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# Research Bulletin

Upcoming events, latest publications and other research activities

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## Upcoming Research Events

### 22 Monday

IE DEP. BBL  
**Firm-Level Prices,  
Quality, and  
Markups: The Role  
of Immigrant  
Workers**

12:15–13:45 hybrid

GGC AND NORRAG  
**The Sustainable  
Development  
Goals and the  
Generative Power  
of Failed Metrics:  
Insights from the  
Case of Education**

12:30–14:00 hybrid

GTDW SEMINAR  
**With Kala Krishna**  
16:00–17:15 online

### 23 Tuesday

GENDER CENTRE  
**Gender Equitable  
Futures in  
Technology:  
Tackling Bias**

12:15–14:00 online

GGC INTERNATIONAL  
GENEVA LUNCHEON  
**SDGs,  
Quantification,  
and the  
Production of  
Expertise**

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room S5

VILFREDO PARETO  
SEMINAR  
**The Vagaries of  
the Sea: Evidence  
on the Real Effects  
of Money from  
Maritime Disasters  
in the Spanish  
Empire**

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ANSO SEMINAR  
**Global Reckonings  
with Police  
Torture**

16:15–18:00 hybrid

GENDER CENTRE  
**Accountability for  
Sexual and  
Reproductive  
Health and Rights  
in Humanitarian  
Settings**

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### 24 Wednesday

GTP, KONRAD  
ADENAUER STIFTUNG  
& CTEI  
**Plurilaterals and  
Joint Initiatives:  
What You Need to  
Know ahead of  
MC12**

11:00–12:30 online

GHC WEBINAR  
**Assessing Public  
Contributions to  
Drug  
Development: A  
Novel Framework**

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### 25 Thursday

CCDP SEMINAR  
**The Thief-In-Law  
as a Model and a  
Counter-Model in  
Postsoviet Georgia**

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### 26 Friday

THE *LANCET* &  
*FINANCIAL TIMES*  
COMMISSION  
**Governing Health  
Futures: Decision  
Makers' Views**

15:00–16:30 online

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IE DEP. BBL  
**With Anmol  
Grewal**  
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**Messy  
Masculinities:  
Memory and  
Military**

### 03 Friday

GHC  
**Outcomes and  
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World Health**

VILFREDO PARETO  
SEMINAR  
**Loan Guarantees,  
Bank Underwriting  
Policies and  
Financial Fragility**  
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**Democracy Past,  
Present and  
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**Leased  
Landscapes,  
Temporal  
Deferrals: The  
Politics of  
Commercial  
Agriculture in  
Africa**  
16:15–18:00 hybrid

**Recovery in the  
Great Depression**  
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**Masculinity during  
the Lebanese Civil  
War**  
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GHC  
**Digital  
Colonialism: A  
Discussion**  
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CCDP SEMINAR  
**The Science of  
Know-Where: The  
Global Circulation  
of Geo-Technology  
through  
Atmospheres**  
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**Assembly Special  
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**Development & Cooperation**



MONOGRAPHIE

## Coopération Nord-Sud: la solidarité à l'épreuve

### – Tome 1: L'émergence du tiers monde, 1919-1982

**Jacques Forster**, professeur honoraire de l'Institut, ancien vice-président du CICR, retrace dans ce premier volume les efforts des multiples acteurs publics et privés du

système international d'action humanitaire et d'aide au développement pour réduire la pauvreté dans les pays en développement, assister la population lors de crises humanitaires et la protéger face à la violence armée et aux violations des droits humains (Éditions Livreo-Alphil, 2021). La coopération Nord-Sud est un instrument de la politique extérieure des pays qui en assurent le financement; elle est de ce fait constamment tiraillée entre la défense des intérêts politiques et économiques de ces États et sa vocation altruiste. Au XXe siècle, cette tension se manifeste tout au long de la guerre froide de même que lors des tentatives infructueuses des pays du Sud de modifier l'ordre économique international.

### – Tome 2: Le monde en développement, 1982-2019

Dans un second volume, l'auteur traite de l'action humanitaire et de la coopération au développement dans les relations internationales, notamment les relations Nord-Sud de 1982 à 2019. Cette période est marquée par la fin de la guerre froide au début des années 1990 et s'achève par une lente prise de conscience: c'est l'ensemble de la planète qui connaît des problèmes de développement, ainsi qu'en témoignent la dégradation de l'environnement et le changement climatique.

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## Global Governance



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### The Dynamics of International Law Redux

Law is constantly caught between stasis and dynamism, and the tension between them is particularly acute in international law. Yet the ways of change in international law are not well understood. **Nico Krisch** starts from two vignettes of recent

instances of change and presents conjectures about core elements of change processes in international law (in *Current Legal Problems*, cuab008, October 2021). The resulting picture reflects significant variation across issue areas, multiple paths of change outside traditional categories, and states in different – and not always central – roles. This presents a challenge for our thinking about the sources of international law, and it should provoke a broader, empirical reconstruction of the social life of international law today – a far more dynamic but also less orderly life than typically assumed.

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## **Bringing the “Human Problem” back into Transnational Law: The Example of Corporate (Ir)responsibility**

This special issue, edited and **introduced** by Laura Knöpfel and **Felix Lüth**, PhD Researcher in International Law, revisits the notion of human problems in Philip Jessup’s 1956 Transnational Law’ Storrs Lectures on Jurisprudence (in *Transnational Legal Theory*, vol. 12, no. 2, 2021). In order to explore the methodology and analytical utility of human problems and transnational law, contributors introduce various case studies on corporate (ir)responsibility. The issue includes the following articles by researchers of the Graduate Institute:

### **– Corporate Non-prosecution Agreements as *Transnational Human Problems*: Transnational Law and the Study of Domestic Criminal Justice Reforms in a Globalised World**

Nowadays, cases involving questions of corporate (ir)responsibility are largely resolved through negotiated settlements. A controversial development in this context is the cross-border rise of procedures akin to US non- and deferred prosecution agreements which allow prosecutors to agree with corporations not to prosecute serious economic crimes. **Felix Luth** uses this example to discuss the relevance of transnational law as an analytical framework for studying domestic criminal justice reforms in a globalised world.

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### **– The Human Side of Protecting Foreign Investment**

**Dorothea Endres**, PhD Researcher in International Law, looks at the role stereotypes play in the development of the relation between human rights and investment law. See **Research Bulletin** (no. 8, 2021) for more information.

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Read the full special issue **here**

## EDITED BOOK

### **Customary International Law**

The object and purpose of this book, edited and introduced by **Pierre-Marie Dupuy**, is to provide a selection of articles published during the last 70 years and dealing with the different aspects of customary international law, aspects which are presented in the general Introduction of the book (Edward Elgar, 2021). Part I concerns custom as a source of international law, filtered through the ambiguities that the concept might hold, associated with the relative diversity of the writers’ understandings of the distinction between formal and material sources of law. The second part addresses how custom is created, issues that can also be seen as an analysis of its component parts. The role of States’ acquiescence in that creation is explored from various angles in many contributions. The third part contains articles on the role of the international courts and, prominent among them, of the International Court of Justice, in identifying, if not even in some cases revealing, the existence of a custom. The ICJ has among international courts a special authority to say that a certain practice does or does not constitute the expression of a customary rule the status of customary international law rules. The fourth part brings together a number of articles on the codification of international custom. Right at the beginning, as a result of the wording of the ILC’s mandate itself, the question arose of the fluid boundary between customary law and the ‘progressive development’ of international law. This is one of the many points of contact between treaty law and customary international law whose relationship is studied in the fifth part of this book. This leads naturally, in the sixth and last part of this work, to focus on the customs existing in a number of specific areas of international law.

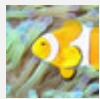
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### **Corporate Liability for Economic Crimes: A Contested Transnational History**

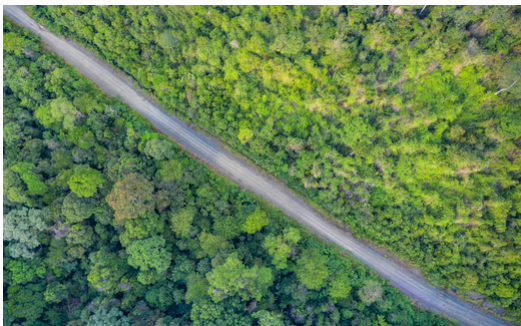
Michael Elliot and **Felix Lüth**, PhD Researcher in International Law, examine the development of corporate criminal liability (in *Histories of Transnational Criminal Law*, N. Boister, S. Gless and Fl. Jeßberger, eds., Oxford University Press, August 2021). Reaching back to its historical roots in the United States, they discuss how the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act was internationalised through organisations like the OECD and FATF and in a more diluted fashion through the UN, giving corruption its current character as a public-sector problem committed by corrupt individuals rather than by institutions as a whole.

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## **Sustainability, Environment, the Anthropocene & SDGs**



### ARTICLE

#### **“Tradespaces” in the Forest: Framing Infrastructure’s Relation to Territory, Commodities, and Flows**

Pressure to facilitate the flow of commodities and capital across global and national markets has translated into narratives and programmes prioritising integration and development of forested

regions. The 2009 World Bank Development Report argues that to reduce distance, infrastructure development is crucial. The infrastructure imperative, however, reworks a broader array of investment flows, property regimes, forest cover, and socio-political rights across scales as it drives increases in the speed of commodity extraction, production, mobility, and consumption. With illustrations from Amazonia and Selva Maya, **Susanna Hecht** and others propose “tradespaces” as a useful framework to analyse infrastructure projects as part of multiscalar megacorridor networks and financial flows (in *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability*, vol. 53, December 2021). Tradespaces transform relations between society, territory, and environment, with implications for infrastructure governance, resilience, and sustainability.

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### EDITED BOOK AND CHAPTERS

Submerged beneath the flood of information, initiatives, ideas, and pronouncements, it is hard to keep sight of what is needed for the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5°C. **Beatrice Weder di Mauro** has published during the 2021 COP26 summit in Glasgow an eBook:

#### **Combatting Climate Change: a CEPR Collection**

that brings together a selection of solution-oriented research studies first featured on CEPR’s policy platform VoxEU.org, with the aim of providing an overview of some of the key issues from the economist’s perspective and stimulating further research (CEPR, November 2021).

The eBook notably includes the following chapters:

– **Carbon Taxation and Inflation: Evidence from Europe and Canada**



Using evidence from Canada and Europe over the past three decades, **Maximilian Konradt**, PhD Researcher in International Economics, and **Beatrice Weder di Mauro** show that carbon taxes changed relative prices but did not increase the overall price level.

*This chapter is based on the working paper "Carbon Taxation and Inflation: Evidence from the European and Canadian Experience" (see **Research Bulletin** no. 9, 2021).*

#### – Pricing of Carbon within and at the Border of Europe

The EU has announced reaching carbon neutrality by 2050 as the key target of its Green Deal strategy. The best coordination signal in this endeavour would be a uniform and encompassing price on carbon. To ascertain that all goods consumed in the EU face the same carbon price, it would be sensible to credibly prepare the implementation of border carbon adjustments applied to imported goods. **Beatrice Weder di Mauro** and others argue, however, that the EU should refrain from exempting exports from carbon pricing, and should consider a border carbon adjustment mechanism only after having established a credible uniform carbon-pricing mechanism within its jurisdiction. This could provide incentives to other countries to join a far-reaching international alliance for carbon pricing.

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PHD THESIS IN DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

#### Genetic Resources and Agricultural Productivity in the Developing World

How can new crop varieties – the products of plant-breeding innovation – be beneficially diffused from one setting to another, when the value contained within seeds is not immediately observable but instead must be discovered through experimentation? This question underlies the whole of **Nicholas Tyack**'s PhD thesis (co-directors: Timothy Swanson and Jean-Louis Arcand, 2021). He investigates it by studying how different institutional changes and investments affect such diffusion efforts, and the ramifications for the economics of development in the agricultural sector.

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## Gender, Diversity, Race & Intersectionality



THEMATIC ISSUE

### Gender in Peacebuilding: Local Practices in Indonesia and Nigeria

Gender, age, class, ethnicity, religion and political ideologies all matter in peacebuilding. Adopting a feminist approach, the 13th volume of *International Development Policy* analyses such intersecting differences in local contexts to

develop a better understanding of how intersectionally gendered dynamics shape and are shaped by peacebuilding (no. 13, Graduate Institute Publications and Brill-Nijhoff, 2021). Findings are presented from a six-year collaborative **project**; guest editors are **Elisabeth Prügl, Christelle Rigual, Rahel Kunz, Mimidoo Achakpa, Henri Myrntinen, Joy Onyesoh, Arifah Rahmawati** and **Wening Udasmoro**.

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#### REPORT

### **Gender Gaps in Education: Evidence and Policy Implications**

In this report commissioned by the European Commission, **Martina Viarengo** examines the evolution of gender gaps in educational attainment and educational trajectories in the 27 member states of the European Union (no. 46, Publications Office of the European Union, August 2021). This EU Commission Report provides a review of recent research and state-of-the-art empirical evidence by examining the economic literature on the determinants of gender gaps. Furthermore, it documents trends and how gender gaps vary by stage of educational attainment and across field of study. Notably, it highlights the heterogeneity in the persisting gender gaps in STEM and across related subfields.

**European Commission Report (PDF)**

**Accompanying policy brief (PDF)**

  
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## **Human Rights, Humanitarianism, Justice & Inclusion**



#### PHD THESIS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

### **The Plasticity of International Human Rights: A Comparative Analysis of the Processes of Discourse Formation in IHRL**

Faced with the heterogeneity of human rights narratives, this PhD thesis by **Pedro José Martínez Esponda**, supervised by Andrew Clapham, seeks to understand the

form and the boundaries of arguments in international human rights law (IHRL). It asks, What can be said in IHRL and how can it be said? and concludes that, in the argumentative practice of human rights, rhetoric overrides legality. It matters more to prove the plausibility of an argument in terms of individual autonomy, equal capabilities, or democratic procedure, than to get the strictly legal aspects of a claim right.

**Interview with Dr Martínez Esponda**

  
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## **Education, Information & Media**

#### EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

### **Policy Borrowing and Lending in Comparative and International Education: A Key Area of Research**

There is a long-standing tradition in comparative policy studies to examine



policy mobility, that is, policies that “travel” from one country to another. Applying the lens of sociological systems-theory (N. Luhmann), this strand of research focuses on the local context and investigates when, why, and under which conditions educational systems are receptive to change, and how they subsequently translate or locally adapt borrowed policies

to suit local political agendas and cultural contexts. This strand of research pays special attention to global governance in education and sheds light on the role of intergovernmental organisations (OECD, World Bank, UNICEF, etc.) in promoting specific reforms, and framing them as international standards or global reforms, as **Gita Steiner-Khamsi** notes in *The Bloomsbury Handbook of Theory in Comparative and International Education* (T.D. Jules, R. Shields and Matthew A.M. Thomas, eds., Bloomsbury Academic, 2021).

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## Global Health



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### **The *Lancet* and *Financial Times* Commission on Governing Health Futures 2030: Growing Up in a Digital World**

Digital transformations are well underway in all areas of life. These have brought about substantial and wide-reaching changes, in many areas, including health.

But large gaps remain in our understanding of the interface between digital technologies and health, particularly for young people. The *Lancet* and *Financial Times* Commission on governing health futures 2030: growing up in a digital world argues that digital transformations should be considered as a key determinant of health. But the Commission, which includes among others Co-Chair **Ilona Kickbusch**, PhD Researcher **Dario Piselli** and **Amandeep Singh Gill**, also presses for a radical rethink on digital technologies, highlighting that without a precautionary, mission-oriented, and value-based approach to its governance, digital transformations will fail to bring about improvements in health for all (in *The Lancet*, vol. 398, no. 10312, 6–12 November 2021).

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POLICY BRIEF

### **Disaster Preparedness and Response in International Law: Implications for a Prospective Pandemic Treaty**



In the current debates concerning a pandemic treaty or other instruments addressing future public health emergencies, much can be learned from the field of international disaster law. The latter comprises widely acknowledged international standards and practices in the field of disaster preparedness and response. **Adam Strobeyko**, PhD Researcher in International Law, surveys the experiences and principles stemming from the areas of (a) risk reduction, (b) mutual assistance and (c) relief facilitation in the context of prospective negotiations of a pandemic treaty or other international instrument addressing pandemic preparedness and response (Global Health Centre Policy Brief, November 2021).

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## Cities, Space, Mobilities & Migrations



EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

### **Astronauts of the Western Pamirs: Power, Mobility, and Disconnection in High Asia**

How can we think about mobility between places in High Asia that are disconnected by complex national boundaries as well as by colonial and Cold War legacies? What does ethnographic fieldwork in these places

reveal? And how can we connect this knowledge to other sites of anthropological investigation? **Till Mostowlansky**, Ambizione Research Fellow in Anthropology and Sociology, approaches these questions, drawing on his own longitudinal fieldwork in and between multiple locations in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Tajikistan (in *Methods, Moments, and Ethnographic Spaces in Asia*, N.S. Appleton and C. Bennett, eds., Rowman & Littlefield, 2021). Looking back in the history of anthropology to Bronislaw Malinowski's *Argonauts of the Western Pacific*, he argues that – despite the many empirical differences between early twentieth-century Melanesia and twenty-first-century Central Asia – sea- and mountain-faring are not unrelated forms of mobility: navigating the verticality of the region, the stickiness of cultural stereotypes, new regimes of state power, transnational NGOs, and illicit forms of trade, the people of the Pamirs in the borderlands of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Tajikistan meet familiar strangers and build new social relationships.

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WORKING PAPER

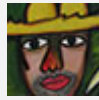
### **When Immigrants Meet Exporters: A Reassessment of the Immigrant-Native Wage Gap**

Using French data for the manufacturing sector to reassess the wage gap between native and foreign workers, Léa Marchal, Guzmán Ourens and **Giulia Sabbadini**, PhD Researcher in International Economics, find that the nativity wage gap varies with the export intensity of the firm and the occupation of the workers (CTEI Working Paper, October 2021). They present a theoretical model to show that their findings are consistent with white-collar immigrants capturing an informational rent, as they provide exporters with information for accessing foreign markets. The authors also provide empirical evidence for this by exploiting the firm's export

complexity, and the group of origin of the immigrants.

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## Arts, Culture & Religion



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### **Assembling “Indigeneity” through Musical Practices: Translocal Circulations, “Tradition”, and Place in Otavalo (Ecuadorian Andes)**

**Jérémie Voirol**, Visiting Fellow in Anthropology and Sociology, addresses the relation between Andean “traditional music” and circulations of people, objects,

ideas, and sounds (in *Popular Music*, online November 2021). By conceiving of the translocal/transnational flows that have shaped “traditional music” from Otavalo, Ecuadorian Andes, through the concepts of “network” and “music world”, he unsettles the link between a specific people, music and place. Through the concepts of “assemblage” and “mediation”, he looks at processes of “traditionalisation” and “indigenisation” to show how social actors nevertheless produce a specific link between people, music and place to make a musical practice “traditional” and/or “indigenous”.

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## Trade, Finance, Economies & Work



DISCUSSION PAPER

### **Risks and Global Supply Chains: What We Know and What We Need to Know**

Recent supply disruptions catapulted the issue of risk in global supply chains (GSCs) to the top of policy agendas and created the impression that shortages would have been less severe if GSCs were either shorter and more domestic, or more

diversified. But is this right? **Richard Baldwin** and Rebecca Freeman start their answer by reviewing studies that look at risks to and from GSCs, and how GSCs have recovered from past shocks (Discussion Paper no. 16672, Centre for Economic Policy Research, October 2021). They then look at whether GSCs are too risky, starting with business research on how firms approach the cost-resiliency trade-off. They propose the risk-versus-reward framework from portfolio theory as a good way to evaluate whether anti-risk policy is justified. They then discuss how exposures to foreign shocks are measured and argue that exposure is higher than direct indicators

imply. Finally, they consider the future of GSCs in light of current policy proposals and advancing technology before pointing to the rich menu of topics for future research on the risk-GSC nexus.

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PHD THESIS IN INTERNATIONAL HISTORY AND POLITICS

### **Financial Capitalism on the Periphery: The Rubber Boom and Bust in Shanghai**

In her PhD thesis supervised by Gopalan Balachandran, **Jiajia Liu** studies the relationships between Western and Chinese financial players in late Qing China (2021). She digs into this research topic by conducting an in-depth study of an early twentieth-century speculative stock bubble that happened on the foreign Shanghai Stock Exchange.

[Interview with Jiajia Liu](#)

  
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## **Peace, War, Conflicts & Security**



SPECIAL ISSUE

### **Eastern European–Middle Eastern Relations: Continuities and Changes from the Time of Empires to the Cold War**

In the substantive [introduction](#) to this special issue, co-editors Sandrine Kott and **Cyrus Schayegh** sort and explain the changing relations and perceptions

between the various states of the Middle East and Eastern Europe, including Russia/the Soviet Union (in *Contemporary European History*, vol. 30, no. 4, November 2021). They highlight two patterns: similarly ethno-religious-linguistically heterogeneous populations and shared peripherality vis-à-vis Western Europe. The question of interplays and overlaps between nation states and empires and the proximity between Eastern Europe and the Middle East cut across these two patterns, constituting a broader framework.

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ARTICLE

### **The Intimacies of Drug Dealing: Narcotics, Kinship and Embeddedness in Nicaragua and South Africa**

This article explores how and to what extent it is useful to think about drug dealing through the conceptual lens of intimacy. Such an approach both complements and challenges mainstream views on drug dealing, which see the phenomenon as based on “formal-rational” organisation and practices. Drawing on collaborative ethnographic research in Nicaragua and South Africa, Steffen Jensen and **Dennis Rodgers** illustrate first how family and kin are implicated in drug dealing (in *Third World Quarterly*, online October 2021). Secondly, they explore how drug dealing institutes or produces particular forms of social order. Finally, they consider the extent to which drug dealing enters into local notions and rationalities.

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#### ARTICLE

##### **Gun Violence: Insights from International Research**

**Nicolas Florquin**, Senior Researcher at the Small Arms Survey, examines whether research on small arms and light weapons (SALW) generated a greater understanding of the most problematic uses and users of firearms, and of the role of different weapons as instruments of violence (in *Global Crime*, online November 2021). SALW research helped shift international policy from armed conflicts to gun violence occurring in a range of developing and post-conflict settings, and in Europe following the 2015–16 terror attacks. This work underscored the proximate weapons sources that armed groups often utilise, and the importance of flows of certain weapons and ammunition in fuelling violence. Undertaking impact evaluations of novel interventions, monitoring the impact of new technologies, and investigating the relationship between ammunition supply and violence are suggested ways forward.

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#### REPORT

##### **Sanctions Relaxation and Conflict Resolution: Lessons from Past Sanctions Regimes**

Sanctions are used to address a range of complex global foreign and security challenges, but little is known about the strategic role played by sanctions relaxation for conflict resolution. **Zuzana Hudáková**, PhD Researcher at the Global Governance Centre, **Thomas Biersteker** and **Erica Moret**, Senior Researcher at the Global Governance Centre, examine 11 cases of sanctions relaxation by the UN, US and EU and find that a large variety of relief measures can be employed by policy practitioners to ease sanctions (The Carter Center, October 2021). The measures can vary in scope, timing, duration and process, and different elements of sanctions relaxation can be combined and sequenced to incentivise, facilitate, or reward specific behaviour by the target.

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#### EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

##### **Iran, a Time of Uncertainty: Internal Evolution and International Strategy**

While stressing that the 1979 revolution constitutes a real break in Iran's evolution, **Mohammad-Reza Djalili** evokes three themes explaining the regime's course for more than forty years: the international dimension of the revolution, isolation and regional strategy as a substitute for this situation, and the relationship between the economy and foreign policy (in *USA, China and Europe: Alternative Visions of a Changing World*, Académie royale de Belgique, 2020). One of the consequences of these political choices is the current situation of the Islamic Republic, which is confronted with an unprecedented deterioration of the country's socio-economic situation, caused in part by the American sanctions but above all by a disastrous management of internal affairs and a foreign policy undermined by ideological considerations.

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#### EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

##### **Frame Contestation and Collective Securitisation: The Case of EU Energy Policy**

This chapter by **Stephanie Hofmann** and **Ueli Staeger**, PHD Researcher in International Relations and Political Science, argues that as energy is a commodity which can be framed as a security, market or even environmental issue, (thick) collective securitisation outcomes have been contested (in *Collective Securitisation and Security Governance in the European Union*, S. Lucarelli, J. Sperling and M.

Webber, Routledge, June 2021).

The chapter was originally published in 2019 as an **article** in West European Politics (see January–February 2019 **Research Bulletin**).



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#### **Trespassing Methods in Political Research**

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**Matias Lopez**, postdoctoral researcher at the AHCD, engages in a stimulating discussion with leading political

methodologist **Jake Bowers**, Professor of Political Science and Statistics and NCSA at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, on social science methods, heated debates in the discipline, including the differences between model-based and design-based research, and the role of P values in the social sciences, and of course in research on democracy.

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TWO NEW SNSF ECCELLENZA PROFESSORIAL FELLOWSHIPS

#### **– Anthroposouth: Latin American Oil Revolutions in the Development Century**

The Swiss National Science Foundation has awarded a CHF 1,839,881 Eccellenza Professorial Fellowship to Antoine Acker to carry out this five-year **project** (2021–2026). Through the example of Latin American oil, the project will highlight the mechanisms that led postcolonial worlds to adopt fossil-fuelled economic models. Its major innovation is to develop the first research team that will seek to build a place for Latin America as a continent in the Anthropocene narrative. By shedding light on chains of political intentionality that pursued alternatives to the Western capitalist energy model, this new geographic perspective will make a substantial contribution to pluralising and denaturalising the history of human-induced geological and climatic change.

**Interview with Antoine Acker**

#### **– Quiet Aid: Service and Salvation in the Balkans-to-Bengal Complex**



The Swiss National Science Foundation has awarded a CHF 1,820,762 Eccellenza Professorial Fellowship to **Till Mostowlansky** to carry out this five-year project starting next April. The project will explore the nexus between modern aid and long-standing Islamic concerns, thereby examining the diversity of social practices, ambivalent moral genealogies and complex historical influences that have shaped Muslim approaches to aid. Focussing on global Islamic organisations connecting parts of Central Asia, South Asia and West Asia, it will theorise aid through service, salvation and mobility. To this end, it will decentre the analysis of aid and push the theoretical inquiry from specialised subfields to a broader anthropological view of doing good. Quiet Aid combines ethnography, archival research, visual analysis and materiality to understand Muslim practices of aid in their full social and historical complexity.



## Faculty and Visitors

CENTRE ALBERT HIRSCHMAN SUR LA DÉMOCRATIE

### Une nouvelle direction

Le 1er novembre, **Graziella Moraes Silva** et **Gopalan Balachandran** ont repris la codirection du Centre Albert Hirschman sur la démocratie suite au départ de Shalini Randeria.

GLOBAL HEALTH CENTRE

### Tammam Aloudat New Managing Director

Tammam Aloudat recently joined the Global Health Centre as Managing Director in order to develop the activities of the GHC and consolidate its "Open Global Health" strategy. Tammam is a Syrian medical doctor and humanitarian worker with twenty years of experience in humanitarian medicine, forced displacement, non-communicable diseases, access to medicines, and epidemic outbreaks.

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GLOBAL HEALTH CENTRE

### Angèle Flora MENDY

The Global Health Centre welcomes Postdoctoral Researcher Angèle Flora Mendy, from the Université de Lausanne, who will work on "Institutional Management of Ebola Virus Disease and the Covid-19 Pandemic in Senegal and Guinea Conakry: A Comparative Analysis" under the supervision of Vinh-Kim Nguyen from 1 December 2021 to 1 October 2022.



## Calls for Projects

GENEVA SCIENCE-POLICY INTERFACE

### Impact Collaboration Programme

This GSPI programme aims to support science-policy collaborations that contribute to strengthening science-informed policymaking and build policy-relevant research and

tools in support of global governance actors based in Geneva. The maximum amount is CHF 40,000 for up to 12 months. The submission deadline is **30 January 2022**.

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## Calls for Papers

CENTRE FOR FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

### **Call for Papers to the 5th Interdisciplinary Sovereign Debt Research and Management Conference (DebtCon5)**

This international and interdisciplinary conference, jointly organised with the Centre for Finance and Development, welcomes paper submissions from economists, finance and legal scholars, historians, political scientists, political economists, sociologists and anthropologists working in theoretical and empirical areas related to sovereign debt as well as from practitioners. The submission deadline is **15 December 2021**. The conference will be held in Florence, Italy, on 25–27 May 2022.

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UNU-WIDER: REQUEST FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

### **Social Protection, Taxation, and Crises**

The United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) is seeking proposals for original research on social protection and taxation in times of crises in developing countries. Proposals from individuals (or groups of individuals) as well as non-profit organisations are welcome. The submission deadline is **31 January 2021**. Papers that pass initial screening will be considered for publication under UNU-WIDER copyright in the WIDER

**Working Paper Series**. In addition, papers further selected by the editorial team will subsequently culminate in a book proposal for an edited volume with a world-class academic publisher.

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## Awarded Prizes

### **Vinh-Kim Nguyen reçoit le Prix de recherche honorifique de la Fondation Croix-Rouge française**

La Fondation Croix-Rouge française a décerné son Prix de recherche honorifique 2021 à Vinh-Kim Nguyen pour l'ensemble de son parcours en médecine sociale et en anthropologie consacré à la lutte contre les épidémies et à l'accès aux traitements. Le prix lui a été remis le 4 novembre, après la diffusion d'une **vidéo** sur son parcours et ses questionnements.



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## Upcoming PhD Defences



📅 Wednesday 24 Nov.

🕒 14:00–16:00

📍 Hybrid

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

### **Essays on New Trends in Financial Intermediation**

By **Edoardo Chiarotti**. Committee members: Cédric Tille, Thesis Director; Ugo Panizza, president and internal reader; Arnaud Mehl, Adviser, International Policy Analysis, European Central Bank, Germany.

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📅 Tuesday 30 Nov.

🕒 11:00–13:00

📍 Hybrid

DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

### **Three Essays in Development and Labor Economics**

By **Anna B. Kis**. Committee members: Martina Viarengo, thesis director; Jean-Louis Arcand, president and internal reader; Joëlle Noailly, internal reader; Simone Moriconi, Professor, Department of Economics and Quantitative Methods, IÉSEG, School of Management, Paris La Défense.

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