

Research Bulletin

Upcoming events, latest publications and other research activities

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Upcoming Research Events (CET, online)

3 Monday

INT. ECON. BBL
With Anna B. Kis
12:15

GGC
**Paths Panel: The
Interaction of Law
and Politics in
Norm
Implementation**
12:15–13:45

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PARETO SEMINAR
**Redrawing the
Map of Global
Capital Flows: The
Role of Cross-
Border Financing
and Tax Havens**
16:15–17:45

ANSO SEMINAR
**Taking Action:
NGO Responses to
Kenya's Neglected
Boy Child Debate**
16:15–18:00

5 Wednesday

CCDP SEMINAR
**Inside Ceasefires:
Negotiations
among Civilians
and Armed Actors**
16:15–17:30

CFD SEMINAR
**Assignats or
Death:
Inflationary
Finance in
Revolutionary
France**
17:00–18:00

6 Thursday

IHP SEMINAR
**The Market Won
the Cold War: The
G7 and East-West
Economic
Relations, 1975–
1989**
10:30–11:30

GHC
**In the Eye of the
COVID Storm:
How Can Media
Hold Governments
Accountable?**
16:30–18:00

7 Friday

WOMEN IN ECON
WORKSHOP
Own Your Show
16:30–18:00
(location tbd)

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INT. ECON. BBL
**With Giulia
Sabbadini**
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GTDW SEMINAR
**With Paola
Conconi**
16:00–17:15

11 Tuesday

GGC COLLOQUIUM
**The Poverty of
Cyber Norms?**
12:30–14:00

PARETO SEMINAR
**External Threats
and Group
Identity: The
Effect of Russia's
Invasion in
Ukraine on
European Union
Identity**
14:15–15:45

IHPF
**Contested Sites of
Birth: Faith-Based
Birthing Homes
and the Search for
Legitimacy in
Nigeria**
16:15–18:00

ANSO SEMINAR
**Seeing like a
Scientist:
Photography,
Evidence &
Knowledge in the**

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IL COLLOQUIUM
**Gender and the
Lost Private Side
of International
Law**
12:15–14:00

LUNCH BRIEFING
**The Geopolitics of
Vaccines**
12:30–13:30

CFD SEMINAR
**The Economic
Consequences of
Sir Robert Peel: A
Quantitative
Assessment of the
Repeal of the Corn
Laws**
17:00–18:00

WASHINGTON ALUMNI
CHAPTER
**Can Finance
Reduce
Inequality? The
Global Savings
Glut, Finance, and
Development**
18:30–19:30

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Gateway to Publications by Theme



Conflict, Dispute
Settlement and
Peacebuilding



Migration and
Refugees



Culture,
Identity
and Religion



Gender



Development
Finance, Policies
and Practices



Trade
and Economic
Integration



Environment
and Natural
Resource



Governance



Global Health



Methods
and
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Gateway to Other Relevant Information



Multimedia



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Prizes



Publications by Theme



Conflict, Dispute Settlement and Peacebuilding



MONOGRAPH

A Violent Peace: Media, Truth and Power at the League of Nations

The newly born League of Nations confronted the post-WWI world by aiming to create a transnational, cosmopolitan dialogue on justice. As part of these efforts, a veritable army of League personnel set out to shape “global public

opinion” in favour of the postwar liberal international order. Combining the tools of global intellectual history and cultural history, **Carolyn N. Biltoft** reopens the archives of the League to reveal surprising links between the political use of modern information systems and the rise of mass violence in the interwar world (University of Chicago Press, May 2021). The conflicts over truth and power that played out at the League offer broad insights into the nature of totalitarian regimes and their use

of media flows to demonise a whole range of “others”.

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EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

The United States and Neutrality in Scandinavia

This chapter contrasts US policy towards Sweden and Finland during the Cold War (in *The Soviet Union and Cold War Neutrality and Nonalignment in Europe*, M. Kramer, A. Makko and P. Ruggenthaler, eds., Lexington Books, March 2021). **Jussi**

Hanhimäki argues that the cordial Finno-Soviet relationship could be viewed both as an opportunity to advocate a change in Soviet relations with Eastern Europe and a liability to the cohesion of NATO. By contrast, the Swedish welfare state exposed the many problems of Warsaw Pact Socialism. In the final analysis, Finnish and Swedish neutrality were assets for the United States during the Cold War.

Publisher

WORKING PAPER

Crime, Inequality and Subsidized Housing: Evidence from South Africa

In order to study the relationship between housing inequality and crime in South Africa, **Roxana Elena Manea**, PhD Candidate in Development Economics, Patrizi Piraino and **Martina Viarengo** create a novel panel dataset combining information on crimes at the police station level with census data (CESifo Working Paper no. 8914, Ludwigs-Maximilians University, February 2021). They find that housing inequality explains a significant share of the variation in both property and violent crimes and that a prominent post-apartheid housing programme for low-income South Africans led to a reduction in inequality and a decline in violent crimes, suggesting the important role that housing equality can play in the reduction of crime in an emerging economy context.

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Migration and Refugees



MONOGRAPHIE

Guerres et migrations: réseaux sociaux et stratégies économiques des Hazaras d’Afghanistan/Jang wa mosâferat: shabakahâ-ye ejtemâ’i wa estrâtezhihâ-ye eqtesâdi-ye hazârahâ-ye afghânistân

L’ouvrage d’**Alessandro Monsutti**

Guerres et migrations vient d’être traduit

en person par Belgheis Alavi and M. Ali Va’ez (Nasl-e Naw, 2021). À travers cette étude détaillée des réseaux sociaux et des stratégies des Hazaras, la migration acquiert une valeur paradigmatique pour la réflexion anthropologique. Elle apparaît également comme un mode de survie d’une population exposée à une situation difficile.

The book is also available **in English**.


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Culture, Identity and Religion



ARTICLE

Breakthroughs, Blockages, and the Path to Self-Accomplishment: The Case of Pentecostal Church Founders in Kenya

The neo-Pentecostal movement emphasises the promises of “breakthroughs” – financial and other – as a key point of appeal. At the same time, it

offers a wide range of possibilities for self-made professionalisation, giving rise to a caste of religious entrepreneurs. Drawing on ethnographic research and several contemporary examples, Yonatan N. Gez and **Yvan Droz** show how the church-founding avenue becomes a path for personal breakthroughs by meeting social and economic criteria for success (in *Africa Today*, vol. 67, no. 2 & 3, Winter 2020/Spring 2021). At the same time, they offer a retrospective examination of the career of an earlier Christian entrepreneur, Nganga wa Kago, with the purpose of asking just how new such professionalisation actually is.

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EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

The Identificatory City in Sub-Saharan Africa

Gold, diamonds, and certain precious minerals are subject to unmonitored extraction by young “diggers”, those true pioneers of contemporary Africa who flout national and multinational companies and political authorities. “Bureaux” or “coordination commissions” supervise their operations, which are also monitored by the president, a secretary, a treasurer or auditor, and a deputy treasurer who ensures the execution of sanctions and the payment of fines, all in a friendly atmosphere since they are “friendly societies”. In political terms, the militias, the assertive presence of which is an evident sign of a “failed state” in the eyes of international relations experts, in fact contribute to the state’s wider reproduction. The social and political ambiguity of bureaucracy makes it one of the pillars of colonial and postcolonial “hegemonic research”, at the interface of coercion and support, argue **Jean-François Bayart** and Andrew Brow in *Identification and Citizenship in Africa: Biometrics, the Documentary State and Bureaucratic Writings of the Self* (S. Awenengo Dalberto and R. Banégas, eds., Routledge, April 2021).

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Gender

ARTICLE

“Marked Absences: Locating Gender and Race in International Legal History



In this article for the *European Journal of International Law* (volume 31, no. 3, 2020), **Janne Nijman** critically engages with another article in the same issue that Henri de Waele wrote on international law scholarship in the Netherlands during the interwar period. While she concurs with his idea that this scholarship needs to be examined more closely, she argues that

doing history today can no longer go without addressing “the woman question” and “the colonial question”, left unmentioned by traditional historiography. Expanding and remaking international legal history is crucial for today and tomorrow as “the history we choose determines the people and institutions we invest with power and authority”.

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Interview with Professor Nijman

ARTICLE

The Rise of Non-communicable Disease (NCDs) in Mozambique: Decolonising Gender and Global Health

This paper focuses on the connected conditions of hypertension and stroke in areas of Mozambique that have faced a double burden of disease: the persistence of diseases that attract international intervention and a new burden of non-communicable disease (NCDs). Drawing on critical African gender studies, **Claire Somerville** and Khatia Munguambe begin to re-examine global health and its epistemological assumptions about disease presentation and explanatory models (in *Gender & Development*, vol. 29, no. 1, March 2021). Such discussion is necessary to engage in de-colonising global health and feminisms and to ensure that African feminisms inform future gendered understanding and programming around the double burden of NCDs across Mozambique and sub-Saharan Africa more widely.

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WORKING PAPER

Genrer l'analyse des conflits dans leur contexte: le cas de la “crise anglophone” au Cameroun

La “crise anglophone” qui se joue actuellement au Cameroun est communément décrite de manière réductrice. Or, en la replaçant dans son contexte et en examinant deux périodes de l'histoire qui l'ont déterminée – la période coloniale et la période de libéralisation politique et économique dans les années 1990 – **Tanushree Kaushal**, chercheuse au Centre genre et doctorante, montre que les revendications formulées dans le cadre de ce conflit, notamment celles des femmes, sont de nature structurelle et hétérogène (Gender Centre Working Paper no. 13, 2020). L'ancrage historique est ainsi nécessaire pour dévoiler les composantes et logiques sociales, politiques et économiques permettant de comprendre les revendications et préoccupations des acteurs et actrices en présence.

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Ce working paper est la traduction en français de “Contextually Engendering Conflict Analysis: The Case of the Anglophone Conflict in Cameroon” (voir le June 2020 **Research Bulletin**).

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La définition du genre dans le droit pénal international et le droit international relatif aux droits humains: transposition des théorisations féministes

colonial times.

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ARTICLE

“The Child Needs Milk and Milk Needs a Market”: The Politics of Nutrition in the Interwar Yishuv

Before milk was incorporated into the Zionist project as a nutritional supplement for children, dairy was celebrated as agricultural produce. Milk had the ability to bring together a varied group of technical experts, who hailed the Milk in School programme as a national triumph. Situating the milk programme in its local as well as international contexts, **Efrat Gilad**, PhD Candidate in International History at the time of writing, shows how milk was imagined and presented in a way that tied together food, public health, Jewish physiques, and national goals (in *Gastronomica*, vol. 21, no. 1, Spring 2021). She does so by establishing the link between a nutritional programme and its political economy within the Zionist aim of colonising Palestine and normalising the Jewish people into “a nation among nations”.

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PHD THESIS

Essays in Uncertain Economics

In her PhD thesis in International Economics (2021), **Neha Deopa** theoretically and empirically explores the effects of uncertainty on firm decisions in four essays:

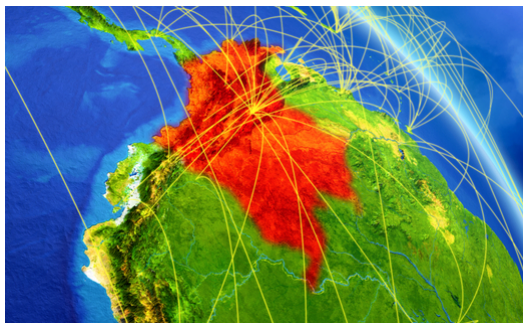
- **“Scenes from a Monopoly: Quickest Detection of Ecological Regimes”**, co-authored with Daniele Rinaldo
- **“Firm Decisions under Jump-Diffusive Dynamics”**, co-authored with Daniele Rinaldo
- **“Coronagraben: Culture and Social Distancing in Times of COVID-19”**, co-authored with Piergiuseppe Fortunato
- **“Superbug Stories”**

Read more in this [interview with Dr Deopa](#)


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Trade and Economic Integration



WORKING PAPER

Telemigration and Digitally Enabled Service Exports: Opportunities for Colombia

Telemigration is simply working from home when home is abroad. Will telemigration be an important aspect of Colombia’s internationalisation in the coming years?

Richard Baldwin, Jeison Cárdenas and

Cristina Fernández answer “yes”, founding themselves on three facts (Thinking Ahead on Societal Change, February 2021). First, about 21% of Colombians have jobs that are “teleworkable”. Second, Colombian wages/salaries in teleworkable occupations are, on average, about a tenth that of US workers in similar occupations. Third, very few Colombians are currently engaged in telemigration. Since so many Colombians could telemigrate but so few do, and since US firms could save so much money by hiring Colombian workers, the authors conjecture that service exports can

play a significant role in the internationalisation of the Colombian economy and offer very preliminary indications of policies that might promote this form of export.

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Profit, Penury, and the Impieties of Inequality? A Retrospective on Martin Luther's "On Trade and Usury" for Our Times

This thought piece by **Carolyn Biloft** – which serves as the forward to a special issue on economic inequality – uses Martin Luther's 1524 text *On Trade and Usury* to reconsider the historical role that differing moral paradigms have played in our understanding of what economic equality is and how to achieve it (in *Capitalism: A Journal of History and Economics*, vol. 2, no. 1, Winter 2021). Those reflections on a distance past then offer a way of thinking with and about the diverse intellectual underpinnings of contemporary questions on the local and global distribution of wealth.

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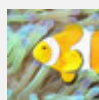
WORKING PAPER

Trading through Platforms: Evidence from AliExpress

In this paper, **Richard Baldwin, Edoardo Chiarotti**, PhD Candidate in International Economics, and Daria Taglioni strive to contribute three things to the literature (January 2021). The first is a line-sketch theory model that puts consumers into the value chain. It emphasises the value-creating aspect of superior matching between consumers preferences and the varieties when they can purchase online (and thus have access to a broader range of varieties than is available locally). The authors indirectly test this by estimating the impact that AliExpress has on exports. AliExpress data is unique in that only Chinese firms can sell and only non-Chinese can buy on the platform. Third, they provide evidence that the introduction of such platforms can support export of domestic value added.

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Environment and Natural Resource



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Biodiversity and the Challenge of Pluralism

Limited progress in reversing global biodiversity decline is partly due to a mismatch between the way living nature is conceived and valued by the conservation movement and by other people, particularly marginalised communities.

Addressing this problem requires a pluralistic understanding of biodiversity, a willingness to expand its ambit, and engagement with the multiple and multi-level drivers of change. **Bill Adams**, Professor at the Institute since January, and others propose ways for conservation science, policy and practice to deliver more effective and socially just conservation outcomes (in *Nature Sustainability*, online March 2021).

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In Search of the Good Dam: Contemporary Views on Dam Planning in Latin America

After decades of debate, it is still not clear how dam planning and management can be improved. Christopher Schulz and **Bill Adams** use Q methodology to characterise the views of social and environmental researchers about what principles should guide dam projects in Latin America (in *Sustainability Science*, vol. 16, no. 1, January 2021). Three viewpoints are identified: (1) that defending the rights of vulnerable people should be the main priority; (2) that more holistic and scientific procedures and participatory processes were needed; (3) that the need for dams should be questioned, and attention turned to the rights of indigenous communities to determine their own model of development. Each viewpoint represents an alternative vision for future dam planning and clarifies the choices available to policymakers and development actors.

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EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

Planetary Boundaries and Regime Interaction in International Law

This chapter of the *Research Handbook on Law, Governance and Planetary Boundaries* lays the foundations for examining the relationship between international law and the planetary boundaries (L. Kotzé and D. French, eds., Cheltenham, April 2021). Biophysical interactions in Earth systems raise important questions for the international legal regimes: what effect do governance interactions have on the complex feedbacks and loops that occur between planetary boundaries? And what tools does international law offer to manage these interacting regimes? **Dario Piselli**, Research Assistant at the Centre for International Environmental Studies, and Harro van Asselt draw on two case studies of coupled planetary boundaries – related to interactions between climate change and stratospheric ozone depletion on the one hand, and freshwater use and biogeochemical flows on the other.

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Governance



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The Party Scene: New Directions for Political Party Research in Foreign Policy Analysis

Stephanie Hofmann and Benjamin Martill take stock of recent research on political parties, party politics and their role in foreign policy-making (in *International Affairs*, online March 2021). They argue

that it is time for party research not only to embrace the question of whether parties matter but also how, when and where they matter. This requires a move away from most-likely cases and the realist foil towards an embrace of the complexity of party positions. Building on International Relations, comparative politics and foreign policy analysis scholarship, they suggest four avenues deserving of greater scholarly focus: 1) ideological multidimensionality; 2) parties as organisations and the role of

entrepreneurs; 3) parties as transnational foreign policy actors; and 4) the interaction between parties and the changing global order.

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EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

An Enlarged Sense of Possibility for International Law: Seeking Change by Doing History

Interest in the intellectual history or “history of ideas” of international law has surged around the last turn of the century. **Janne Nijman** contextualises this development and stages three possible approaches of why and how to study ideas and theories of the past (in *Contingency in International Law: on the Possibility of Different Legal Histories*, I. Venzke and K.J. Heller, eds., Oxford University Press, April 2021). A central proposition is that the field of “History and Theory of International Law” ultimately aims to establish a dialogue between international legal thought then and now. In this way, a critical distance emerges with respect to our own international legal thinking and its underlying political and moral ideas. The meaning of international law ideas changes through time and use – in the study thereof lies the critical potential and value for our own thinking. As such, “doing history” comes with what Quentin Skinner calls “an enlarged sense of possibility”.

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Global Health



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Non-commercial Pharmaceutical R&D: What Do Neglected Diseases Suggest about Costs and Efficiency?

There has been significant growth in non-commercial R&D, particularly for neglected diseases, but there is limited understanding of how it compares with traditional commercial R&D. **Suerie Moon, Marcela Vieira** and

Ryan Kimmitt analyse costs, timeframes, and attrition rate of non-commercial R&D across multiple initiatives and how they compare to commercial R&D using the Portfolio-to-Impact (P2I) Model ([version 1; peer review: 1 approved, 2 approved with reservations], *F1000Research* 10:190, March 2021). They find that non-commercial R&D differs in many significant ways from commercial R&D. However, it is possible that the sum of these differences cancel each other out such that total costs, timeframes and attrition rates are largely in line with commercial averages. Further research is needed to test the hypotheses generated by this study against a larger sample of data.

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*This article is based on Global Health Centre Working Paper no. 22 (see **Research Bulletin** no. 1, 2021).*

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A Rapid Review of Sexual Pleasure in First Sexual Experience(s)

While there has been extensive research on first sexual experiences, much less is known about how people construct, experience, and proceed (or not) with sexual

pleasure in these experiences and beyond. To address this knowledge gap, the Global Advisory Board for Sexual Health and Wellbeing (GAB) coordinated a rapid review of published peer-reviewed research and found 23 papers exploring this subject and its intersections with sexual health and sexual rights. The results reveal significant gaps in erotic education, gender equity, vulnerability and connection, and communication efficacy. A key finding is that individuals with the agency to formulate their definition and context of what pleasure means to them are more likely to experience pleasure at first sex. This, conclude **Victoria Boydell**, Research Fellow at the Global Health Centre, Kelsey Q. Wright and **Robert D. Smith**, points to promising ways to improve first sexual experiences through erotic skills building and through addressing knowledge gaps about having sex for the first time among disadvantaged groups (in *The Journal of Sex Research*, online April 2021).

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ARTICLE

COVID-19 and the Political Geography of Racialisation: Ethnographic Cases in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Detroit

In the United States, where public health departments have been severely defunded, Black, Native, Latinx communities and those experiencing poverty in the country's largest cities are disproportionately infected with the coronavirus and disproportionately dying. Based on their collective ethnographic work in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Detroit, **Ryan Whitacre**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Global Health Centre, and others identify how the political geography of racialisation potentiated the COVID-19 crisis, exacerbating the social and economic toll of the pandemic for non-white communities, and undercut the public health response (in *Global public Health*, online March 2021).

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COEDITED BOOK

Handbook of Global Health

This fully comprehensive, state-of-the-art and continuously updated, living handbook, coedited by Robin Haring, **Ilona Kickbusch**, Detlev Ganten and Matshidiso Moeti, provides context for global health clinical care, organisational decision-making, and overall public policy on many levels (Springer, May 2021). It helps health workers, physicians, economists, environmental and social scientists, trainees and medical students as well as professionals and practitioners achieve a truly multidisciplinary understanding of the topics, trends as well as the clinical, socioeconomic and environmental drivers impacting global health.

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Methods and Information

EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

Collaging as a Method for IR in the Anthropocene

The image of methods as being mainly about statistical techniques is surprisingly tenacious in the discipline of International Relations (IR). Such reductive



understandings of methods transform methodology from the heuristic device it should be into a policing technology that blinds and blocks, impeding IR scholars from working with the Anthropocene.

Anna Leander focuses on one specific alternative: the method of collaging, which notably allows IR scholars to contribute to the multidisciplinary efforts that go into co-

producing an understanding/image of the Anthropocene (in *International Relations in the Anthropocene: New Actors, New Agencies and New Approaches*, D. Chandler, Fr. Müller and D. Rothe, eds, Palgrave-Macmillan, 2021).

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ARTICLE

How to Bring Research Evidence into Policy? Synthesizing Strategies of Five Research Projects in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

This paper by **Claire Somerville** and others reports on five r4d research projects and shows how researchers engage with various stakeholders, including policymakers, in order to assure uptake of the research results (in *Health Research Policy and Systems*, vol. 19, art. no. 29, March 2021). Eleven in-depth interviews were conducted with the projects' principal investigators and their research partners, using a semi-structured interview guide. Three key strategies were identified as fostering research uptake into policies and practices: (S1) stakeholders directly engaged with and sought evidence from researchers; (S2) stakeholders were involved in the design and throughout the implementation of the research project; and (S3) stakeholders engaged in participatory and transdisciplinary research approaches to coproduce knowledge and inform policy.

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What Makes a "Regime Complex" Complex? It Depends

What makes the collections of international institutions or regimes governing various domains – called in the literature regime, institutional, or governance complexes – "complex"? **James Hollway** examines several conditions for complexity discussed in that literature and finds them necessary but not sufficient (in *Complexity, Governance & Networks*, vol. 6, no. 1, 2020). He argues that the sufficient condition is dependence and outlines a framework of increasing levels of synchronic (social/spatial) and diachronic (temporal) dependence. Putting dependence at the centre of discussions on regime complexes has four advantages: (1) it is analytically more precise a condition than proliferation or linkage; (2) it orients us toward questions of degree, "how complex", instead of the binary "whether complex"; (3) it informs a range of research design and theoretical choices; and (4) it arguably reconciles competing uses of the term "complex" in the literature without conflating it with complexity, structure, or topology.

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The Eclipse of Global Legal Pluralism in Ethnology: A French Trajectory

Global legal pluralism in France was an approach strongly tied to the institutionalisation of the field of ethnology, colonial law, and colonial administration in the interwar period. As France's overseas possessions greatly expanded, and many

colonial subjects were still administered according to a plurality of legal rules, with customary rules and French administrative or criminal law, ethnologists and colonial administrators were interested in raising the question of whether such combination of legal sources hampered or accelerated the “integration” of colonial subjects to the French Republic. Not surprisingly then, concludes **Grégoire Mallard**, the strong attachment of a global legal pluralistic approach to the administration of colonial subjects in the field of anthropology has thus been profoundly questioned after the age of decolonisation (in *The Oxford Handbook of Global Legal Pluralism*, P. S. Berman, ed., September 2020).

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Other Relevant Information



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ENTRETIEN DE LA CHAIRE YVES OLTRAMARE RELIGION ET POLITIQUE DANS LE MONDE CONTEMPORAIN

Diversité religieuse et nouvelles spiritualités

Irene Becci, professeure de sociologie et d’anthropologie à l’Université de Lausanne, revient sur les études qu’elle a menées sur le monde carcéral, dans des contextes européens où les rapports historiques entre les Églises et l’État diffèrent: en Suisse, en Italie, en Allemagne orientale. Elle évoque ensuite ses travaux sur le spirituel en tant que nouvelle catégorie culturelle émergeant au sein des mouvements écologistes et écoféministes.

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CLAUSES & CONTROVERSIES

Post-Colonial Odious Debt

Talk of odious debt generally asks whether the populace must repay money borrowed by a corrupt former dictator. But what about money borrowed while under colonial rule? Discussions of odious debt generally overlook this scenario. It’s generally assumed that a newly independent state cannot disavow these debts. Likewise, the new state commits expropriation and must pay compensation if it takes back property appropriated by a colonial oppressor. Mitu Gulati and Mark Weidemaier interview **Grégoire Mallard** about the issue of odious debt and postcolonial obligations.

Listen to the podcast



RESEARCH PODCAST | ABD STORIES, E6

Moscow and Islam in Afghanistan

The Afghan-soviet conflict is often cited as a turning point in modern warfare, a sign of things to come. Yet, many aspects of the conflict remain misunderstood. Although religion is often

a trademark of the discussions surrounding this war, few have delved into the intricacies of the topic. **Vassily Klimentov** set out to remedy this through his PhD research on the Russian perception of islam during the afghan-soviet war. Follow his process from inception to publication, on this episode of ABD stories.

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Visitors

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Chiara Fusari

Coming from Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, PhD Candidate Chiara Fusari works on "The Restorative Justice Model at the International Criminal Court" with Paola Gaeta.



Awarded Prizes

Professor Baldwin Named Schumpeter-Haberler Distinguished Fellow

This honorific title is conferred by the International Economic Association (IEA) to economists who have made outstanding contributions to the discipline, especially in the area of international economic development and its practice around the world. Professor Baldwin was recognised along with Esther Duflo, Gita Gopinath, Amartya Sen and Guido Tabellini.

[More info](#)

Maylis Avaro Winner of the 2021 New Researcher Paper Prize of the Economic History Society

Dr Avaro won this prize for "Zombie International Currency: The Pound Sterling, 1945–72", a paper which is drawn from her PhD thesis "Essays in Monetary History" (2020) and which provides new evidence on the decline of the pound sterling as an international currency.

[More info on the prize](#)

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