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Upcoming events, latest publications and other research activities

1 November 2021 (no. 11, 2021)

Upcoming Research Events

1 Monday

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**Age-Specific
Effects of Early
Daycare on
Children's Health**
12:15–13:45 hybrid

AHCD SEMINAR
**Images of Social
Policy and
Corruption:
Comparisons
through Discourse**
12:30–14:00 hybrid

2 Tuesday

IR/PS COLLOQUIUM
**International
Diplomacy in a
Digital Age:
Between Political
Ethnography and
Social Data
Science**
12:15–14:00 hybrid

ANSO SEMINAR
**Vernacular Rights
Cultures: The
Politics of Origins,
Human Rights and
Gendered
Struggles for
Justice**
16:15–18:00 hybrid

IHP FORUM
**Humane Warfare?
Leo Tolstoy's
Critique**
16:15–18:00 hybrid

GHC
**The Future of
Equity Policy in
Education and
Health: Will
Intersectoral
Action Be the
Solution?**
17:00–18:00 online

3 Wednesday

IL COLLOQUIUM
**Who Writes the
Rulings of the
World Trade
Organization?**
12:15–14:00 online

IHP
**Memory Scripts
and Life History in
the Shadow of
Brazil's
Dictatorship**
16:30–17:30 hybrid

MACRO HISTORY
SEMINAR
**Historical
Determinants of
State Capacity**
17:00–18:00 online

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NO EVENTS

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NO EVENTS

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IE DEP. BBL
**With Reza
Bakhtiarizadeh**
12:15–13:45 hybrid

GGC COLLOQUIUM
**How Do
International
Organizations
Cooperate?**
12:30–14:00 online

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IR/PS COLLOQUIUM
**What Benedict
Anderson Doesn't
Understand about
the Imagination**
12:15–14:00 hybrid

AHCD BROWN-BAG
SEMINAR
**Albert Hirschman
and Eugenio
Colomni's**

10 Wednesday

AHCD
**Albert O.
Hirschman's
"Possibilism" in
Action:
Experiments in
Italy and Beyond**
12:30–14:00 hybrid

MACRO HISTORY
SEMINAR
Comparative

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GHC
**Workshop on HIV,
Hepatitis C and
Tuberculosis in
Eastern Europe
and Central Asia**
12:00–15:15 online

HISTORY BRUNCH
**Post-
Developmentalism
avant la lettre?**

12 Friday

NO EVENTS

ANSO SEMINAR
Gods, Mines and Constitutional Rights
 18:15–20:15
 Auditorium A1 A

Intellectual Legacy
 12:30–14:00 hybrid

VILFREDO PARETO
 SEMINAR

Decentralization in Indonesia and Local Outcomes: Estimating Spending Efficiency
 14:15–15:45 Petal 2, Room S4

ANSO SEMINAR
Des droits pour le fleuve, des responsabilités pour ses gardiens: droits bioculturels en action sur le fleuve Atrato en Colombie
 16:15–18:00 hybride

GENDER CENTRE
Accountability for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Humanitarian Settings
 18:30–20:00 online

European Institutions and the Little Divergence, 1385–1800
 17:00–18:00 online

The Critique of Development at The Geneva Africa Institute (IUED) 1961–1975
 12:30–13:30 hybrid

AHCD BROWN-BAG SEMINAR
From Economics to Politics and Beyond
 12:30–14:00 hybrid

CCDP
Borders in the Middle East: Past and Present
 15:00–16:45 hybrid

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EDITED CHAPTER AND BOOK

A Century of Elusive State-Building in the Middle East and North Africa

In the introductory chapter of his edited volume ***State-Building in the Middle East and North Africa: One Hundred Years of Nationalism, Religion and Politics***, **Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou** surveys the history of the

modern-day trajectory of state-building attempts in the Middle East and North Africa (Bloomsbury/I.B. Tauris, November 2021). The discussion examines the context in which the state-formation process has been embarked on by the different nations of the region. The author argues that this process has been conditioned by a “dual colonial legacy”, namely the Ottoman and Western one, with the added twist of a local imperial actor namely the Ottoman Empire. This formative experience led to a series of challenges for the states playing out over the period from the early twentieth to the early twenty-first century. The challenges featured, notably, the contest between nationalist and religious actors, the emergence of the praetorian structure and in time the security apparatus, as well as the centrality of the authoritarian postcolonial state – an entity largely modelled on the dispossessive colonial state.

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PHD THESIS

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

A recent PhD thesis in International History assesses Ghana’s long road to democratisation through contests over human rights ideas. For **Frank Afari**, the transitional justice project in the country was the climax of a struggle to establish and defend African rights at the national scale under colonialism, within the postcolony and within Ghana’s place in the international sphere.

Interview with Dr Afari


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Sustainability, Environment, the Anthropocene & SDGs



REPORT'S CHAPTER

Amazonia in Motion: Changing Politics, Development Strategies, Peoples, Landscapes and Livelihoods

In this chapter of the first *Amazon Assessment Report*, lead authors **Susanna Hecht** and Marianne Schmink present the major ideas, actors and practices that have shaped the Amazon’s current development

and deforestation dynamics (Science Panel for the Amazon, 2021). Outlining general periods of macropolicy, they trace the evolution of today's complex interactions among diverse livelihoods, conservation and production systems, both legal and clandestine. They thus highlight how Amazonians have continuously adapted to changing circumstances while fighting to advance their own proposals for conservation and equity in development.

Full chapter

Brief of the chapter

Executive summary of the report

INTRODUCTION TO SPECIAL ISSUE

Extractive Industries and Human Security: An Overview

Human security gained traction among scholars and practitioners in the mid-1990s, but it has been seldom applied to natural resource governance. A special issue of *The Extractive Industries and Society*, edited by **Filipe Calvão**, Christina Ankenbrand, Mirjam A.F. Ros-Tonenc and Michael D. Beevers, moves beyond the abstract concept of governance implicit in the resource curse debate toward context-specific, prevention-oriented, and empowering approaches (no. 101007, online October 2021). Its contributions present a range of contemporary and emerging resource governance challenges in the mining sector of West and Central Africa and Latin America from a human security perspective and re-examine the usefulness of the concept as a tool of resource policy impact assessments. In so doing, they bring the depth of insecurities in mining communities to the forefront, and identify three critical areas for future research: decolonising certification efforts, technological advances in mining work, and neo-extractivist violence.

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*The special issue notably includes "Cobalt Mining and the Corporate Outsourcing of Responsibility in the Democratic Republic of Congo", by Filipe Calvao, Mathieu Bolay and others (see **Research Bulletin** no. 3, 1 March 2021).*

WORKING PAPER

Heard the News? Environmental Policy and Clean Investments

Extracting text from ten leading US newspapers, **Joëlle Noailly**, Head of Research at the Centre for International Environmental Studies, **Laura Nowzohour**, PhD Researcher in International Economics, and **Matthias van den Heuvel**, Visiting Researcher, use text-mining algorithms to develop an index measuring the salience of US environmental policy over the 1981–2019 period on a monthly basis and on various subtopics (CIES Research paper no. 70, October 2021). They find a meaningful empirical association between an increase in their news-based index of environmental policy and growing opportunities for clean investments, as measured by venture capital funds and firms' stocks returns. Their novel and highly granular index of environmental policy can help assist the policy and financial community in quantifying transition risks in the context of climate change and the low-carbon transition.

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Gender, Diversity, Race & Intersectionality



ARTICLE

“Now the Forest Is Over”: Transforming the Commons and Remaking Gender in Cambodia’s Uplands

Communal lands and natural resources in rural Cambodia have transformed over the past 30 years as the country attempts to transition from conflict to liberal democracy

and integrates into global agricultural value chains. Grounding their argument on a large sample of qualitative interviews and using a feminist political ecology perspective, Alice Beban and **Joanna Bourke Martignoni**, Affiliate with the Gender Centre, find that gender relations are changing as a result of land privatisation and the ensuing social and ecological crises of production and reproduction (in *Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems*, online October 2021). The forest has become a space for the articulation of new masculinities modulated through class and racialised power, while women are increasingly relegated to the private space of the home and village.

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PHD THESIS

Combatants for Peace, Queering Figures, or “Just Some More Colombians”: Co-constructions of Ex-combatants’ Citizen-Subjectivities in Everyday Reintegration Practices

What kind of citizen-subject is co-constructed in reintegration for “postconflict” Colombia? And how does this work concretely? Analysing original empirical data from three feminist institutional ethnographies with over 300 ex-combatants, state workers and others, **Mia Schöb** shows how ex-combatants and regional reintegration workers reproduce, but also struggle over, contest and negotiate notions of “citizenship”, “peace” and “state” (International Relations/Political Science, July 2021). Overall, ex-combatants emerge as deeply gendered, raced and classed local-level peacebuilders who contribute every day to building peace and state differently – from the “ministates” of their families, communities, and regions up.

**Podcast with Dr Schöb
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Human Rights, Humanitarianism, Justice & Inclusion



EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

Dilemmas facing Commissions of Inquiry

This contribution honours the work of Philip Alston as one of the first academics to recognise the significance of the work of UN Commissions of Inquiry (in *The Struggle for Human Rights: Essays in Honour of Philip Alston*, N. Bhuta and

others, eds., Oxford University Press, September 2021). **Andrew Clapham** imagines a series of dilemmas over the life of a Commission. Starting with how to qualify a

conflict, moving onto determining the exact human rights law to be applied, he then finishes with questions related to cooperation with witnesses and protecting sensitive information from being used to contribute to further human rights violations.

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Education, Information & Media



EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

The Facebook Oversight Board and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: A Missed Opportunity for Alignment?

After presenting content moderation as the central commodity of social media platforms, **Stefania Di Stefano**, PhD Researcher in International Law, first

describes how Facebook governs speech within its platform, then explains how the Facebook Oversight Board is designed and adjudicates disputes, and lastly analyses the Facebook Oversight Board through the lens of the UNGPs on Business and Human Rights to determine whether Facebook meets its human rights responsibilities under this framework with the creation of the Board (in *Human Rights Responsibilities in the Digital Age: States, Companies and Individuals*, J. Andrew and Fr. Bernard, eds., Bloomsbury, September 2021).

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Global Health



ARTICLE

Le souci des populations sous sanctions: un défi pour la gouvernance de la santé mondiale à l'ère du coronavirus

Les sanctions internationales ont des effets de complication qui entravent une lutte mondiale, efficace et unifiée contre la propagation du coronavirus. Entrent-elles

en contradiction avec les normes du Règlement sanitaire international (RSI) de 2005, soutenues par l'OMS au début de la pandémie? **Grégoire Mallard**, **Jin Sun**, chercheur doctoral en anthropologie et sociologie, et **Erica Moret**, *senior researcher* au Centre sur la gouvernance mondiale, montrent que si l'OMS n'a pas réussi à convaincre les États puissants d'éviter les effets pervers sur la santé des régimes de sanctions complexes, les textes réglementaires en vigueur pourraient être réformés pour éviter que la concurrence internationale sur l'accès aux équipements médicaux

ne continue à l'ère du COVID-19 (in *Savoir/Agir*, no 56, en ligne octobre 2021).

Accès

REPORT

A Guide to a Pandemic Treaty: Things You Must Know to Help You Make a Decision on a Pandemic Treaty

This guide by **Haik Nikogosian**, Senior Fellow at the Global Health Centre, represents an independent academic attempt to systematise and shed light on some of the most frequently asked questions in light of the special session of the WHA (November 2021) that will consider a treaty or other international instrument for pandemic preparedness and response.

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Cities, Space, Mobilities & Migrations



ARTICLE

When Arab State Entered into International Refugee Instruments: Behind the Scenes of Egypt's Accession to the 1951 Refugee Convention

Why did Egypt, unlike the majority of Arab states in the Middle East, decide to accede to the 1951 Convention relating to the

Status of Refugees in 1981? Drawing on both primary and secondary source information, **Hiroataka Fujibayashi**, PhD Researcher in International Relations/Political Science, investigates the process of relevant negotiations between the Egyptian state and the UNHCR (in *Journal of Refugee Studies*, no. feab086, July 2021). He finds that Egypt's major foreign policy reforms in the late 1970s became a key trigger for the country's growing rapport with the UNHCR and the regime of the 1951 Convention. Yet, he also argues that the UNHCR and pro-Western foreign ministry officials of Egypt played a pivotal role in leading to the successful outcome.

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Arts, Culture & Religion



MONOGRAPH

Orphaned Landscapes: Violence, Visuality, and Appearance in Indonesia

Centred upon the proliferation of monumental Christian street art in a Muslim/Christian conflict, this book by **Patricia Spyer** describes a place in crisis and motion and analyses how ephemeral

phenomena, whether the emergence and disappearance of street art or war's atmospherics, are part of a wider work on appearance in which people, wittingly or unwittingly, refigure their urban surroundings (Fordham University Press, November 2021). The work on appearance, the author shows, is inherent to sociopolitical change, and the book richly demonstrates the importance of an attunement to elusive, ephemeral phenomena for their palpable and varying effects in the world.

Free access

PHD THESIS

The Politics of Aleppo's Christians and the Formation of the Syrian Nation-State, 1920–1936

Using the case of Christians in Aleppo, **Joel Veldkamp** examines how religious and national identities shaped each other in the Middle East between 1920 and 1936 (International History and Politics, September 2021). For Syria to emerge as a centralised nation-state, Christian political agency in Aleppo had to be destroyed in a conflict that exacerbated religious tensions, even though Syrian nationalists proclaimed their devotion to secular ideals. According to the author, that situation helped lay the foundations for sixty years of authoritarian rule, and eventually civil war.

Interview with Dr Veldkamp
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Trade, Finance, Economies & Work



ARTICLE

Abnormal Pricing in International Commodity Trade: Empirical Evidence from Switzerland

Trade mispricing of natural resources can enable illicit financial flows from developing countries to trade and finance hubs like Switzerland. **Rahul Mehrotra**, Research Fellow in Development Economics, and

Gilles Carbonnier analyse detailed microdata from Swiss Customs to provide the first evidence of abnormally priced Swiss commodity imports (in *Resources Policy*, vol. 74, 102352, online September 2021). Using an interdisciplinary approach, their statistical methodology is motivated by transfer pricing law and compares transaction-level prices to an arm's length price range. Findings indicate economically significant magnitudes of undervalued gold imports entering Switzerland, as well as relatively smaller magnitudes of undervalued cocoa and coffee. This research has contributed to important policy debates and a documentary film is under production.

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WORKING PAPER

The Role of Firm-to-Firm Relationships in Exporter Dynamics

Identifying the empirical microfoundations behind firms' growth is crucial to understanding the reasons behind sluggish economic growth and low job creation in many advanced economies. **Davide Rigo**, Research Affiliate with the Centre for

Trade and Economic Integration, contributes to this debate by identifying the key mechanisms affecting growth dynamics in those firms that sell their products to foreign markets (CTEI Working Paper, September 2021). Using granular data based on billions of firm-to-firm transactions, he finds that firms grow in foreign markets by accumulating buyers and reducing prices. These novel findings should be taken into account when modelling export market penetration and growth.

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PHD THESIS

Essays in Finance

Yue Zhou's PhD essays in International Economics focus on the challenges related to public and private finance in developing countries:

- **"Value-Added Tax, Cascading Sales Tax, and Informality"** studies whether replacing a cascading sales tax with a value-added tax (VAT) can contribute to reducing informality;
- **"Markets Price Politicians: Evidence from China's Municipal Bond Markets"** tries to answer the question whether markets punish or reward competent politicians;
- **"Real Estate Cycle and Corporate Investment in China: A Collateral Channel Perspective"** switches the angle to private finance and shows that real estate prices significantly affect corporate investment in China through the collateral channel.

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Global Governance



TWO EDITED BOOK CHAPTERS

What is international law, and how does it work? **Andrea Bianchi** and Moshe Hirsch have coedited a volume, ***International Law's Invisible Frames: Social Cognition and Knowledge Production in International Legal Processes***, arguing that our answers to these fundamental questions are shaped by a

variety of social cognition and knowledge production processes (Oxford University Press, September 2021). The book includes two chapters by scholars of the Graduate Institute:

– **Knowledge Production in International Law: Forces and Processes**

How knowledge of the field is produced, by what forces and processes it is shaped, how one can determine what issues are deemed relevant to the field, what questions can be competently raised by the members of the profession and the discipline, and who has the authority to provide them with an answer, are all issues that lie at the heart of this chapter by **Andrea Bianchi**. Particular attention is paid to the concepts of both epistemic communities and discursive policies. The main trends of the contemporary episteme of international law are sketched out. Finally, the chapter tackles the issue of how to bring to light and make visible the invisible frames of

knowledge production in international law, by using critical theory and the power of legal imagination.

– Going by the Book: What International Law Textbooks Teach Us Not To Learn

Ana Luisa Bernardino, PhD Researcher in International Law, examines some of the most influential textbooks of international law as important objects of study that help understand what international lawyers are socialised into attending and disattending. She analyses them as engines of sociomental control that delimit the realm of the “relevant” in international law, highlighting their unarticulated assumptions, institutionalised silences and implicit messages. Textbooks significantly contribute to the constitution of the discipline of international law in that they influence not only what counts as international law, but also what one thinks about and what one does as an international lawyer.

Publisher

EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

Conclusion: Third Parties, Non/state Actors, and the Ambiguities of U.S. Imperial Power

This chapter by **Cyrus Schayegh** concludes *American-Iranian Dialogues: From Constitution to White Revolution, c. 1890s–1960s* with a few exploratory notes on three points that concern all chapters, and hopefully matter also to scholars not specialised in US-Iranian relations (M.K. Shannon, ed., Bloomsbury, October 2021). These points are the role of third parties – other states and nationals, e.g., but also corporations – in bilateral US-Iranian relations, the overlap between state and non-state actors, and the ambiguous nature of US imperial power. Furthermore, the author argues that, certainly from the 1950s to the 1970s, the US-Iranian relationship is an excellent case to reflect on the US imperial-postcolonial field.

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Democracy, Civil Society & Sovereignty



ARTICLE

The Welfare Agenda of the Populist Radical Right in Western Europe: Combining Welfare Chauvinism, Producerism and Populism

Recent scholarship has stressed the increased interest of the European populist radical right (PRR) in socio-economic issues concerning welfare. It has further

emphasised how the PRR has centred its welfare agenda around welfare chauvinist arguments. Koen Abts, **Emmanuel Dalle Mulle**, Research Fellow in International History and Politics, Stijn van Kessel and Elie Michel propose a new analytical framework that considers the multidimensionality of welfare state positions and the “deservingness criteria” that underlie ideas about social solidarity (in *Swiss Political Science Review*, vol. 27, no. 1, 2021). Applying such a scheme to a sample of four European PRR parties, they conclude that understanding the welfare agenda of the

PRR requires us to move beyond welfare chauvinism.

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THEMATIC DOSSIER

Decolonisation: A Past That Keeps Questioning Us

Calls to decolonise Western societies, international organisations and academia are flourishing. However, the need to confront the noxious legacies of Western modernity has been discussed by scholars and activists since decolonisation – and even before. Failing to register this historical depth may partake in a collective amnesia about the colonial past. Aiming to put decolonisation into historical perspective from the point of view of different disciplines and research traditions, the **Department of International History and Politics** and the Research Office have coproduced this new dossier of *Global Challenges*, which provides fresh analytical insights into the epistemologies and practical applications of decolonisation in a wide range of fields including international affairs, humanitarianism, gender relations, the environment and the digitalised society (no. 10, October 2021).

"Global Challenges" is a series of dossiers designed to share with a broader, non-specialist audience the ideas, knowledge, opinions and debates produced at the Graduate Institute.

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Other Relevant Information



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GLOBAL GOVERNANCE CENTRE AND TESS **Global Governance of Plastic Pollution: Transforming the Global Plastics Economy**

This **online conference** took place on 30 and 31 August as the culmination of a **two-year project** on multidisciplinary policy-relevant research and dialogue on the global political economy and regulation

of plastic production and pollution, funded by the Swiss Network of International Studies and led by **Carolyn Deere Birbeck**, Senior Researcher at the Global Governance Centre.

More info

Watch the panels

ENTRETIENS DE LA CHAIRE YVES OLTRAMARE
RELIGION ET POLITIQUE DANS LE MONDE
CONTEMPORAIN | E10

L'économie à venir, un djihâd intérieur
Felwine Sarr, titulaire de la Anne-Marie
Bryan Chair in French and Francophone
Studies à Duke University, revient sur son



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ambition de repenser l'économie. Il explore les voies susceptibles de lui donner un ancrage éthique. Il s'arrête notamment sur les manières africaines d'être-au-monde comme épistémologies critiques. Il plaide en même temps en faveur d'une ouverture confiante et d'un dialogue entre les sociétés.



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CONTEMPORAIN | E11

Crowds, Populism, and Democracy in Venezuela

Rafael Sánchez, Retired Senior Lecturer in Anthropology and Sociology at the Graduate Institute, discusses his work on Venezuelan populism. Critical of

approaches that posit populism as a pathology of democracy, he emphasises the moment of independence as one of rupture, at a time where the enunciation of democracy paved the way for a novel political subject facilitated by mass participation in politics: the crowd.

Watch the episode



RESEARCH AT THE ALBERT HIRSCHMAN
CENTRE ON DEMOCRACY | E3 AND E4

Civic-Tech avec Christopher Larraz

Dans cette minisérie sur les technologies civiques, **Jerôme Duberry**, chercheur associé au Centre Albert Hirschman sur la démocratie, s'entretient avec **Christopher Larraz**, conseiller en technologies et innovation pour l'État de Genève.

Ensemble, ils nous aident à mieux comprendre ce qu'est la *civic tech*, et comment elle peut être appliquée concrètement. Ces innovations technologiques peuvent-elles donner du pouvoir aux électeurs et conduire à une gouvernance plus ouverte? Risquent-elles de discriminer certaines communautés locales si la transparence fait défaut?

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ALBERT HIRSCHMAN CENTRE ON DEMOCRACY
Representational Redress in *The Banda Journal*

The research project **Imageapp**, hosted at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, investigates the impact of image-making and its circulation in enabling and enhancing the possibilities to address and redress (in)visibilities corresponding to asymmetries

of, among others, religion, ethnicity, and race. PhD Researcher **Danishwara Nathaniel** interviewed **Muhammad Fadli**, one of the project interlocutors whose visual

documentary project, *The Banda Journal*, has just been published. He explores how the image-maker and his collaborators see the workings of images in contributing to socio-political changes.

[Watch the video](#)

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ROUNDTABLE OF THE ALBERT HIRSCHMAN CENTRE ON DEMOCRACY

Work in Transition: Digital Economy and Its Implications for Democracy

This roundtable, held during the **Geneva Democracy Week**, tackled key questions concerning how the digital revolution is altering the way that people view and perform work, and their

implications on democratic governance, representation and rights. A multidisciplinary panel of experts from the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Research for Social Development (UNRISD) as well as researchers and academics presented insights, ideas, and recommendations on building more inclusive labour markets.

[Watch the roundtable](#)

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ALBERT HIRSCHMAN CENTRE ON DEMOCRACY

Gabriel Sterling on Swiss Democracy

AHCD Executive Director **Christine Lutringer** asked **Gabriel Sterling**, the elections manager for the state of Georgia, to share his thoughts about Swiss democracy from an American perspective.

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RESEARCH PODCAST | ABD STORIES, E9

Ex-combatants and Peacebuilding in Colombia

Mia Schöb, who recently completed her PhD (see above), talks about reintegration practices through which ex-combatants challenge and effectively transform traditional gender roles and labour division in Colombia, especially in their family. She

also looks back at the difficulties of organising research in a postwar period.

[Listen to the podcast](#)



VIDEOS AND PODCASTS OF "GLOBAL CHALLENGES"

Decolonisation: A Past That Keeps Questioning Us

The articles of *Global Challenges*' latest issue on decolonisation (see above) are enhanced by several videos and podcasts with faculty and researchers of the Graduate Institute:

– **Decolonising Knowledge: A Historical Perspective from Socio-**

Anthropology with Shalini Randeria interviewed by Grégoire Mallard

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– **A Brief History of Decolonisation** by Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou

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– **Peuples autochtones et décolonisation en 2020** par Isabelle Schulte-Tenckhoff

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– **Decolonisation and International Organisations** by Julie Billaud

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– **Décolonisation et impacts institutionnels en Afrique** par Eric Degila

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– **Le colonialisme vert** par Marc Hufty

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– **Decolonising the University Space** by Gaya Raddadi

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– **Decolonising the Psyche** by Mischa Suter

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SNIS Grant Awarded to Marc Hufty for His Project "Green Dealings"

Congratulations to Marc Hufty who has been granted CHF 266,000 by the Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS) to carry out his project **Green Dealings?**

Negotiating Lithium Between South

America and Europe for Batteries that Fuel a Just Energy Transition, starting in December 2021.

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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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Upcoming PhD Defences

📅 Monday 1 Nov.

🕒 16:00–18:00

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/POLITICAL SCIENCE

From Legitimacy to Credibility Strategies: An Analysis of Policy Diversity in Environmental Policy Networks

By **Valentina Baiamonte**. Committee members: David Sylvan, president and internal reader; James Hollway, thesis director; Karin Ingold, Professor, Institute of Political Science, University of Bern.

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📅 Friday 12 Nov.

🕒 14:00–16:00

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INTERNATIONAL LAW

UN Peace Support Operations and the Conundrums of the UN's Duty to Investigate Violations of International Humanitarian Law

By **Tadesse Kebebew**. Committee members: Andrew Clapham, president and internal reader; Paola Gaeta, thesis director; Ian Johnstone, Professor, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, USA.



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