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“World politics: The emergence of political arenas and modes of observation in world society”

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Preface

Dear friends and colleagues

We are looking back at a busy few months as well as equally busy months ahead of us. As witnessed by this newsletter, many of our researchers have attended and presented many meetings and academic conferences that were being held again ‘live’ this year. Such live gatherings continue to be an indispensable tool particularly for socializing younger researchers into their research communities. In both the remainder of this year and well into next year many of our doctoral researchers continue to be busy doing fieldtrips and guest researcher abroad activities that had to be postponed sometimes more than once.

Time flies and very shortly we will already be advertising the positions for the third cohort of the doctoral researchers in the RTG (further information in the news section). Please do spread the word and encourage qualified promising young scholars to apply!

Prof. Dr. Mathias Albert
Speaker of the RTG



Foto of the second RTG workshop at Bielefeld University, 06-07 September 2022, photo taken by Nilay Barlas.



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 Among 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



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

Post-Doctoral Researcher



Dr. Disha Jani

Post-Doctoral Project:

*(Un)free Labour and (Un)free Trade: Economic Sovereignty
from the Haitian Revolution to the NIEO, 1791-1974*

Scientific Coordinator



Dr. Mustafa Aksakal

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Erdogan, C. (2022). 'The Long-term Care System in Turkey' *CRC 1342 Social Policy Country Briefs*, 26, Bremen University, DOI: 10.26092/elib/1604;

Meyhöfer, F. (with T. Werron) (2022). 'Gegenwartsdiagnosen. Ein öffentliches Genre der Soziologie', in: *Mittelweg* 36 Vol. 31 (2), S. 17–38;

Neuwinger, M. (with A. Shriwise, R. Schulze Waltrup, M. Laws, M. Babirye, J. Berten, F. Besche-Truthe, A. Boyashov, S. Cufre, E. Igbojekwe, T. Ooms) (2022). 'Global Social Policy Digest 22.2: Was COP26 only 'blah blah blah' or a step forward for eco-social policy?', *Global Social Policy*, Vol. 22, No. 2, pp. 392-419;

Schulze Waltrup, R. (with A. Shriwise, M. Laws, M. Babirye, J. Berten, F. Besche-Truthe, A. Boyashov, S. Cufre, E. Igbojekwe, M. Neuwinger, T. Ooms) (2022). 'Global Social Policy Digest 22.2: Was COP26 only 'blah blah blah' or a step forward for eco-social policy?', *Global Social Policy*, Vol. 22, No. 2, pp. 392-419.

RESEARCH STAYS

Erdogan, C. Guest researcher at Bremen University, SOCIUM, CRC1342: Global Dynamics of Social Policy, Project A07 “*Global Dynamics of Long-term Care Policies*”, June-September 2022, Bremen, Germany.

Fritzler, J. Visiting researcher at the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies, Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY), February-June 2022, New York, USA.

Isakova, A. Field work/Research Interviews, 08-21 September 2022, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Isakova, A. Archival/documentary research, Reading Room of the European Commission’s Historical Archives Service, 17-19 May 2022, Brussels, Belgium.

Saraseko, T. Field research at the San Diego Climate Action Network, 04-08 April 2022, San Diego, California, USA.

Saraseko, T. Research stay at Malmö University and field research at the World ICLEI Summit, 04-14 May 2022, Malmö, Sweden.

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, WINTER SCHOOLS AND LECTURES

41st Congress of the German Sociological Association (DGS): “*Polarisierte Welten*”, Bielefeld University, 26-30 September 2022.

Papers presented:

- a) ‘Einleitung zur Ad-Hoc Gruppe: Analytische Perspektive(n) auf (nicht-) solidarische Mobilisierungspraktiken in Europa und Amerikas’, Mustafa Aksakal (with P. Wolfesberger), Ad-Hoc Gruppe Bewegung im doppelten Sinn: Migration, Krise, und soziale Mobilisierung (Organisers M. Aksakal & P. Wolfesberger);
- b) ‘Die Polarisierung der “Einflusssphären”’. Zu Wandel und anhaltender Umstrittenheit einer imperialen Semantik seit 1870’, Simon Hecke.
- c) ‘Fremd- und Selbstbilder Japans in den Sozialwissenschaften. Polarisierung und Dialogizität in Modernisierungsdiskursen 1910–1960’, Frank Meyhöfer (with B. Schiff);

Posters presented:

- a) ‘Urban Renaissance in World Society: Actorness of Global Cities in Global Governance’, Tatiana Saraseko;
- b) ‘The Rise of Large-Scale Social Field Experiments. A Controversial Idea and its Global Diffusion’, Malte Neuwinger.

ESPAnet conference: “*Social Policy Change between Path Dependency and Innovation*”, paper presented: ‘Reframing Old Age: (Un)Sustainability and Limits of the Active Ageing Discourse’, Cansu Erdogan, Vienna, Austria, 14-16 September 2022.

RTG workshop: “*Global Challenges in World Politics: Discourses, Actors and Outcomes*”, organised by O. Uraiqat, J. Fritzler and A. Isakova, Bielefeld University, 06-07 September 2022.

Papers presented:

- a) ‘Active Ageing, Informal Care, and Intergenerational Solidarity Nexus: International Organizations Acting as Knowledge Actors’, Cansu Erdogan;
- b) ‘Preserving the R2P-momentum: States’ Continued Framing of Mass Atrocity Crimes’, Jonas Fritzler;
- c) ‘Unequal Treaties’: Challenging International Order in 1920s, Simon Hecke;
- d) ‘International Organizations and Construction of Complex Global Security Challenges’, Alina Isakova (with K. Volkov and M. Koch);

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- e) '«Japan» and the global challenge of modernity. Constellations of social-scientific discourses on modernity in the 20th century', Frank Meyhöfer (with B. Schiffli);
- f) 'Talking the challenges talk: Do international actors increasingly talk about 'global challenges? Does that matter? And if so, why?', Malte Neuwinger;
- g) 'Urban Actors in World Politics: How Do Cities Become Drivers of Global Climate Politics?', Tatiana Saraseko;
- h) 'The OECD, Global Challenges, and Contestation of the Economic Growth Paradigm', Robin Schulze Waltrup;
- i) 'Global Challenges and the Unity of the Scientific System: A Sociological Inquiry', Oday Uraiqat;
- j) 'International Organizations and the Construction of Complex Global Security Challenges' Katerina Volkov (with A. Isakova and M. Koch)

15th Pan-European Conference on International Relations: "*Norm Entrepreneurs and Spoilers*", paper presented: 'Small State Norm Engagement in Times of World Order Crisis -Mapping Support of Human Security Norms by Denmark and Sweden at the UN', Jonas Fritzler, Athens, Greece, 01-04 September 2022.

International Sociological Association RC19 Annual Meeting, Vilnius, Lithuania. 24-26 August 2022.

Papers presented:

- a) 'Health Care Responses of Thailand and Turkey to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Explaining Different Pathways', Cansu Erdogan (with R. Sukhampha and A. Kaasch);
- b) 'A Discursive Eco-Social Policy Typology: From Systemic Reproduction to Transformation', Robin Schulze Waltrup.

ECPR General Conference, University of Innsbruck, Austria. 22-26 August 2022.

Papers presented:

- a) 'Inter-Organizational Cooperation in Conflict Early Warning and Response: Qualitative Study of Heavyweights in Horn of Africa and Central Asia', Alina Isakova;
- b) 'Urban Governance of Climate Change within the United Nations: Orchestration or Competition?', Tatiana Saraseko

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Workshop: “*Science and Democracy Network Meeting and STS Summer School*” participation, Malte Neuwinger, Harvard University, United States. 24-31 July 2022.

ECPR Summer Methods School: ‘Qualitative Data Analysis and Advanced Qualitative Data Analysis courses’, teaching assistant, Alina Isakova (with M.-H. Paré, ECPR Summer Methods School, online, 25-29 July 2022.

9th European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS), University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece, 06-09 July 2022.

Papers presented:

- a) ‘Norms vs. Practices of Cooperation: Inter-Organizational Relationships in Conflict Early Warning and Response’, Alina Isakova;
- b) ‘Global City Networks in Climate Change Regime: Universal Archives or Unilateral Instruments?’, Tatiana Saraseko.

ISA Interdisciplinary Studies Section (IDSS) conference, paper presented: ‘Constructing Conflict Early Warning in International Organizations’, Alina Isakova, University of Crete, Rethymno, Greece, 17-19 June 2022.

Online lecture ‘Long-term care in Turkey: A complex story of a young policy field’, paper presented by Cansu Erdogan, Bremen University, Germany, 14 June 2022.

11th Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on the European Union, paper presented: ‘EU in Early Warning and Response to Violent Conflicts’, Alina Isakova, Luiss University, Rome, Italy, 08-10 June 2022.

Pre-conference workshop on research outreach for early career researchers: “OpenEUdebate”, participation, Alina Isakova, Luiss University, Rome, Italy, 07 June 2022.

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie, Tagung der Sektion Politische Soziologie, paper presented: ‘Universalism and Particularism of Global City Networks in Climate Change Governance’, Tatiana Saraseko, Bielefeld University, 02-03 June 2022.

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'Small States and R2P at the United Nations', paper presented: 'R2P-Niche Diplomacy and Norm Development in Times of Politicization: A look at Denmark, the Netherlands, and Sweden', Jonas Fritzler, University of Southern, Denmark, 29-30 May, online.

Gründungstagung des AK Historische Soziologie: "*Aufgaben Historischer Soziologie*", conference participation, Frank Meyhöfer, Bielefeld University, 20-21 April 2022.

Founding Conference of the Working Group 'Historical Sociology' within the Section 'Cultural Sociology' of the German Sociological Association (DGS), organised by Simon Hecke (with L. Gertenbach, M. Leansa, D. Russ and J. Schubert), Centre for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF), Bielefeld University, Germany, 21-22 April 2022.

Paper presented:

a) 'Welcome Address and Introduction', Simon Hecke (with L. Gertenbach),

International Studies Association (ISA) 63d Annual Convention "*A Wider Discipline For A Smaller World*", Nashville, Tennessee, USA, 28 March-02 April 2022.

Papers presented:

a) 'Active Ageing, Informal Care, and Intergenerational Solidarity Nexus: International Organizations Acting as Knowledge Actors', Cansu Erdogan.

b) 'Preserving the Global Challenge-Momentum: Norm Entrepreneurs' Framing of Challenges in Support of Norms', Jonas Fritzler;

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e) 'Urban Actors in World Politics: How Do Cities Become Drivers of Global Environmental Politics?', Tatiana Saraseko;

f) 'The Problematisation of "Global Challenges" in the OECD's Policy Discourse: Shifting from Green Growth to Going Beyond Growth', Robin Schulze Waltrup.

(GUEST) LECTURERS

12 April 2022, Guest lecture by Ieva Birka (Riga): ‘Harnessing the Potential of the Diasporas’ (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society);

26 April 2022, Guest lecture by Felix Schürmann (Erfurt): ‘From the Head of the Snake to a Unity of the World: Mapping Blurred Transitions at the Congo Estuary, 1859-1887’ (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society);

02-03 May 2022, Malmö, Sweden ‘The Malmö-Bielefeld Workshop on Global and World Politics’, jointly organised by Bielefeld University’s RTG World Politics & Malmö University’s Global Politics PhD Programme;

May 2022 Guest researcher Jens Bartelson (Lund);

May 2022 Guest researcher Ole Jacob Sending (Oslo);

19-20 May 2022, ZiF, Bielefeld Conference ‘Wie geht’s eigentlich der Weltgesellschaft?’, held as part of the 20th anniversary of the Institute for World Society;

28 June 2022, Guest lecture by Vineeta Sinha (Singapore): ‘Contesting the Hegemony of the “neo-liberal, Corporate University”: Implications for academic Freedom and critical intellectual Scholarship’ (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society);

05 July 2022, Guest lecture by Eva Gerharz (Fulda): ‘Youth Movements and the Changing Political in Bangladesh and Beyond’ (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society in cooperation with Understanding Asia).



NEWS

The RTG will recruit a third cohort of doctoral researchers in 2023, for a starting date of 01 October 2023.

Please note that the positions will be officially advertised in early 2023 and selection will take place through a selection process during the spring of 2023. First information on the advertisement can be found on our Webpage:

<https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/fakultaeten/soziologie/forschung/worldpolitics/index.xml>

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE WINTER TERM 2022/23

RTG guests:

06-10 November 2022: Carlos Ballestreos (Mexico City) is visiting the RTG;

21-29 November 2022: Katja Freistein (Duesburg-Essen) is visiting the RTG.

Institute of World Society

Lecture Series:

25 October 2022, 18h c.t. Gurminder Bhambra (Sussex): “How Eurocentric is Sociological Globalization & World Society Research and What Can We Do About It?” (via zoom);

13 December 2022, 18h c.t. Lecture series of the Institute of World Society. Manuela Boatca (Freiburg): “Most Common, Most Deceptive: Society as a Unit of Analysis”;

24 January 2023, 9-11h c.t. Lecture series of the Institute of World Society. Raewyn Connell (Sydney): “Resources for Change in World Society Research” (via zoom).

Retreats:

10-11 November 2022 annual retreat of the Institute for World Society.

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