of political arenas and modes of observation in world society"
Preface

Dear friends and colleagues,

while we are continuing in ‘virtual mode’ both internally as well as in our conversations with guests, participation at conferences, etc., we are now hopeful that after the summer we will be able to resume some ‘regular’ activities which include physical presence. Thus, for example, the doctoral researchers are currently busy organizing a workshop on ‘Global Challenges’ for December and look forward to take up (often now delayed) field and archival work soon.

We are happy to report on the two edited volumes that have resulted from workshops organized by the first cohort of doctoral researchers. ‘Envisioning The World’, ed. by S. Holtgreve, K. Preuß and M. Albert, has been published in March; ‘Competition in World Politics’, ed. by D. Russ and J. Stafford, will be out in June.

Meanwhile, the application for a second funding period of the RG has been submitted and there will be a review taking place online in September. We sincerely hope that this event in September will not only be success on its own, but pretty much also coincide the resumption of live interaction!

Stay healthy and best wishes,

Prof. Dr. Mathias Albert
Speaker of the RTG
Second Cohort of Doctoral Researchers (2020-2023)

Cansu Erdoğan

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*

Simon Hecke

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

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*

Frank Meyhöfer

Doctoral Project: *World Diagnoses: Social Theory Between Science and Public Intervention*
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:
*Dedifferentiation and Devolution in World Politics*

Katerina Volkov

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

First Cohort of Doctoral Researchers (2017-2020)

Anatoly Boyashov
Start-Up Project:
Anatoly successfully finished his PhD titled *Networks of the UN Human Rights Council in the Prevention of Human Rights Violation*, on 30 September 2020. He currently works on a project application with start-up funding.

Aziz Elmuradov
Start-Up Project:
*Towards a Concept of Political Power in Russia*
Aziz successfully finished his PhD titled *Russia and the EU in the New World Disorder - Revisiting Sovereignty and Balance of Power in the Study of Russian Foreign Policy*, on 14 September 2020. He is currently a post-doctoral researcher at Bielefeld University.

Sandra Holtgreve
Doctoral Project:
*Coloniality in the Global South and North. An Analysis of Social Work Education in Germany, Mexico and Ecuador*
Sandra is currently a Lecturer at the Hochschule Rhein-Main.

Marc Jacobsen
Doctoral Project:
*Antisemitism in the World Society: Globalization and the Transformation of Jew Hatred*
Marc is currently a Research Associate at Bielefeld University.

Madeleine Myatt
Doctoral Project:
*Cybersecurity a Shared Responsibility? The Role, Implementation and Strategic Promotion of Cooperative Partnerships with the Cybersecurity Industry*
Madeleine is currently a Research Associate at the German Council for Foreign Relations.
Johannes Nagel

Doctoral Project:
*The U.S Military During the Global Transformation, 1865-1905*

Johannes is currently a Research Fellow in the CRC ‘Practices of Comparison’

Karlson Preuß

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

Karlson is currently a Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Jena

Dr. Daniela Russ

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

Dr. Yasin Sunca

Start-Up Project:
*Historicizing Conflict and Decolonizing Peace-Formation in the Kurdish Political Space*

Yasin successfully finished his PhD titled *The International Constitution of Democratic Confederalism: Lineages of Hegemony and Resistance in the Kurdish Political Space*, on 14 September 2020. Yasin currently develops a post-doc project with start-up funding at Bielefeld University

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)*
Post-Doctoral Researcher

Dr. James Stafford

Post-Doctoral Project:

Commercial Treaties Between "Political Economy" and "International Law", 1740-1914

Scientific Coordinator

Dr. Mustafa Aksakal
PUBLICATIONS

1. **RTG Edited Volume:**


**Contributions:**


PUBLICATIONS

2. RTG Edited Volume:


*Contributions:*


**Stafford, J.** (2021). ‘“Free Trade” and the Varieties of Eighteenth-Century State Competition’.
OTHER PUBLICATIONS


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Fritzler, J. Participation in the online workshop ‘Planning, Thinking and Writing’, by Dr. Vera Leberecht, 10-11 December 2020.

Isakova, A. Participation in the online ECPR Winter Methods School course ‘Qualitative Data Analysis’, 22-26 March 2021. Received ECPR 2021 Winter School Participation Grant.


Meyhöfer, F. Participation in the annual research workshops of the ‘Arbeitsgruppe Soziologie des Geistes’, Goethe-University, Frankfurt am Main, March 2021-2023.

CONFERENCES AND SUMMER SCHOOLS*


**Saraseko, T.** Participation in the conference “‘World on the Edge’: the crisis of the western liberal order”, Department of International Relations, LSE, 16 February 2021.

**Saraseko, T.** Participation in the seminar ‘Non-state actors as a formative factor in World Politics’, Diplomacy and Global Affairs Research Seminar Series, University of Leiden, 09 February 2021.


**Saraseko, T.** Participation in the virtual conference ‘The Race to Zero Coalition: From COVID-19 to COP26’. Hosted in partnership with the UNFCCC and C40 Group, 09 November 2020.

**Saraseko, T.** Participation in the webinar ‘Implementation of SDGs in Global Cities: Cases of New York, Moscow and Buenos Aires’. Led by Mr. Nikolai Bobylev, Ph. D., UN-Habitat Expert, Associate Professor at the Saint Petersburg State University, 30 October 2020.


GUEST LECTURERS AND RESEARCHERS*

*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. 6) publication.
NEWS

Several members of the RTG’s first cohort have started new positions:

Madeleine Myatt has started in the winter semester 20/21 to work as a research fellow at the German Council for Foreign Relations (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik);

Karlson Preuß has started in the winter semester 20/21 to work as a lecturer at the Institute for Sociology, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg;

Sandra Holtgreve has started in the summer semester 2021 to work as a lecturer at the Faculty of Applied Social Sciences, Hochschule RheinMain;

Dr. Aziz Elmuradov has started in the summer semester 2021 to work as a research fellow in the project ‘Institutional Change and Social Practice. Research on the Political System, Economy and Society in Central Asia and Caucasus’, led by Prof. Dr. Andreas Vasilache at the Faculty for Sociology, Bielefeld University.
UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE SUMMER TERM 2021

*Digital Workshop/ Lectures*

23 April 2021, 9h c.t. Guido Molina: Gender Equality Workshop “Storytelling Techniques for Female Scientists”;

27 April 2021, 18h c.t. Christina Morina (Bielefeld): “The Invention of Marxism. How an idea conquered the world” (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society);

01 June 2021, 16 c.t Julian Go (Chicago) “Doing global historical sociology“ (Lecture in RTG research class);

15 June 2021, 18h c.t. Hedwig Richter (München): “How much democracy is good for democracy? Historical and comparative perspectives on the USA” (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society);

29 June 2021, 18h c.t. Lothar Brock & Hedrik Simon (Frankfurt a.M.): “Constituting World Order through the Justification of War. From Early Modernity to the Present” (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society).

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