Upcoming Research Events

20 Monday
GTDW
With Şebnem Kaleli-Özcan
16:00–17:15 online

21 Tuesday
VILFREDO PARETO SEM.
With a Little Help From My Friends:
Medium-Term Effects of a Remedial Education Program Targeting Roma Minority
14:15–15:45 hybrid

22 Wednesday
CFD
Shining a Light on the Social Dimension of Sustainable Finance
15:00–16:30 online
OPENING LECT. OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR
A Rise in Humanity
18:30–20:00 hybrid

23 Thursday
NO EVENTS

24 Friday
NO EVENTS

27 Monday
GGC, AHCD AND IHP
Book Launch: Pax Transatlantica: America and Europe in the Post-Cold War Era
12:30–14:00 hybrid
#GTP
Geneva Trade Week
27 Sept., 14:00–1 Oct., 17:00 online
#TESS
What’s Happening on the Environment at the WTO? Recent Developments and WTO Member Initiatives in the Lead up to MC12
16:00–17:30 hybrid

28 Tuesday
LUNCH BRIEFING
9/11 Twenty Years On
12:30–13:30
Auditorium A1A
VILFREDO PARETO SEM.
The Dynamic Consequences of State-Building: Evidence from the French Revolution
14:15–15:45 hybrid
CONVERSATION
Impact of a Changing Environment on Human Health
17:00–18:00 online

29 Wednesday
GMC LECTURE
Afghanistan, Displacement and Migration: What Do Recent Events Mean for Future Dynamics in the Region?
18:15–20:00 online

30 Thursday
DÉBAT D’EXPERTS
Les enjeux de genre en santé communautaire: regards croisé Afrique-Amérique latine
15:00–16:30 en ligne
COLLOQUE YVES OLTRAMARE
Religion et liberté scientifique dans le monde contemporain
30 sept. 18:00-1er oct. 18:00
CONFÉRENCE CULTURELLE PUBLIQUE
Quoi de neuf derrière les colosses de Memnon?
18:30–20:00

31 Friday
BOOK LAUNCH
International Law and the Politics of History
12:00–14:00 hybrid
ARTICLE

Norm Contestation and Normative Transformation in Global Peacebuilding Order(s): The Cases of China, Japan, and Russia

Based on extensive research of the peacebuilding policies and activities of China, Japan, and Russia, Oliver Jütersonke, Kazushige Kobayashi, Keith Krause, and Xinyu Yuan, from the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, analyse the way in which major powers with competing visions can influence peacebuilding as practiced and pursued in host states (in International Studies Quarterly, sqab060, online July 2021). In doing so, they bring together...
research on global norms and peacebuilding studies and offer a simple, yet analytically powerful, tool (the "norms matrix") to better understand the evolution of global peacebuilding order(s) and the role of rising powers in (re)shaping global governance.

**ARTICLE**

"Another Step in What it Means to Be Human": Prohibition v. Criminalization of Torture as a Private Act

In this interview for the *Journal of International Criminal Justice*, Paola Gaeta speaks notably about the rationales of the international prohibitions of torture and the extensive interpretation of the actors involved in the torture process beyond persons vested with state authority (mqab032, online June 2021).

**ARTICLE**

Telling Tales? Subjective Ethnography and Situated Narratives in Longitudinal Research on Violence in Nicaragua

In this article of the special section *The Longitudinal Ethnography of Violence* that he coedited and introduced with Lidewyde H. Berckmoes and Marie Rosenkrantz Lindegaard, Dennis Rodgers draws on his investigations into Nicaraguan gang dynamics to explore the subjectivity of the longitudinal ethnographic experience of violence both in and out of “the field” through three specific examples. These highlight in different ways how ethnographic understanding is highly situational and time-bound, meaning that longitudinal research is particularly prone to episodes of discomfiting conceptual disjuncture. At the same time, it is precisely this that arguably imbues it with exceptional power and insight.

**ARTICLE**

"Together at the Heart": Familial Relations and the Social Reintegration of Ex-combatants

Carla Suarez, Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, and Erin Baines broaden existing literature on ex-combatant networks by examining the role that family relations play in combatants’ war and post-war trajectory (in *International Peacekeeping*, online July 2021). Drawing on 18 life history interviews with former male combatants from the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA), they argue that the familial can often be as influential as peer-relations. First, families can shape the defection, demobilisation and reintegration (DDR) processes of ex-combatants, and, second, ex-combatant networks can play an important role in facilitating the reunion of families in the aftermath of war. The endurance of familial relations forged within NSAGs poses important considerations to DDR policies.

**RESEARCH PAPER**

Introducing MADECA: New Micro-Data on an Indigenous Self-Determination Conflict

This paper introduces MACEDA, a micro-level data set on the self-determination (SD) conflict between the Chilean state and the indigenous Mapuche. MACEDA is the first micro-data focused on an indigenous SD conflict and it covers the period 1990–2016, including more than 2,600 events collected from local media (CIES Research Paper no. 68, 2021). To illustrate the usefulness of these micro-data, Pedro Cayul, Research Assistant at the Centre for International Environmental Studies, and others present a descriptive empirical analysis on the strategies of indigenous resistance,
and discuss how the data can be used in the causal analysis of conflicts.

**Repository**

**PHD THESIS**

**Three Essays in Development Economics**

Seoni Han’s PhD thesis (July 2021) was supervised by Jean-Louis Arcand and contains three essays:

- **Violent Conflict and Farming Decision: Evidence from Burundi** examines how exposure to protracted conflict affects farming decision and welfare of a farmer in Burundi.

- **Economic Impacts of Investing in Universal Health Coverage: Analysis of Ten Low- and Lower-Middle Income Countries** (with Jean-Louis Arcand and others) investigates how health intervention for achieving universal health coverage affects economic outcomes of ten low- and middle-income countries for the period 2019–2023.

- **War and Health: Effects of Prenatal Exposure to Violence on Human Capital Formation** examines the impacts of adverse shocks to fetal development on fetal loss and human capital formation.

**Repository**

**Cities, Space, Mobilities & Migrations**

**PHD THESIS**

**Three Essays on Migration Economics and Remittances**

The three papers composing Rémi Viné’s PhD thesis in International Economics (July 2021) all try to raise curiosity in topics or contexts that have been relatively neglected so far:

- **Economic Drivers of Family Reunification in the Context of International Migration** introduces the concept of family reunification in economics by building a theoretical model in which the household chooses the optimal location as well as the optimal timing of reunification.

- **Tajikistan, Remittances, Expenditures** investigates the changes of consumption due to remittances in the context of Tajikistan.

- **Remittances, Prices, Shocks, and Market Frictions** uncovers the price sensitivity of remittances to a demand shock.

**Interview with Dr Viné**

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**MONOGRAPHIE**

**La petite entreprise au péril de la famille?**

Travail, famille, patrimoine: ce triptyque souligne l’idéologie qui prévaut dans les très petites entreprises familiales. Chacun-e participe par son travail et selon ses possibilités au développement d’un patrimoine commun, sans toujours bénéficier d’un statut ou d’une protection sociale. Mais quand la famille est ébranlée par une rupture de trajectoire (divorce, accident, décès), les personnes se trouvent exposées à des risques qui ont rarement été anticipés. Basé sur une enquête menée auprès
des entrepreneurs de l’Arc jurassien, cet ouvrage de Laurent Amiotte-Suchet, Yvan Droz et Fenneke Reysoo lève le voile sur un monde où l’équilibre entre les impératifs du travail et ceux de la vie de famille est constamment mis à l’épreuve (publié en 2017 aux Presses Universitaires de Franche-Comté, il est désormais aussi disponible en ligne).

Arts, Culture & Religion

ARTICLE
Social Action in Times of Crises in the MENA Region: Sociocultural Community Development as a Lever of Social Change

As a tribute to the thinking of Jean-Claude Gillet, this article aims to address some of the notions of sociocultural animation and its function that he developed (in Animation, territoires et pratiques socioculturelles – Revue ATPS, no. 19, 2021).

Based on discussions with participants of a continuing education programme, Alexandre Dormeier Freire, Lead Researcher at the Centre for Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, Sylvia Garcia Delahaye and Samah Saleh propose a reflection on sociocultural animation as it is currently experienced in different countries of the Middle East. This reflection, co-constructed by the participants’ experiences and Gillet’s work, seems relevant today for the potential development of frameworks, intervention and tools supporting social change in the Middle East region. 

Access

Gender, Diversity, Race & Intersectionality

WORKING PAPER
A Room of One’s Own Is Not Enough: Decolonising the University Space

The historicity of processes of knowledge creation begs the question: which knowledge is created? By whom? For whom? Whose power does this sustain?

Gaya Raddadi, Master Student in International Affairs, investigates the impact of said historicity and outlines the ways in which curricula, institutions and pedagogies can be decolonised to create anti-racist and feminist university spaces, beyond diversity and inclusion agendas (Gender Centre Working Paper no. 15,
The university is conceptualised as two units of research: as a theoretical space, including curriculum and pedagogy, and as a physical space, where students, educators, and staff are bodies that move within the historical space of the institution.

**Repository**

**PAPER**

**Profile of Transboundary Feminist Journals**

This document is the result of the preliminary research carried out for the Gender Centre Working Paper “Everyday Decolonialities of Feminist Publishing: A Social Cartography” (no. 14, 2021; see Research Bulletin no. 8, 2021). It consists of a compilation of the history, objectives, and practices of selected feminist academic journals in their editorial work. For this compilation, Juliana Santos de Carvalho, PhD Researcher in International Law, and Carolina Oliveira Beghelli, analysed inaugural and anniversary editorials elaborated by the journals themselves, as well as special issues on feminist academic publishing.

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**Trade, Finance, Economies & Work**

**ARTICLE**

**A Medieval Homo Economicus?**

Cultural beliefs that are reflected in *homo economicus* were transmitted from ancient Indo-European civilizations to Frankish society. Nathan Sussman uses medieval texts to demonstrate that Gaul’s conquest by the Franks sustained and possibly cultivated these beliefs, rather than set them back, even in the absence of developed markets (in *Capitalism: A Journal of History and Economics*, vol. 2, no. 2, 2021). The cultural presence of *homo economicus* allows us to apply economic analysis in studying the early Middle Ages. It also suggests that the emergence of capitalism during the commercial revolution, the Enlightenment, and the rise of classical economics as a science in Western Europe are products of these cultural beliefs.

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**WORKING PAPER**

**The Odious Haitian Independence Debt**

This paper introduces the Haitian Independence Debt of 1825 to the odious debt and sovereign debt literatures. Ugo Panizza and others argue that the legal doctrine of odious debt is surprisingly and perhaps indefensibly narrow, possibly because of historical contingency rather than any underlying logic or principle (International Economics Department Working Paper no. 16, July 2021). In the context of telling the story of the Haitian Independence Debt, they provide estimates of the evolution of Haiti’s external debt-to-GDP ratio over 1825–2020, and discuss the implications of the independence debt for the economy of Haiti. They conclude by discussing the implications of Haiti’s Independence Debt for the doctrine of odious debt and the
Sustainability, Environment, the Anthropocene & SDGs

WORKING PAPER
Carbon Taxation and Inflation: Evidence from the European and Canadian Experience
What is the effect of climate policies on inflation and economic activity? Answering this question is critical for central banks trying to achieve price stability.

Maximilian Konradt, PhD Researcher in International Economics, and Beatrice Weder di Mauro study the experience from existing carbon taxes in Canada and Europe, introduced over the last 30 years (International Economics Department Working Paper no. 17, July 2021). They find that carbon taxes do not have to be inflationary and may even have deflationary effects. In particular, the increase in energy prices was more than offset by a fall in the prices of services and other non-tradables. Their results are robust for Europe and Canada, as well as a number of different country groupings. At least in the case of British Columbia, a contraction in household incomes and expenditures, in particular among the richer households, could explain the deflationary effect.

NOTE
Le bitcoin, mirage monétaire et désastre écologique
Apparu dans le contexte de la crise de 2008, le cryptoactif bitcoin a pu séduire parce qu’il est supposé donner le pouvoir à ses utilisateurs du fait de sa gestion par une technologie autonome plutôt que par une puissance centralisée (État, banque centrale et banques commerciales). Mais, comme l’analyse Jean-Michel Servet, son émission grâce à des ordinateurs consomme une quantité considérable d’électricité alors qu’il se révèle un instrument spéculatif et accessoirement un moyen de paiement (Institut Rousseau, juillet 2021). Jusqu’au printemps 2021, il était émis pour plus de 60% en Chine. Il en a depuis été banni pour cette double raison.

Global Governance

EDITED BOOK CHAPTER
Negotiating Protection through Responsibility
This chapter of The Routledge Handbook on Responsibility in International Relations revisits how the introduction of responsibility impacted the debates on protecting populations from atrocities (2021). Erna Burai, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Global Governance Centre, argues that responsibility addressed the normative conundrums of protection on four levels: of discourse, institutionalisation, collective expectations, and public justifications for state action. On all four levels, responsibility led to a better specification of what protection is and who should carry it out. It did so by providing politically acceptable terms of debate on the level of discourse and facilitating institutionalised knowledge on mass atrocities in policymaking. On the levels of collective expectations and public justifications for action, it ignited debates on specific responsibilities and understandings of protection, thus clarifying expectations on how to protect.

ARTICLE
Leader Influence in Role Selection Choices: Fulfilling Role Theory’s Potential for Foreign Policy Analysis
This article lays the foundation for a dialogue between role theory and leader-based approaches to foreign policy (in International Studies Review, viab014, April 2021). Leslie E. Wehner and Cameron G. Thies, Visiting Professor in International Relations/Political Science, approach this as a “glass half full” as leaders are present in role theory, but not properly integrated in terms of theorisation and methods to study their influence on the overall selection of roles. They present a range of possible ways to study the beliefs and personal characteristics of leaders and other motivational approaches that inform and shape their role selection process. A better integration of the individual level can give foreign policy scholars and practitioners a more complete picture of why governments decide to prioritize certain roles over others. Introducing a way forward in establishing a more robust connection between leaders and the roles of the state also provides scholars with a more complete toolkit to analyse and unpack agent–structure relations in foreign policy.

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COEDITED BOOK
The Cambridge Companion to Hugo Grotius
This handbook, edited by Randall Lesaffer and Janne Nijman, offers a comprehensive overview of Hugo Grotius while its chapters also draw upon and contribute to recent specialised discussions of Grotius’ oeuvre and its later reception (September 2021). Contributors cover the width and breadth of Grotius’ work and thought, ranging from his literary work, including his historical, theological and political writing, to his seminal legal interventions. While giving these various fields a separate treatment, the book also delves into the underlying conceptions and outlooks that formed Grotius’ intellectual map of the world as he understood it, and as he wanted it to become, giving a new political and religious context to his forays into international and domestic law.

REPORT
Enhancing Due Process in UN Security Council Targeted Sanctions Regimes
The UN Security Council provided basic due process protection for individuals designated under its counterterrorism sanctions regime when it created the Office of the Ombudsperson for the ISIL (Da’esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee in 2009. The Office has since strengthened sanctions implementation by addressing legitimacy challenges facing the policy instrument from litigation in courts around the world and improving the quality of designations. However, the rights to due process continue to be denied for those designated under the remaining UN sanctions regimes. Thomas Biersteker, Larissa van den Herik and Rebecca Brubaker present ideas for context-specific review mechanisms that could provide due process protections for sanctions regimes in situations of armed conflict (Global Governance Centre, March 2021). The sanctions regime on the Democratic Republic of the Congo is discussed as a potential first case for the development of a new review mechanism.

**Access**

**CONTRIBUTION TO WORKING PAPER**

**Time to Act: Harmonizing Global Initiatives and Technology-Based Innovations Addressing De-risking at the Interfacing Sanctions-Counterterrorism-Humanitarian Nexus**

This paper highlights recommendations for policy change and innovative use of “tech-for-good” in tackling negative humanitarian consequences of “de-risking”, stemming from the complex contemporary sanctions landscape (in *International Sanctions: Improving Implementation through Better Interface Management*, S. Lohmann and J. Vorrath, eds, Research Division International Security and the Americas Division, WP no. 1, August 2021, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik). Based on interviews at the UN, US and EU and a comprehensive review of over 40 multi-stakeholder initiatives and research projects addressing challenges associated with over-compliance and the “chilling effect”, Erica Moret, Senior Researcher at the Global Governance Centre, covers humanitarian banking channels, special purpose vehicles, stand-alone humanitarian banks, humanitarian exemptions, training and capacity building, and the role for new technologies in allowing funds and essential goods to reach vulnerable, financially-excluded populations.

**More info**

**Full working paper**

**REPORT**

**Shaping Our Future Together: Listening to People’s Priorities for the Future and Their Ideas for Action: Concluding Report of the UN75 Office**

As part of the UN’s 75th anniversary, this report was published in January 2021 by the UN75 Office in collaboration with the Graduate Institute. The product of quantitative and qualitative analysis of UN75 data collected between January and November 2020 in all 193 UN Member States, it provides a snapshot of global opinion at a turbulent time for the world, as well as concrete priorities and recommendations for improving international cooperation in the next decades. Global Governance Centre Senior Researcher Cecilia Cannon served as academic advisor to the UN.

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**Democracy, Civil Society & Sovereignty**
"Party in the Street": The Partisan Politics of Space

David Jenkins and Lipin Ram, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, investigate the link between public space and the public sphere (in Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space, online July 2021). Using the example of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and its spatial politics in the state of Kerala, they demonstrate how parties’ locations at the intersections of the state and civil society can connect the public sphere to its task of holding state power to account.

Interview with Lipin Ram

From the “Status Quo” Problem to the “Factional” Problem: Constitution-Making in Venezuela, Ecuador and Bolivia

Venezuela, Bolivia and Ecuador have all experienced constitutional replacements seeking to give citizens back their voice in public affairs. But did it work? And is it possible to renovate democracy through the sole majoritarian rule? Yanina Welp, Research Fellow at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, explores these issues and finds that what was identified as the “problem of the status quo” (i.e. the use by elites of constitutional law to block democratic expression) was overcome but gave rise to the “factional problem”, i.e. the imposition by a group (in Topos, no. 1, 2021).

Interview with Yanina Welp

Les minorités russes dans l’espace postsoviétique et le cas de l’Ukraine


Distributeur
LETHAL AUTONOMOUS WEAPONS: 10 THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW
| E4

Are Lethal Autonomous Weapons Ethical?
Over the course of ten episodes, the new podcast series “Lethal Autonomous Weapons”, produced as part of the LAWS and War Crimes research project, interviews experts in various disciplines (science, law, ethics, etc.) who have studied and written about lethal autonomous weapon systems (LAWS).

In the fourth episode, Paola Gaeta and Marta Bo interview Ozlem Ulgen, Reader in International Law and Ethics at the Birmingham City School of Law, about the ethical challenges posed by the use of autonomous weapons in warfare, particularly in relation to the concept of human dignity.

Listen to the podcast
All episodes

RESEARCH AT THE ALBERT HIRSCHMAN CENTRE ON DEMOCRACY | E1

Discovering the Possible: The Surprising World of Albert Hirschman
The interdisciplinary and cutting-edge work of AHCD’s researchers is the focus of this new bi-weekly podcast series.

In the first episode, Christine Lutringer meets with Economist Luca Meldolesi, the colleague, long-time friend, and caretaker of Albert Hirschman’s documents and archives, to explore Hirschman’s immense intellectual legacy, which has profoundly shaped the world view and the engagement of many fellows, scholars and practitioners for several generations, including Professor Meldolesi himself.

Listen to the podcast

ENTRETIEN DE LA CHAIRE YVES OLTRAMARE RELIGION ET POLITIQUE DANS LE MONDE CONTEMPORAIN | E8

Les sources chrétiennes de la démocratie: la liberté par mégarde
Benjamin Gaillard, assistant de recherche à l’UNIL, et Thomas Gmür, doctorant à l’Institut, s’entretiennent avec Guy Hermet, directeur d’études émérite à Sciences Po, figure éminente de la sociologie historique et comparée du politique, sur son dernier ouvrage. Remontant à l’Antiquité tardive, il nous rappelle l’importance, souvent paradoxale, de l’Église catholique, ainsi que celle d’autres Églises chrétiennes, dans l’essor de la démocratie moderne.

Regarder la vidéo
Tous les entretiens

WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE / E1

Justice and Diversity for the Future
Join us in this new series for a monthly reflection on the need for more diversity in the international justice system!

Launched by the project “Diversity on the International Bench: Building Legitimacy for International Courts and Tribunals”, it features in its first episode Françoise Tulkens, former Vice-
President of the European Court of Human Rights, who shares the memories of her first steps in the ECHD, the doubts that plagued her colleagues, the people who inspired her, and her thoughts on the future of the international judiciary system.

Listen to the podcast

DEMOCRACY IN QUESTION | S3:E1
The Struggle for Voting Rights in the US Today
The Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy inaugurates the third season of its series “Democracy in Question” with an episode featuring US Politician and Activist Stacey Abrams in conversation with Shalini Randeria, enlightening us on organisational and political issues around voting rights, democracy and demography.

Listen to the podcast
All episodes

Awarded Prizes

Les prix suivants ont été décernés lors de la cérémonie de remise des diplômes le 17 septembre. Félicitations aux lauréat·e·s!

LE PRIX PIERRE DU BOIS 2021
est décerné à Geoffroy Legentilhomme pour sa thèse de doctorat en histoire internationale Mutualisme, concurrence et science actuarielle: contributions à l'historiographie du système suisse d'assurance-maladie (1865-1970).
Repository

LE PRIX LEONID HURWICZ 2021
est décerné à Nathalie Monnet pour sa thèse de doctorat en économie internationale Essays on the Economics of Conflict and Violence.
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LE PRIX MARIANO GARCIA RUBIO 2021
attribué au meilleur mémoire de master en droit international, est décerné à Pascal Blickle pour son mémoire Climate Technologies as Emergency Solutions: The Role(s) of International Law.

LE PRIX RUDI DORNBUSCH 2021
est décerné à Pulkit Bajpai pour son mémoire en économie internationale Religious Polarization and Under-Supply of Public Good.

LE PRIX DU DÉPARTEMENT D’ANTHROPOLOGIE ET SOCIOLOGIE 2021
attribué à un mémoire de master de qualité qui apporte une contribution originale aux disciplines de l’anthropologie et de la sociologie, est décerné à Mathilde Krähenbühl pour son mémoire en anthropologie et sociologie Environmental Childlessness? Reproduction and (Im)possible Futures amidst Environmental Crises.

LE PRIX DU DÉPARTEMENT DE Relations Internationales/Science Politique 2021
est décerné ex aequo à **Louis Bodmer** pour son mémoire en relations internationales/science politique *States’ Compliance to International Treaties: Accountability Mechanisms Pertaining to States, IOs and NGOs: A Case Study of the UNCRC, Switzerland, UNICEF and Terre des Hommes Suisse* et à **Aliki Stogiannou** pour son mémoire en relations internationales/science politique *Narrating Crisis: Conceptualizations of Crisis from the Stories of Care Workers in Thessaloniki, Greece*.

**LE PRIX DE L’ASSOCIATION DES ANCIENS ÉTUDIANTS DE L’INSTITUT 2021** est décerné à **Barrie Sander** pour sa thèse de doctorat en droit international *Doing Justice to History: The Construction of Historical Narratives within International Criminal Courts*.

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**LE PRIX ARDITI 2021 EN RELATIONS INTERNATIONALES** est décerné à **Floris de Klerk Wolters** pour son mémoire de master en affaires internationales *The Heralds of Hydrogen: The Economic Sectors That Are Driving the Hydrogen Economy in Europe*.

**LE PRIX DE L’ASSOCIATION GENÈVE–ASIE 2021** est décerné à **Christian Jones** pour son mémoire de master en histoire internationale *The Straits Chinese between Empires: Nationalism and Cosmopolitanism in Colonial Malaya, c. 1890–1920*.

**LE PRIX SPÉCIAL DE L’ASSOCIATION GENÈVE–ASIE 2021** est décerné à **Minami Orikasa** pour son mémoire de master en études du développement *Seeking Asylum in Japan: Oral Tales of a Contemporary Other*.

**LE 2021 STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD** est décerné ex aequo à **Diandra Denise Dillon**, Master en histoire et politique internationales, présidente et fondatrice de la plateforme interactive Black Conversations, et à **The Fall 2020 Editorial Board of The Graduate Press: Anne Lee Steele, Isabela Carroza Joia, Tapakshi Magan, Laura Silva Aya, Samuel Pablo Pareira, Neva Newcombe et Safa Rahim**.

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**Faculty and Visitors**

**DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS**

**Two New Assistant Professors**
The Department of International Economics is very pleased to welcome **Yuan Zi** and **Imelda**, who specialise respectively in trade and in environmental and resource economics, as new assistant professors in the department.

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**DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HISTORY AND POLITICS**

**Welcoming Two Eccellenza Professorial Fellows**
The Department of International History and Politics is very pleased to welcome two Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Eccellenza Professorial Fellows, **Antoine Acker** and **Mischa Suter**.

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Ramos works on “Images of Social Policy in the Discourse of Brazilian and South African Governments” with Graziella Moraes Dias da Silva.

**Alejandro Lerch**

Coming from the University of Cambridge, PhD Researcher Alejandro Lerch works on ”A Historical Sociology of the National Police in Mexico (1932–2000)” with Dennis Rodgers.

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**Upcoming PhD Defences**

**Wednesday 22 Sept. 14:00–16:00 online**

INTERNATIONAL HISTORY

**Laws of Change: Rights, Transitions and Violence in Postcolonial Ghana**

By Frank Afari. Committee members: Mohamed Mahmoud Mohamedou, president and internal reader; Aidan Russell, Thesis Director; David Anderson, Professor, Department of History, University of Warwick, UK.

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