

## **Upcoming Research Events (online, CET)**

Monday

INTERNATIONAL **ECONOMICS BROWN BAG LUNCH** 

With Monica Hernandez 12:15

GENEVA TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

**Public Talk by** Stephen Redding 16:00-17:15

GOVERNANCE COLLOQUIUM

The Quiet Failures of Early Neoliberalism

16:30-18:00

**GENDER CENTRE & BLACK CONVERSATIONS** 

**Decolonising the Curriculum and** Racism in **Academia** 

18:00-19:30

**DIVERSITY ON THE** INTERNATIONAL BENCH PROJECT

Women's Voices in the International Judiciary: A **Ouestion of Justice** 18:30-20:30

Tuesday

VILFREDO PARETO RESEARCH SEMINAR

The Toll of Tariffs: Protectionism, **Education and Fertility in Late** 19th Century **France** 

14:15-15:45

INTERNATIONAL HISTORY FORUM

**Metabolic Drift:** Food, Fertiliser and the Biology of History in Malawi 16:15-18:00

ANSO SEMINAR

La rationalité prophétique: retour d'expérience sur la crise financière de 2008

16:15-18:00

GLOBAL MIGRATION LECTURE

Mobility, Migration and Climate Change

18:15-20:00

Wednesday

INTERNATIONAL HISTORY BRUNCH

Grain Riots, Famine, and Moral **Economy in the** Late 19th-Century **Colonial India** 10:30-11:30

INTERNATIONAL MACRO HISTORY

SEMINAR Why is Europe **Less Unequal Than** the United States? 17:00-18:00

LUNCH BRIEFING The Arab Spring in History

12:30-13:30

TASC PLATFORM **TASC Break:** "Working from Home: From Invisibility to Decent Work"

16:00-16:30

Borders in the Middle East: Past and Present 16:00-17:30

GLOBAL HEALTH CENTRE

Book Launch: "The **Security Sector** and Health Crises"

**Thursday** 

**Friday** 

NO EVENTS

16:00-17:30

Monday

INTERNATIONAL **ECONOMICS BROWN BAG LUNCH** 

With Lore Vandewalle 12:15

GLOBAL

GLOBAL HEALTH CENTRE DISCUSSION

**Tuesday** 

What Does It Mean to **Decolonize Global** Health? 12:15-13:15

Wednesday

INTERNATIONAL LAW

COLLOQUIUM Marked Absences: **Locating Gender** and Race in International **Legal History** 12:15-14:00

**Thursday** 

GENDER SEMINAR How to Eat in Palestine: Women, Nutrition, and the **Settler Colonial Economy under** the British

Friday

NO EVENTS

GOVERNANCE CENTRE

**PATHS Event: The** Narrowing of the **European Court of Human Rights?** Legal Diplomacy, Situational Self-**Restraint and** Dejudicialisation 12:15-13:45

VILFREDO PARETO RESEARCH SEMINAR

The Global **Financial Resource** Curse

14:15-15:45

DIGITAL **GOVERNANCE HUB** 

Book Launch: "The Flip Side of Free: Understanding the **Economics of the** Internet" 15:00-16:00

ANSO SEMINAR

Biofeminism: Sex, Science, and **Gender Equity in** Sport and **Biomedicine** 16:15-18:00

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/POLITICAL **SCIENCE** COLLOQUIUM

The Effectiveness of UN **Peacekeeping** 

INTERNATIONAL MACRO HISTORY SEMINAR

16:15-17:30

**Selective Default** Risk: Evidence from the German Default of the 1930s 17:00-18:00

Mandate (1920s-

1940s) 12:30-13:45

See all events +

## **Gateway to Publications by Theme**



Governance





Environment and Natural Resource



Democracy and Civil Society





Global Health









Development Finance, Policies and Practices



Conflict, Dispute Settlement and Peacebuilding





Trade and Economic Integration



Methods Information

and Religion

## **Gateway to Other Relevant Information**



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# **Publications by Theme**



Governance

**ARTICLE** 

Une renaissance des empires en Asie? Les cas de la Chine et de l'Iran

À l'Est comme à l'Ouest de l'Asie, la Chine et l'Iran, qui tout en présentant des



différences notoires partagent de nombreux traits communs, ont dialogué et entretenu des contacts durant plus de deux millénaires. Depuis quelques années, dans un contexte géopolitique mondial marqué par de fortes turbulences, ils semblent être entrés dans une nouvelle phase d'expansion. En parallèle, leurs relations bilatérales fleurissent à nouveau. Ces

phénomènes invitent à s'interroger sur leurs ressemblances et sur ce renouveau «impérial» que certains discernent aujourd'hui dans leur politique étrangère respective, avancent **Mohammad-Reza Djalili** et Thierry Kellner dans leur contribution au dossier *Empire*, *empires* de la *Revue générale* (coord. Fr. Saenen, no. 2, hiver 2020).

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#### **ARTICLE**

#### Locating (New) Materialist Characters and Processes in Global Governance

This contribution probes *A Theory of Global Governance* from a materialist perspective (in *International Theory*, online December 2020). **Anna Leander** focuses on three forms of materialisms that have played a significant role in social theory as well as International Relations theory: the materialisms of markets, of artefacts, and of embodied affects. Placing the focus on processes instead of institutions, the materialist perspective serves to unsettle the conceptualisation of global governance and of the politics of authority, legitimacy, and contestation underpinning it as it captures both the multiple forms of global governance and their increasingly rapidly shifting forms. The contribution is anchored in a discussion of the global governance of cyber-security.

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#### ARTICLE

#### **Introduction: Global Un-governance**

**Deval Desai** and Andrew Lang sketch a novel mode of governance – "global ungovernance" (GU) – which draws on and informs the articles in the special issue that they here introduce (in *Transnational Legal Theory*, vol. 11, no. 3, 2020). GU operates in the context of transnational institution-building projects which at once pursue big visions with claims to universality (e.g., building "markets" or the "rule of law"), and at the same time offer no adequate prescriptions. The authors argue that the "impossibility of closure" becomes a central problematic of practical activity in GU – by which thy mean the ultimate practical impossibility of matching institutional structures with desired outcomes in these contexts.

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#### ARTICLE

# All's Fair in Love and War: Imperial Gazes and Glaring Omissions at the Expositions Universelles (1851–1915)

Despite the ever-growing literature that turns to history in international law, few legal scholars have interrogated the tradition of Expositions Universelles, let alone reflected on their importance for the formation of imperial legal projects in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. **Daniel Quiroga-Villamarín**, PhD Candidate in International Law and Teaching Assistant, engages Science and Technology Studies with International Legal History, analysing these world fairs as prime spaces for the creation of gendered and racialised visions of world ordering (in *Cognitio*, no. 1,

February 2021).

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YEARBOOK

# Annuaire de l'Institut de droit international = Yearbook of the Institute of International Law

**Marcelo Kohen** and Iris van der Heijden are the editors of this IIL yearbook (Session de La Haye, Délibérations, vol. 80, Pedone, September 2020).

Publisher >





### **Democracy and Civil Society**



ARTICLE

# Reflexive Institutional Reform and the Politics of the Regulatory State of the South

What will governance in the Global South look like in the coming decade? **Deval Desai,** Research Associate at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, identifies the emergence of a socio-technical

infrastructure that has enabled the expansion of a particular approach to institutional reform in development practice (in *Regulation and Governance*, online June 2020). Proceeding inductively, he argues that the infrastructure is composed of three specific technologies – massive data-gathering of people's political and social values; adaptive institutional design processes; and large multistakeholder platforms. Theoretically, he explores the political structures embedded in these technologies and sketches some of their consequences, particularly in light of the centrality of institutional reform to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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**ARTICLE** 

#### **Interrogating Technology-led Experiments in Sustainability Governance**

This article by **Jérôme Duberry**, Associate Researcher at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, and others identifies three overlapping contexts within which technology-led efforts to address sustainability challenges are evolving, highlighting the growing roles of: (1) private actors; (2) experimentalism; and (3) informality (in *Global Policy*, vol. 11, no. 4, September 2020). The confluence of these interconnected trends illuminates an important yet often under-recognised paradox: that the use of technology in multistakeholder initiatives tends to reduce rather than expand the set of actors, enhancing instead of reducing challenges to participation and transparency, and reinforcing rather than transforming existing forms of power relations.

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WORKING PAPER

Beyond Fashion and Smokescreens: Citizens' Deliberation of Constitutional Amendments

Despite the increasing number of countries that have implemented deliberative processes during constitutional changes, the discussion about the criteria for these processes to be deemed fair and democratic remains open. Thus, **Yanina Welp**, Research Fellow at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, and Francisco Soto carry out an empirical analysis that allows them to identify five models of deliberative processes: "symbolic", "prejudiced", "participatory overflow", "constituent opening" and "constituent participation" (COST Action CA17135 Working Paper no. 7, August 2020). The conclusions go beyond the sui generis commitment to implement participatory mechanisms and suggest minimal criteria that deliberative processes should fulfill to be considered democratic.

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#### Gender



**ARTICLE** 

# Gender, Price, and Quantity Effects in U.S. Earnings Inequality: Revisiting Counterfactual Density Estimates

Andrew Silva, Researcher at the Gender Centre, employs a semi-parametric density estimation technique to infer the contribution of male and female price effects (wages) and quantity effects (work

hours and household employment) to the growth in U.S. household earnings inequality between 1975 and 2018 (in *Economics Bulletin*, vol. 40, no. 3, September 2020). Results indicate that male wages have contributed substantially to inequality growth, whereas the gradual increase in female work hours has actually mitigated inequality growth, particularly by raising earnings in the lower and mid portions of the distribution. These results demonstrate the relevance of work hours in addition to wage rates in explaining earnings inequality growth, and the importance of gender differences therein.

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## **Conflict, Dispute Settlement and Peacebuilding**



WORKING PAPER

### How Global Jihad Relocalises and Where It Leads: The Case of HTS, the Former AQ Franchise in Syria

After emerging from the matrix of AQ's global jihad, since 2017 HTS has sought to "institutionalise" the revolution in Syria by imposing its military hegemony and full

control of the institutions of local governance. It has thus marginalised the revolutionary milieu, other Islamists and the threat posed by AQ supporters and IS cells in Idlib. This was followed by a policy of gradual opening and mainstreamisation, and the group is seeking international acceptance through a strategic partnership with Turkey and desires to open dialogue with Western countries. Once a salafi jihadi organisation, HTS now has a new mainstream approach to political Islam, conlude **Jerome Drevon,** Research Associate at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, and Patrick Haenni (EUI RSCAS no. 2021/08, Middle East Directions).

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#### DEUX CHAPITRES D'UN LIBER AMICORUM

**Lucius Caflisch** et **Marcelo Kohen** ont chacun contribué à *Enjeux et perspectives:* droit international, droit de la mer, droits de l'homme; Liber Amicorum en l'honneur de la professeure Haritini Dipla (L. Boisson de Chazournes et al., dir., Pedone, septembre 2020), le premier avec

Responsabilité de l'État pour le refus de ses tribunaux d'adjuger des demandes de dommages-intérêts émanant des victimes de torture: l'affaire Naït-Liman

et le second avec

Décolonisation inachevée: le cas de l'archipel des Chagos devant la CIJ Éditeur >

**INTERVIEW** 

#### What Is Contemporary Political Violence? An Interview with Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou

Should "jihadist" violence be analysed as a specificity of contemporary global conflict, or should we instead look at it in terms of broader and more encompassing historical dynamics, dynamics that characterise other religious traditions, as much as the other modes of political, cultural, and social thought of our times? Interviewed by Mohamed-Ali Adraoui, **Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou** warns of the intellectual trap of taking violent actors at their word – a tendency all too present in contemporary analyses of jihadism, Islamic-inspired radicalisation, and, more generally, religious justifications of violence (in *Violence: An International Journal*, online February 2021).

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## **Culture, Identity and Religion**



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#### L'identité, c'est comme la cigarette

L'identité s'est imposée comme un horizon indépassable. D'où une sourde angoisse: le marché, la globalisation, l'immigration menaceraient notre identité, notre culture. Or, l'une et l'autre sont des illusions. Il n'est que des actes d'identification, politiquement construits, historiquement

situés, socialement contradictoires, culturellement polémiques. Les conflits dits

identitaires déchirent les cultures, plutôt qu'ils ne les opposent les unes aux autres. La culture est un effet, et non la cause. Comment penser les raisons culturelles du politique sans être ni culturaliste ni identitariste? demande **Jean-François Bayart** dans *L'identité, pour quoi faire?* (J. Birnbaum, dir., Gallimard, octobre 2020). **Éditeur** >





#### **Environment and Natural Resource**



**ARTICLE** 

# Cobalt Mining and the Corporate Outsourcing of Responsibility in the Democratic Republic of Congo

The fast-growing demand for cobalt has pressured multinational mining companies operating in the Democratic Republic of Congo to formalise artisanal mining under the banner of responsible sourcing. Based

on field research in the cobalt-rich Province of Lualaba, survey data and interviews with relevant actors, **Filipe Calvão**, **Catherine Erica Alexina Mcdonald** and **Matthieu Bolay**, Postdoctoral Researcher, examine the integration of artisanal miners in corporate-led formalisation projects (in *The Extractive Industries and Society*, online February 2021). First, they suggest that the reliance on wageless artisanal workers in large-scale industrial operations holds important lessons for understanding the unintended effects of mining formalisation. Second, the flexible recruitment of artisanal workers by mining companies represents an emergent trend of corporate outsourcing of responsibility.

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ARTICLE

# Keep Calm and Carry On: Climate-Ready Crops and the Genetic Codification of Climate Myopia

The diverse ways that extreme climate events are expressed at the local level have represented a challenge for the development of transgenic "climate-ready" (resilient to environmental stress) seeds. Based on the Argentinean "HB4" technology, this paper by **Diego Silva**, Research Associate at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, analyses how ignorance and a sunflower gene are mobilised to overcome this difficulty in soy and wheat (in *Science*, *Technology*, and *Human Values*, online November 2020).

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**Global Health** 



#### A Guide to Global Health Diplomacy: Better Health – Improved Global Solidarity – More Equity

The COVID-19 pandemic has shaken the previously prevailing concepts and mechanisms of global health diplomacy. The shifting paradigm includes increasing politicisation, a move towards multistakeholder diplomacy and revisiting

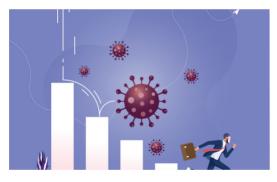
the mandates of global health actors, among others. To better equip health diplomats and negotiators, this training manual by **Ilona Kickbusch**, **Michel Kazatchkine**, **Haik Nikogosian** and **Mihály Kökény**, reviewed and supported by global health experts from different backgrounds, countries and sectors, provides key concepts on global health diplomacy, outlines the major actors and activities shaping the global health ecosystem, and presents practical tools to strengthen negotiation skills (Global Health Centre, February 2021).

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### **Development Finance, Policies and Practices**



ARTICLE

#### The COVID-19 and Bond Spreads

Financial markets reacted with a vengeance to the COVID-19 pandemic. **Rui Esteves** and **Nathan Sussman** argue that while the spread of the pandemic is statistically significant in explaining changes to bond spreads, it has little additional explanatory power over

variables that capture financial stress (in *The Economists' Voice*, vol. 17, 2020). Financial markets reacted as in any international financial crisis by penalising emerging economies exposing existing vulnerabilities. This finding highlights the need for credible, but flexible, sovereign currencies and the need to build up liquidity reserves.

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#### Politics, International Banking, and the Debt Crisis of 1982

How does politics affect private international lending? **Carlo Edoardo Altamura,** Research Fellow at the Department of International History, and Juan Flores Zendejas highlight the relationship between international banks, their home governments, the International Monetary Fund, and international regulators during the years that preceded the debt crisis of 1982 (in *Business History Review,* vol. 94, no. 4, online February 2021). Based on new archival evidence from different case studies, they find that the decisions of commercial banks to lend were largely based on the home governments' preferences, competition, and the assumption that home governments and international organisations would provide lender of last resort

functions to support borrowing governments.

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PAPFR

#### Time for Bed(s): Hospital Capacity and Mortality from COVID-19

Public response to rising deaths from COVID-19 was immediate and, in many cases, drastic, leading to substantial economic and institutional costs. Using cross-country evidence and controlling for a variety of contributing factors, **Nathan Sussman** finds that increasing the number of hospital beds has a significant and quite substantial impact on mortality rates (in Covid Economics: Vetted and Real-Time Papers no. 11, CEPR Press, April 2020). Hospital beds likely capture the capacity of ICU, laboratories, and other hospital-related equipment. Facing a potential second or third wave of infection following an exit from lockdown policies, countries short on medical infrastructures should increase them immediately.

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**ARTICLE** 

# Come risolvere il problema del debito pubblico italiano: un'analisi critica delle soluzioni facili

This contribution in Italian by **Ugo Panizza** casts a critical glance on the easy solutions to the problem of Italian public debt proposed by some observers (in *Rivista di Politica Economica*, December 2019).

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**ESSAY** 

#### India's Lockdown

This paper by Debraj Ray, S. Subramanian and **Lore Vandewalle** (in *India and the Pandemic: The First Year: Essays from "The India Forum"*, Orient Blackswan, 2021) was originally published as CEPR Policy Insight no. 102 (more info in the May 2020 *Research Bulletin*).

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**ARTICLE** 

#### When Governments Promise to Prioritize Public Debt: Do Markets Care?

This article by **Ugo Panizza** and others (in *Journal of Financial Regulation*, vol. 6, no. 1, March 2020) was originally published as an International Economics Department Working Paper (more info in the May 2019 *Research Bulletin*). **DOI >** 

ARTICLE

#### **Smart Development Banks**

This article by Eduardo Fernández-Arias, Ricardo Hausmann and **Ugo Panizza** (in *Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade,* vol. 20, 2020) was originally published as an International Economics Department Working Paper (more info in the April 2019 *Research Bulletin*).

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**ARTICLE** 

#### **Alternative Solutions to the Odious Debt Problem**

This article by **Ugo Panizza** and Mitu Gulati (in *Annals of the Fondazione Luigi Einaudi,* vol. 54, no. 1, June 2020) was originally published as an International Economics Department Working Paper (more info in the April 2020 *Research Bulletin*).

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#### How to Restructure Euro Area Sovereign Debt in the Era of COVID-19

This article by Teresa Arnold, Mitu Gulati and **Ugo Panizza**, originally published in November 2019 as an International Economics Department Working Paper under the title "Euro Area Sovereign Debt: Restructuring Options" (more info in the December 2019 *Research Bulletin*), was updated mid-2020 to take into account the COVID-2019 crisis (in *Capital Markets Law Journal*, vol. 15, no. 3, July 2020).





## **Trade and Economic Integration**



PHD THESIS

#### Legal and Institutional Aspects of Arab Countries' Participation to the World Trade Organization

Why do Arab countries participate less than other developing countries in the WTO's core functions of treaty implementation, negotiations and dispute settlement of disputes? Since 2017, this participation is

slightly increasing following dispute cases involving the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) and North Arab-African countries. In his PhD thesis in International Law (2021), **Said El Hachimi** coins this as a "shock therapy" moment and provides suggestions for strengthening Arab countries' engagement with the WTO.

Interview with Dr El Hachimi > Repository >





#### **Methods and Information**



ARTICLE

# Sundry Worlds within the World: Decentered Histories and Institutional Archives

Using the situated vantage point of the League of Nations, **Carolyn Biltoft** explores how fusing the tools of world and institutional history offers generative methods for writing multiple "decentered"

histories (in *Journal of World History*, vol. 31, no. 4, December 2020). First, she suggests approaching organisations as sites embedded in and so reflective of the structures of a particular world historical conjuncture. Then, she argues that we can make use of the ample and even mundane materials in organisational archives to

rethink and retell standard historical narrative arcs.

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**ARTICLE** 

# Parsing Pegasus: An Infrastructural Approach to the Relationship between Technology and Swiss Security Politics

How do technologies matter for security politics? **Anna Leander** introduces the kind of arguments an infrastructural approach would focus its answer on, by focussing on how the spyware Pegasus developed by the Israeli company NSO matters for Swiss security politics (in *Swiss Political Science Review*, February 2021). The infrastructural approach would primarily focus on the politics of the infrastructures Pegasus is inscribed in, the politics of the processes of infrastructuring the software, and the infrapolitics that sustain and transform these processes and infrastructures. She also discusses the strengths and weaknesses of infrastructural approaches, more suitable for re-problematising and re-imagining the politics of security technologies than for studies premised on a fixed understanding of those politics.

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## Other Relevant Information





# CIES Welcomes Bill Adams, New Faculty Member

Professor Bill Adams is the new holder of the Claudio Segré Chair of Conservation and Development. He was previously the Moran Professor of Conservation and Development at the University of Cambridge. As a part of CIES, he will be developing his research on landscape scale

conservation and on novel conservation technologies.

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#### **Calls for Events**

□ Deadline 15 March

#### Global Health Centre Online Events during 74th WHA

The GHC is looking for partners to co-organise a series of events on governance, politics and power in global health during the 74th World Health Assembly (WHA). It welcomes proposals for panel discussions, lectures, film screenings or debates that explore governance, politics and

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### **Calls for Prizes**

□ Deadline 15 March

#### **SNIS International Studies Award**

This award will recognise an exceptional international studies PhD dissertation completed in 2020 with a CHF 10,000 prize (self-nominations eligible).

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□ Deadline 15 April

#### **Marcel Benoist Swiss Science Prize**

In 2021, this prestigious annual Prize will recognise outstanding research in the social sciences and humanities related to current social issues and award CHF 250,000 (self-nominations not eligible).

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□ Deadline 31 May

#### **Ethics & Trust in Finance for a Sustainable Future**

This prize invites people under the age of 35 working in or studying finance to submit creative papers setting out analyses or proposals for innovative ways to promote ethics & trust in finance. The jury allocates the prize money of USD 20,000 among the winners.

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## **Upcoming PhD Defences (online, CET)**

#### **Economics of Social Ties, Migration and Development**

By **Yanming Kan**, Development Economics. Committee members: Martina Viarengo, President and Internal Reader; Jean-Louis Arcand, Thesis Director; Stuart McDonald, Associate Professor, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Nottingham Ningbo, China.

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# (Un)Becoming Old: An Anthropology of Aging Biology and the Processes of Senescence, Life, and Death

By **Lauren Riggs,** Anthropology and Sociology of Development. Committee members: Vinh-Kim Nguyen, President and Internal Reader; Aditya Bharadwaj, Thesis Director; Rayna Rapp, Professor Emerita, Department of

Anthropology, New York University, USA.

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Friday 5 March O 14:00-16:00

#### From Theory to Practice: Open Government Data, **Accountability, and Service Delivery**

By Michael Jelenic, International Relations/Political Science. Committee members: Liliana Andonova, President and Internal Reader; Cédric Dupont, Thesis Director; Stefaan Verhulst, Co-Founder and Chief Research, The Governance Laboratory, Tandon School of Engineering, New York University, USA.

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