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

Our Research Training Group has just celebrated its first anniversary since the first cohort of ten doctoral researchers and one post-doctoral researcher took up their positions. The research group deals with the genesis of world politics as a specific type of politics. With a research-oriented, interdisciplinary, and international profile, the major objective of the RTG is to investigate from different angles the pathways that have led to the establishment of world politics as a specific form of politics.

In this framework the doctoral students pursue, in cooperation with eleven principal investigators from political science/international relations, sociology, history, and law, their research projects in topics related to the field of world politics. Most of our researchers have drafted, and over the summer semester discussed the chapters of their dissertations and other scientific papers, both at the group's own research class, as well as at a range of international academic conferences (see list below).

Our group has also continued to benefit from a range of distinguished guests who have spent some time with us not only in order to present their own relevant research but also in order to share their thoughts on various aspects of the research that takes place within the group. While we will receive fewer guests in the current semester given that many of the group's researchers are conducting, or are about to conduct field research, we are excited to have a range of guests already confirmed for the 2019 summer semester and thereafter.

The present newsletter primarily reports on the many scholarly activities of the group’s researchers in terms of presenting and publishing their work.

Group photo of the first workshop organise by RTG researchers on 1 and 2. October 2018 at Bielefeld University

*Back row (from left to right):* Anatoly Boyashov, Karlson Preuss, Martin Koch, Tobias Werron, Mathias Albert, Dirk Nabers (University of Kiel);

*Middle row:* Angelika Epple, Madeleine Myatt, Sandra Holtgreve, Yasir Sunca, Sisay Megeresa Dirinsa;

*First row:* Gladys Vásquez, Johannes Nagel, Aaziz Elmuradov

In addition to presenting at academic conferences outside of Bielefeld University, and to receiving guests here in Bielefeld, the group's researchers have organised two in a series of four planned workshops in Bielefeld, bringing together researchers from within the group, including most of its principal investigators, with a range of distinguished external guests. The first workshop on "Imagining Belonging in World Politics" took place on 1-2 October, and the workshop on "Balance and Competition in World Politics" on 9-10 November.

Prof. Dr. Mathias Albert
Speaker of the RTG
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”, c. 1750-c. 1950*

Doctoral Researchers

Anatoly Boyashov

Doctoral Project:
*Actors in Establishment of Global Human Rights Networks Within International Organisations: Case Study of the United Nations Human Rights Council*

Aziz Elmuradov

Doctoral Project:
*Contesting Images of EU 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 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*

Daniela Russ
Doctoral Project:

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 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)*
CONFERENCES AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

Gladys Vasquez Zevallos “I. International Congress History and Present of Women in Africa, Latin America and the Iberian World”. Seville, Spain, 10-12 April 2018.


Sandra Holtgreve “Social Work in the Americas: Managing tensions between localization and globalization in the world society”. Panel chair at the International Congress of Interamericanist Students, Bielefeld University, Bielefeld, 6-8 June 2018.


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Johannes Nagel “U.S. military reforms and the observation of world politics, 1865-1910”. Poster presentation at the 59th international conference of the Center for Military History and Social Sciences of the Bundeswehr (ITMGS), Potsdam, 11 September 2018.

James Stafford “Empire, Revolution and the British-Irish Union of 1801”. Cambridge Forum on Geopolitics/These Islands Conference “Reframing the Union”, University of Cambridge, Great Britain, 14 September 2018.


Johannes Nagel. 12th Trier Summer School on Social Network Analysis, University of Trier, Trier, 17-22 September 2018.


FIELD AND ARCHIVAL RESEARCH


PUBLICATIONS


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Gladys Vasquez Zevallos. August 2018. Research at Daniel Cosío Villegas Library. COLMEX; Historical Archive of the UNAM and General National Archive in Mexico City, Mexico, and Research at National Library of Chile and National Archive of Chile, Santiago de Chile, Chile.


GUEST LECTURERS AND RESEARCHERS

The following guest researchers visited the research Training Group "World Politics" from March until September; 2018

Or Rosenboim. 8 May 2018. Public Lecture “Globalism: Historical Perspectives on a Contested Concept”. Or Rosenboim is a Junior Research Fellow in Politics at Queens’ College and POLIS, both at the University of Cambridge.

Shih-Jiunn Shi. 5 June 2018. Public Lecture “Cultural Convergence or Political-economic Divergence: A Comparative Perspective on the Welfare Development in Greater China”. Shih-Jiunn Shi is Fellow at ZIF, Bielefeld University.

Jennifer Pitts. 7 June 2018. Guest Workshop “Boundaries of the International”. Jennifer Pitts is Associate Professor of Political Science at the Department of Political Science at the University of Chicago.


Jens Bartelson. 24-28 June 2018. Guest researcher. Jens Bartelson is Professor of Political Science at Lund University.

Peter Hálde. 25 June - 11 July 2018. Guest researcher. Peter Hálde is Associate Professor in Political Science at the Swedish Defense University, Stockholm.

Georgios Varouxakis. 12 July 2018. Public lecture “Towards a genealogy of the concept of the West”. Georgios Varouxakis is Professor of the History of Political Thought at Queen Mary University, London.

Benjamin Tallis. 24 October 2018. Public lecture “Identities, Borderscapes, (Dis)orders: Understanding the EU’s Migration and Neighbourhood Crises”. Benjamin Tallis is a researcher in the Institute of International Relations, Prague.

WORKSHOPS ORGANISED BY RTG RESEARCHERS

Gladys Vasquez Zevallos, Sandra Holtgreve, Yasin Sunca, Marc Jacobsen, Karlson Preuß and Aziz Elmuradov "Imagining Belonging in World Politics: Concepts, practices and struggles". Bielefeld University, 01-02 October 2018.

Dr. James Stafford, Daniela Russ, Anatoly Boyashov, Johannes Nagel, Madeleine Myatt, Workshop : "Balance & Competition in World Politics", 09-10 November 2018

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES ACTIVITIES

Daniela Russ. Lecture at “Markets, Money and Governance”-Kolloquium, University of Chicago, 3. April, and Mentoring Meeting with Karin Knorr Cetina, Otto Borchert Dinstitute Professor, University of Chicago, USA, 03-04 April 2018.

Gladys Vasquez Zevallos. Mentoring Meeting with Lucrecia Enriquez, Professor at the Institute of History, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Chile, 19-26 August 2018.

Workshop “‘Attention please and the power of persuasion’. Gender issues within communication, status behaviour and the power of persuasion” with Deborah Ruggieri, 13 September 2018.
UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE WINTER TERM 18/19

Workshops & Conferences
• 13 -14 December 2018. Annual retreat of the Institute for World Society Studies in Bad Salzuflen

Guest Lectures

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