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### Trade, Finance, Economies & Work



#### MONOGRAPH

#### Bankruptcy and Debt Collection in Liberal Capitalism: Switzerland, 1800– 1900

Drawing on perspectives from anthropology and social theory, **Mischa Suter,** SNSF Eccellenza Professorial Fellow, explores the quotidian routines of debt collection in nineteenth-century capitalism,

focusing on Switzerland, an exemplary case of liberal rule (University of Michigan Press, June 2021). Debt collection and bankruptcy relied on received practices until they were standardised in a Swiss federal law in 1889. The vast array of these practices was summarised by the idiomatic Swiss legal term "Rechtstrieb" (literally, "law drive"). Analysing these forms of summary justice opens a window to the makeshift economies and the contested political imaginaries of nineteenth-century everyday life. Ultimately, the book advances an empirically grounded and theoretically informed history of quotidian legal practices in the everyday economy; it is an argument for studying capitalism from the bottom up. **DOI** 

#### ARTICLE

#### The Economic Impact of Schistosomiasis

**Jean-Louis Arcand** and others provide a rigorous estimation of how schistosomiasis affects agricultural production and how it is both a driver and a consequence of poverty (in *Infectious Diseases of Poverty*, vol. 10, Article no. 134, December 2021). They further quantify the tradeoff between the economics of water infrastructures and their impact on public health. Although they focus on Burkina Faso, their approach can be applied to any country in which schistosomiasis is endemic. **DOI (open access)** 

#### ARTICLE

**Abnormal Pricing in International Commodity Trading: Evidence from Ghana** In this article published in *International Economics: Special Issue on Financing for Development,* **Rahul Mehrotra,** Research Fellow in Development Economics, and co-authors Ama A. Ahene-Codjoe, Angela A. Alu at the University of Ghana analyse illicit mispricing in natural resource trade that contributes to significant tax base erosion from developing countries (online January 2022). Their research examines transaction-level customs data shared by the Ghana Revenue Authority to find economically significant magnitudes of undervalued gold and cocoa exports from Ghana. This project is disseminating evidence-based policy recommendations to increase tax-to-GDP ratios in Africa's leading gold and cocoa producer, while also contributing statistical frameworks to the ongoing UN project on measuring and curbing illicit financial flows as per Sustainable Development Goal 16.4.1. **DOI (open access)** 

#### EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

#### **International Finance**

In this historical survey of international finance spanning a century and a half, Barry Eichengreen and **Rui Esteves** start by characterising capital flows in the long run, organising their discussion around six facts relating to the volume and volatility of capital flows, measured in both net and gross terms (in *The Cambridge Economic History of the Modern World*, vol. 2: *1870 to the Present*, St. Broadberry and K. Fukao, eds., Cambridge University Press, 2021). They then connect up the discussion with exchange rates and monetary policies, describing where countries situated themselves relative to the macroeconomic trilemma over time and considering the political economy of their choices. Finally, they study the connections between international finance and economic and financial stability. They present consistent measures of growth and debt crises over the century and a half covered in the chapter and discuss how their incidence is related to those institutional and political circumstances, and, more generally, to the nature of the international monetary and financial regime.

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#### REPORT

#### The Meaning of Investment

The ICSID Reports, edited by **Jorge E. Viñuales** and Michael Waibel, are an authoritative published collection of investor-State arbitral awards and decisions rendered under the auspices of the World Bank's International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). Volume 19 of the ICSID Reports focuses on *The Meaning of Investment,* including an opening piece on the unity of investment by Christoph Schreuer and an overview of subject-matter jurisdiction by Michael Waibel (Cambridge University Press, September 2021). The volume includes summaries, digests and excerpts of decisions rendered between 2004 and 2016 in 21 cases, which, together, represent the state-of-the-art on this topic.

#### ARTICLE

#### Private Benefits, Public Vices: Railways and Logrolling in the Nineteenth-Century British Parliament

Vote trading among lawmakers (logrolling) can enable political rent-seeking but is difficult to identify. To achieve identification, **Rui Esteves** and Gabriel Francis Geisler Mesevage explore the rules governing voting for railway projects in the UK Parliament during the Railway Mania of the 1840s (in *The Journal of Economic History*, vol. 81, no. 4, December 2021). Parliamentary rules barred MPs from voting directly for their interests. Even so, they could trade votes to ensure their interests prevailed. The authors find that logrolling was significant, accounting for nearly one-quarter of the railway bills approved. They also quantify a negative externality to society from logrolling ranging from 1/3 to 1 percent of contemporary GDP. **DOI (open access)** 

#### Marchés financiers et politique monétaire: agiles malgré les chocs

La Suisse a été particulièrement exposée à deux évolutions majeures de l'économie mondiale au cours des dernières décennies, à savoir la mondialisation financière et la tendance aux taux d'intérêt bas. Aymo Brunetti et **Cédric Tille** notent que la politique monétaire s'est montrée créative pour absorber les flux massifs de capitaux et étendre sa panoplie d'outils au-delà des taux d'intérêt (in *La politique extérieure suisse au défi du XXIème siècle,* Th. Bernauer, K. Gentinetta et J. Kuntz, dir., Slatkine, novembre 2021). Le secteur financier a dû s'adapter rapidement à la fin du secret bancaire et à la pression réglementaire qui a suivi la crise de 2008. Des défis importants restent à relever, tels que l'intégration dans les marchés financiers de l'UE, la prise en compte de la dimension du changement climatique et le développement des monnaies numériques.

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#### Éditeur

Das Buch ist auch in einer **deutschen Version** erhältlich.





### Peace, War, Conflicts & Security



#### NUMÉRO THÉMATIQUE

Entre mer Noire et Caspienne: espace de guerres, espace de paix? Le dernier dossier de *Relations internationales,* dirigé et **introduit** par **Mohammad-Reza Djalili** et Claire Mouradian, propose, dans une perspective historique de longue durée, le couplage de quelques problématiques concernant la

mer Noire et la mer Caspienne, deux espaces maritimes enclavés qui, avec l'isthme montagneux du Caucase, constituent, du point de vue géographique, un pont entre l'Europe et l'Asie (no 187, 2021). Dans leur dimension géopolitique, ils se situent au cœur d'un arc de crises, des Balkans à l'Asie centrale, où s'enchevêtrent, depuis plusieurs siècles, les rivalités entre les trois empires régionaux essentiellement continentaux et leurs États successeurs – Russie, Iran, Turquie – et les luttes d'influence des puissances occidentales. Il s'agit aussi de décentrer le regard en soulignant le rôle des acteurs locaux et l'impact de la compétition des puissances sur les populations, et en incluant de nouveaux protagonistes comme la Chine. **Presses Universitaires de France Version électronique sur Cairn** 

MONOGRAPH

# The Politics of a Disillusioned Europe: East Central Europe after the Fall of Communism

**Andre Liebich** presents a concise history of Central and Eastern Europe since 1989, seeks to understand the region's disenchantment with the EU as a result of political and economic circumstances, and offers thought-provoking observations regarding the adoption of neo-liberal economics by the countries concerned (Palgrave Macmillan, November 2021). He traces the trajectory of the six East Central European former satellites of the Soviet Union that have joined the European Union, proceeding country by country, and then devotes chapters to some contemporary

issues such as minorities, migration, and the relations of these "new" members with the European Union as a whole.

#### DOI

*Sur le même sujet, lire cet article de l'auteur dans* The Conversation.

#### ARTICLE

# A Trans-scalar Approach to Peacebuilding and Transitional Justice: Insights from the Democratic Republic of Congo

This article analyses the concept of trans-scalarity in the peace process in Ituri, a province in the northeastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Drawing on qualitative data from more than a year of research in the DRC, **Sara Hellmüller**, Senior Researcher at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, argues that while a trans-scalar approach was taken to end violence, it was not applied to transitional justice initiatives (in *Cooperation and Conflict*, online December 2021). The result was a negative, rather than a positive peace. By showing the high, but still untapped, potential of trans-scalarity, the article makes three contributions. First, it advances the debate on the local turn by adding empirical insights on trans-scalarity and further developing the concept's theoretical foundations. Second, it provides novel empirical insights on the transitional justice process in the DRC. Third, it links scholarship on peacebuilding and transitional justice, which have often remained disconnected.

#### DOI (open access)

#### ARTICLE

#### Monitoring Illicit Ammunition through the Ballistic Datasets of Four European Countries

Few countries systematically record and publish detailed information on ammunition recovered by law enforcement. This results in a lack of knowledge of the ammunition used in crime. **André Desmarais, Anne-Séverine Fabre, Nicolas Florquin** and **Benjamin Jongleux,** from the Small Arms Survey, and others examine the utility of ballistic datasets for monitoring illicit ammunition, using data on 3,130 cartridge cases accessed from laboratories in Denmark, Germany, Sweden, and Switzerland (in *Forensic Science International,* vol. 330, January 2022, 111133). The dataset helps generate a baseline of the main varieties of ammunition used in crime, by country and crime category in the European context. Monitoring illicit ammunition across space and over time also has the potential to support police investigations with intelligence on criminals' sources of supply.

#### DOI (open access)

#### TWO EDITED BOOK CHAPTERS

Keith Krause and Achim Wennmann have each contributed a chapter in *Achieving Sustaining Peace through Preventive Diplomacy* (Series on Asian Regional Cooperation Studies, vol. 6, World Scientific, December 2021):

#### - Normative Entanglements and Evolution: Prevention, Peacebuilding, SDG-16 and Human Security in the Asia-Pacific Region

The past two decades have seen a proliferation of frameworks, concepts, and programmes to tackle violence, conflict and insecurity. From "human security" to the UN "peacebuilding architecture", Sustainable Development Goal 16 and the current Secretary-General's "prevention agenda", a number of proposals have come (and gone). These all circled around an evolving normative framing of how to deal with violent conflict, and built upon each other. Extending the gardening analogy of norm grafting, **Keith Krause** highlights ways in which these different policy threads have involved both normative grafting and pruning when encountering complex local realities, to formulate policies for tackling violence, conflict and insecurity. **DOI** 

# - Urban Peace: A Socio-Economic Agenda for Peacebuilding in Cities **DOI**

This chapter draws on **Achim Wennmann**'s article "Illicit Economies through the Lens of Urban Peace: Towards a New Policy Agenda" in Journal of Illicit Economies and Development (see **Research Bulletin** no. 8, 2021).

#### EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

# Of Drugs, Tortillas, and Real Estate: On the Tangible and Intangible Benefits of Drug Dealing in Nicaragua

Drawing on Bourdieu's distinction between "embodied" and "objectified" capital, **Dennis Rodgers** explores how the benefits of drug dealing can be very variable through the contrasting trajectories of Bismarck and Milton, two former drug dealers in Managua, Nicaragua (in *Cocaine: From Coca Fields to the Streets,* E.D. Arias and Th. Grisaffi, eds., Duke University Press, October 2021). Bismarck "transferred" the capital that he accumulated through dealing to build up a real estate business, but its objectified nature made it vulnerable to changing circumstances. By contrast, Milton's use of embodied capital in developing a tortilla business was more sustainable, highlighting how the importance of the nature of the field of activity to which drug-dealing capital is "transferred".

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#### **Global Governance**



#### ARTICLE

### The Legitimacy of International Courts: The Challenge of Diversity

The emergence of an international judicial system is often perceived as a cornerstone in the process of building a "global" system of governance. Yet with the growing independence and expansion of the mandate of ICs, these mechanisms face

growing critiques of legitimacy. **Neus Torbisco-Casals,** Senior Research Fellow at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, explores the call for a "democratic" reconceptualisation of the international judiciary by engaging critically with predominant approaches that remain focused on states as main actors (in *Journal of Social Philosophy*, online January 2022). She argues that, so far, such approaches tend to neglect the representative character for the diverse societies ICs adjudicate on. This is especially virulent when it comes to gender and minority imbalances in the bench. The article makes a normative case for inclusion and diversity that incorporates a broader conception of representation. The debate on gender imbalances provides the context for inquiring into questions of trust, impartiality and bias, as well as into the quality and integrity of adjudication. **DOI (open access)** 

#### MONOGRAPH

**Transnational Lawmaking Coalitions for Human Rights** 

**Nina Reiners,** Research Associate at the Global Governance Centre, provides the first comprehensive analysis of the role and impact of informal collaborations in the UN human rights treaty bodies. Issues as central to international human rights as the right to water, abortion, torture, and hate speech are often only clarified through the instrument of treaty interpretations (Cambridge University Press, December 2021). Moving beyond mainstream approaches that focus on formal access, actors and procedures, her innovative research reveals how experts and external collaborators play a key role in the development of human rights. The author introduces the concept of "transnational lawmaking coalitions" within a novel theoretical framework and draws on a number of detailed case studies and original data.

#### Interview with Dr Reiners Publisher

#### ARTICLE

#### An Archaeological Look at "International Custom as Evidence of a General Practice Accepted as Law" and Article 38 of the World Court's Statute

Article 38, paragraph 1(b), of the Statute of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) is universally considered to be an authentic definition of custom as a principal source of international law. At the same time, though, the formula has constantly met with severe strictures concerning its very formulation. **Peter Haggenmacher** attempts to explain this paradoxical dissonance by retracing the genesis of the clause a century ago (in *Leiden Journal of International Law*, vol. 34, no. 4, December 2021). Notoriously, Article 38 originated in a proposal of Baron Descamps, the president of the Advisory Committee of Jurists in charge of devising the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice (PCIJ). Yet the ambivalent but crucial role of the Descamps Proposal in drafting the article has not hitherto been realised. In fact, owing to the debates it aroused and to its misapprehension as a draft article instead of a merely exploratory basis of discussion, it has directly led to the shortcomings of Article 38 and especially of its clause on customary law. **DOI** 

#### CHAPITRE D'OUVRAGE COLLECTIF

# Les Nations Unies et la Genève internationale: une plateforme pour la politique extérieure

Ce chapitre de **Cédric Dupont** retrace les points d'inflexion majeurs du voyage en terres universelles multilatérales de la Suisse depuis son entrée dans la Société des Nations en 1920 (in *La politique extérieure suisse au défi du XXIème siècle,* Th. Bernauer, K. Gentinetta et J. Kuntz, dir., Slatkine, novembre 2021). Il met en lumière les solutions développées pour faire face aux aléas externes et internes et en tentant d'apporter quelques évaluations des bienfaits et désagréments de ce voyage. La priorité est donnée à l'essence politique des relations avec la SDN puis l'ONU, avec un éclairage spécifique sur la place de Genève, ville hôte, dans les relations entre la Suisse et les Nations Unies.

#### Éditeur

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#### EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

#### The OSCE and Peacekeeping: Track Record and Outlook

The Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine is one of the OSCE's few success stories in recent years. In the history of the OSCE, there has been only one other ceasefire monitoring mission: the Kosovo Verification Mission. **Fred Tanner**, Research Associate at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, considers the

track record of OSCE peace operations, with special attention to the abovementioned missions (in *OSCE Insights 2021*, IFSH, ed., Nomos, 2022). All OSCE peace operations to date have been civilian missions, and he considers military OSCE missions to be unfeasible also for the future. The chapter provides lessons learned and recommendations for future missions by the OSCE and other organisations operating in high-risk environments

DOI (open access)





### Sustainability, Environment, the Anthropocene & SDGs



#### ARTICLE

Worth Its Weight in Gold: Is the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative a Credible Signalling Mechanism to Investors?

This paper tests whether affiliation with the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), a public-private partnership that promotes transparency in

the extractives sector, behaves as a credible signalling mechanism to investors that governments in resource-rich countries can manage resource revenues in the long run. Using an interrupted time series analysis coupled with a fixed effects model, **Jamie Fraser**, PhD Researcher in International Economics, examines whether EITI affiliation affects the default price of sovereign debt (in *Environment and Development Economics*, online November 2021). Results indicate that EITI membership alone is not a sufficient signal that a country can effectively manage its resource revenues.

DOI (open access)

#### ENCYCLOPEDIA CHAPTER

#### **Amazon Development**

While historically "Amazon" could refer to a river, a basin, and later a forest, it has been shaped into a coherent regional space by the development politics of governments, companies, and nongovernmental organisations throughout the 20th century, concealing a more complex cultural and ecological reality, as shown by SNSF Eccellenza Professorial Fellow **Antoine Acker** in his account of Amazon development since the 17th century (in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History*, Oxford University Press, 2021). Attempts to put development at the service of reducing inequalities and to reinforce environmental legislation did achieve certain (mitigated) success in the early 21st century, the author concludes, but they did not prevent deforestation and land conflicts from trending upwards after 2015, threatening the Amazon's very existence.

#### RESEARCH PAPER

# Using Information to Improve Global Cooperation: A Climate Change Experiment

**Timothy Swanson** and others run an experiment in five countries with 7,132 participants to study how information on the contribution of others influences

contributions to climate change mitigation (CIES Research Paper no. 72, Centre for International Environmental Studies, December 2021). Participants receive artificially generated information on the average contribution of others, on the ranking of contributions and endowments of others, and on others' nationalities. The authors show that (1) participants from developed countries free ride on the average of others, whereas participants from developing countries follow the lead of the majority; (2) information on the ranking of contributions increases participants' contributions as compared to information on the average of others; and (3) participants dislike to be in the first and last position of the contribution ranking. These results suggest that a country's contribution to climate change mitigation can be promoted by using information on the contributions of other countries. **Repository (open access)** 

#### WORKING PAPER

# An Experimental Approach to Farmer Valuation of African Rice Genetic Resources

Using a Becker-Degroot-Marschak mechanism, Alumnus **Nicholas Tyack,** Aminou Arouna and Marie-Noelle Ndjiondjop elicit the willingness of smallholder rice farmers in Côte d'Ivoire to pay for small amounts of seed of advanced rice varieties developed by AfricaRice as well as African rice landraces conserved in the AfricaRice genebank (Genebank Impacts Working paper no. 17, CGIAR Genebank Platform, Africa Rice Center and the Crop Trust). They find that farmers generally value having access to African rice landraces at roughly the same level as for advanced rice varieties. These findings demonstrate the value provided by the conservation of African rice landrace varieties in terms of safeguarding the ability of farmers to cultivate them in the future, and not just through the provision of inputs to the breeding process.

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This working paper is largely based on one of Dr Tyack's **PhD essays**.

#### EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

#### Den Amazonas konsumieren

The term "Amazon" is often equated with abundance and an immeasurable abundance of riches, so it is not surprising that Jeff Bezos very deliberately gave his famous online shop the name "amazon.com" in 1994. Since then, most Westerners have become accustomed to automatically associating the name "Amazon" with consumable resources, and the name has become a byword for global consumer society. This also fits very well with the reality in which the Amazon rainforest is being chopped up to produce soybeans and beef for global markets. The Amazon, as the Jeff Bezos analogy shows, can now be found in many facets of globalised consumer society and the future of this rainforest has become heavily dependent on market trends and consumer demand. **Antoine Acker,** SNSF Eccellenza Professorial Fellow, provides a historical sketch of how this situation came about (in German, in *Krisenklima: Umweltkonflikte aus lateinamerikanischer Perspektive,* St. Peters and others, eds., Nomos, 2021).

#### DOI

#### MONOGRAPH

#### International Environmental Law (Chinese edition)

The second edition of **Pierre-Marie Dupuy** and **Jorge E. Viñuales** 's concise, conceptually clear, and legally rigorous introduction to contemporary international environmental law and practice is now available in Chinese (Cambridge University Press, 2021). The book covers all major environmental agreements, paying

particular attention to their underlying structure, main legal provisions, and practical operation. It blends legal and policy analysis, making extensive reference to the jurisprudence and scholarship, and addressing the interconnections with other areas of international law, including human rights, humanitarian law, trade and foreign investment.

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### Gender, Diversity, Race & Intersectionality



#### EDITED BOOK AND CHAPTERS

Isabelle Hillenkamp, editors of this book (Palgrave Macmillan, online September 2021), have also contributed three chapters:

#### - Social Reproduction: A Key Issue for Feminist Solidarity Economy

The current organisation of social reproduction, based on unequal gender, class and race relations, on oppression and dispossession, is the condition for accumulation in the globalised capitalist system. It is also, increasingly, a terrain for struggles and social transformations. The authors define social reproduction as all the activities, social relations and institutions that are necessary for the reproduction of life, today and for future generations. This definition is enriched by the contributions of the practices and political struggles of the most marginalised groups and thus needs to be contextualised, as the various case studies in this book show.

#### DOI

#### - Solidarity Economy under a Feminist Lens: A Critical and Possibilist Analysis

This chapter lays the theoretical foundations for a feminist approach to solidarity economy from a critical and "possibilist" perspective, which account for both the violence of domination and the potential to resist. It contributes to inform the discussion on solidarity economy, which has arisen in Latin America and some European countries, but remains less known in some countries, especially in the Anglosphere and in Asia. Drawing on examples and on the conceptual contributions of several case studies and based on broad understandings of the economy and the politics, the chapter identifies four main processes through which spaces of resistance can be built and analyses how social reproduction can be politicised. DOI

### - Concluding Thoughts: Connecting Women's Struggles: Reorganizing Social Reproduction, Democratizing Solidarity Economy, Reframing Value

In the current context of financialisation of capitalism, impoverishment, increasing inequalities and crisis of social reproduction, voices and claims for changes here and now, without waiting for a general upheaving, are rumbling. DOI

Il existe une traduction partielle en français de l'ouvrage ci-dessus: Effervescences

féministes: réorganiser la reproduction sociale, démocratiser l'économie solidaire, repenser la valeur, publiée par L'Harmattan et disponible en ligne ici.

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Human Rights, Humanitarianism, Justice & Inclusion



#### ENCYCLOPEDIA CHAPTER

#### **Non-State Actors**

This chapter explains how non-state actors may be held accountable for violations of their human rights obligations. While some attention is given to the doctrinal debate over whether non-state actors have any international human rights obligations at all, **Andrew Clapham** suggests that the

international community is already developing accountability mechanisms which hold these non-state actors to international human rights standards (in *Elgar Encyclopedia of Human Rights,* Chr. Binder, M. Nowak, J.A. Hofbauer and Ph. Janig, eds., Edward Elgar, online 2021, print September 2022). Most recently, national global human rights sanctions regimes have targeted individuals and companies for travel bans and asset freezes on account of their interference with the enjoyment of human rights.

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#### EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

#### Humanitäre Hilfe und Friedensförderung: Innovationen beim Engagement, in der Finanzierung, und beim Recht

**Achim Wennmann** and Gilles Carbonnier have contributed a chapter in *Eine Aussenpolitik für die Schweiz im 21. Jahrhundert* (Th. Bernauer, K. Gentinetta and J. Kuntz, eds. NZZ Libro, October 2021).

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#### Publisher

Il existe aussi une **version française** de l'ouvrage.



### **Education, Information & Media**



#### ARTICLE

Decolonising Durkheimian Conceptions of the International: Colonialism and Internationalism in the Durkheimian School during and after the Colonial Era

In their introduction to this special issue of *Durkheimian Studies*, **Grégoire Mallard** and Jean Terrier explain how historical

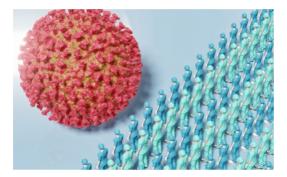
sociologists and historians of international law, sociology and anthropology can

develop a global intellectual history of what they call the "sciences of the international" by paying attention to the political ideas of the Durkheimian school of sociology (vol. 25, no. 1, December 2021). They situate the political ideas of the central figures explored in the issue – Émile Durkheim, Marcel Mauss, Bronisław Malinowski and Alfred Métraux – in their broader context, analysing their convergence and differences. They also reinterpret the calls made by historians of ideas to "provincialise Europe" or move to a "global history", by studying how epistemologies and political imaginaries continued by sociologists and ethnologists after the colonial era related to imperialist ways of thinking. **DOI (open access)** 





### **Global Health**



#### ARTICLE

#### Governing the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator: Towards Greater Participation, Transparency, and Accountability

The Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A) is the largest international effort to achieve equitable access to COVID-19 health technologies, and its governance is

a matter of broad public importance. **Suerie Moon** and others traced the evolution of ACT-A's governance through publicly available documents and analysed it against three principles embedded in the founding mission statement of ACT-A: participation, transparency, and accountability (in *The Lancet*, December 2021). They found three challenges to realising these principles. First, the roles of the various organisations in ACT-A decision making are unclear, obscuring who might be accountable to whom and for what. Second, there is no clearly defined decision-making body. Third, the nearly indiscernible role of governments in ACT-A raises key questions about political legitimacy and channels for public accountability. With global public health and billions in public funding at stake, short-term improvements to governance arrangements can and should now be made. Efforts to strengthen pandemic preparedness for the future require attention to ethical, legitimate arrangements for governance.

#### DOI (open access)

#### ARTICLE

#### Peer- and Community-Led Responses to HIV: A Scoping Review

In June 2021, UN Member States committed to ambitious targets for scaling up community-led responses by 2025 toward meeting the goals of ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030. **Sara L.M. Davis,** Senior Researcher at the Global Health Centre, and others conducted a scoping review to gather available evidence on peer- and community-led HIV responses (in *PLoS ONE,* December 2021). Their findings underscore the comparative advantage of such responses. Specifically, prevention programmes, especially those intended for people living with and disproportionately affected by HIV, should be peer- and community-led. In addition, treatment services should strive to integrate specific peer- and community-led components informed by

# differentiated care models. Future research is needed. **DOI (open access)**

#### EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

#### The Shroud Stealers: Coronavirus and the Viral Vagility of Prejudice

Grappling with the viral vagility of prejudice in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, **Aditya Bharadwaj** meditates on the texture of structural violence, exploring how horrific forms of social exclusion and marginalisation exacerbated as the pandemic gained traction (in *Viral Loads: Anthropologies of Urgency in the Time of COVID-19,* L. Manderson, N.J. Burke and A. Wahlberg, eds., UCL Press, 2021). In pointing out this intensification, he takes a literary detour to gesture at the "already there" normalised to euphemised forms of violence that were amplified as states enjoined the citizens to retreat into relative privileged isolation and distancing. The author introduces the notion of "shroud stealers" to reflect on the unfolding pandemic and to better apportion responsibility, including our own culpability as academic spectators and commentators.

**DOI (open access)** 

#### RESEARCH MAP

#### Global Research Map of Digital Health: Research and Development Landscaping and National Strategies' Benchmarking

The Global Research Map (GRM) prepared by **I-DAIR** is a comprehensive and multifaceted map that provides a clear landscape of research and development (R&D) activities across different world regions and the state of maturity of various national digital health strategies (NDHS). This powerful tool is capable of providing a clear situational awareness to countries, regions, funders and multilateral organisations to visualise, analyse and act according to identified gaps and needs in different settings. It will provide an inclusive vision that explicitly underlines the dual link between the integration of the R&D landscape in the NDHS and the impact of the latter on the evolution of the national R&D outputs.

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### **Cities, Space, Mobilities & Migrations**



#### ARTICLE

#### Waiting Games: Taming Chance among Afghans in Greece

Relying on empirical material collected among young Afghan men in Greece, **Sarah Bittel,** PhD Researcher in Anthropology and Sociology, and **Alessandro Monsutti** explore how they conceptualise and make sense of waiting in

their own terms by proposing an ethnographic depiction of card and online games (in *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies,* online December 2021). The authors argue that card and online games are a way for their interlocutors to express some level of agency. With their play, the young men create and reinforce social ties, respectively, creating and reinforcing a support network that persists over time and

beyond geographical dispersion. Therefore, they transform waiting into an experience through which they may assert their personal autonomy and group belonging and reinvest meaning into their everyday life. They eventually develop some ability to manage the uncertainty that dominates their lives, present and future.

#### DOI

#### AFTERWORD

Non/State Actors, Timelines, Border and/versus Territory, Global Contexts

This afterword by **Cyrus Schayegh** first outlines an ideal-type four-stage approach to interwar *mashriq* border-making (in *Regimes of Mobility: Borders and State Formation in the Middle East, 1918–1946,* J. Tejel and R.H. Öztan, eds., Edinburgh University Press, January 2022). Second, it makes two notes on timelines: the interwar *mashriq's* borders did not develop synchronously, some even having Ottoman roots; and they developed non-linearly. Third, it reviews the distinction between border and territory, including a discussion of the "central periphery", a case the author explored in his **monograph** *The Middle East and the Making of the Modern World*. And fourth, it makes a note on global contexts of interwar *mashriqi* border regimes.

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#### Publisher



#### Arts, Culture & Religion



#### ARTICLE

Products of Protest? The Creative Protest Potential of Zines on Bali Zines are self-published printed booklets that can contain content from photos and illustrations to poetry and open letters. The medium of the *zine* as a product of alternative (sub)cultural production emerged in Indonesia in the 1990s as a

consequence of politically and financially tumultuous times, as well as the formation of underground youth culture. **Sophie Mahakam Anggawi**, PhD Researcher in Anthropology and Sociology, sheds light on how the Balinese punk fan collective Denpasar Kolektif incorporates the ideals of DIYing – independent, anticapitalist, non-commercial cultural production – into their production of zines, which embody anti-capitalist and political critique through their content, circulation and collection (in *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology*, online December 2021). **DOI** 

#### ARTICLE

# "Communist Muslims": The USSR and the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan's Conversion to Islam, 1978–1988

Soviet leaders sent troops into Afghanistan in December 1979 to support a friendly Marxist-Leninist regime in its conflict against a popular insurgency and help it build a new society. When the Soviet troops withdrew nine years later, they left behind a state that had none of the nominal characteristics of a Soviet-type Communist country. During the war, the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan had discarded Marxism-Leninism and turned to Islam. **Vassily A. Klimentov**, Teaching Assistant in International History and Politics/Interdisciplinary Programmes, examines how, with Moscow's support, the Afghan Communists Islamicised their discourse and policies as they tried to gain support from the population and co-opt insurgent fighters (in *Journal of Cold War Studies*, vol. 24, no. 1, 2022).





### **Development & Cooperation**



#### ARTICLE

#### Towards a Right to Learn: Concepts and Measurement of Global Education Poverty

In this new study, **Martina Viarengo**, Lant Pritchett and Michelle Kaffenberger discuss how measures of schooling alone, such as enrollment or grade attainment, without reference to skills, capabilities, and

competencies acquired, are inadequate for defining education or education poverty (RISE-Oxford University Working Paper no. 21/085, December 2021). As assessed against any proposed standard, the authors show there is a significant learning crisis in developing countries: in many countries students spend many years in school and yet do not reach an early standard of mastery of foundational skills nor do they reach any reasonable global minimum standard by the time they complete schooling. The overwhelming obstacle to addressing education poverty today is the fact that the typical learning profile is just too shallow for children to reach minimum standards. **DOI (open access)** 

*The final version will be available in* Research Handbook on Measuring Poverty and Deprivation (*Edward Elgar, forthcoming 2022*).



## **Other Relevant Information**



Multimedia

CONSTITUTIONS FOR DEMOCRACY E1 | AHCD **Introducing "Constitutions for Democracy"** This episode introduces the new podcast

series Constitutions for Democracy conducted by **Yanina Welp**, Research



Fellow at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy. Constitutions are expected to incarnate the will of the people but with few exceptions citizens have very few opportunities to directly influence them. Nowadays violent clashes and massive protests are much more likely to create new constitutions than a peaceful democratic process. With distrust in

politicians on the rise many emerging social movements demand a "real democracy". But what is a real democracy?

### Listen to the podcast Read more about the series



#### DEMOCRACY IN QUESTION? S3:E8 | GRADUATE INSTITUTE AND CEU

Holding Power Accountable with Investigative Journalism Shalini Randeria is in conversation with Dean Starkman to explore what the Pandora Papers reveal about wealth and the governance of a global financial system. What are the common strategies

adopted by wealthy companies, individuals, and organisations to evade tax accountability? How have democracies across the world responded to the revelations of the Pandora Papers? And what models are available for publicly oriented investigative journalism that can hold power accountable? Listen to the podcast



# BOOK PRESENTATIONS | INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Gender in Peacebuilding: Local Practices in Indonesia and Nigeria The 13th volume of *International Development Policy* presents findings from a six-year collaborative project (see *Research Bulletin* no. 12, 2021). Watch related videos:

- A presentation of the volume by Elisabeth Prügl
- "Art-for-Peace in Ambon" explained by Wening Udasmoro
- "No Matter What I've Got Rights" with Wening Udasmoro and Elisabeth
- Prügl discussing their chapter on land grab protests in East Java

 "Umuada: A Sociopolitical Institution for Peacebuilding and Conflict Management in Nigeria" explained by Joy Onyesoh

- The book launch on 6 December 2021

ENTRETIENS DE LA CHAIRE YVES OLTRAMARE RELIGION ET POLITIQUE DANS LE MONDE CONTEMPORAIN E11 | ANTHROPOLOGIE ET SOCIOLOGIE

# Mali: violence religieuse ou violence agraire?

Jean-Aristide Bonkoungou, doctorant en droit à l'Institut, s'entretient avec



**Ibrahima Poudiougou,** doctorant en anthropologie à l'Université de Turin et à l'Université de Leyde et co-auteur de *L'État de distorsion en Afrique de l'Ouest: des empires à la nation.* L'épisode est très éclairant en ce qu'il insiste sur la dimension agraire d'un conflit qui s'énonce en partie, mais en partie seulement, dans des termes ethno-religieux.

**Regardez l'entretien** 



#### RESEARCH BY STUDENTS | INTERDISCIPLINARY MASTER Student Podcasts on Digital

**Innovation in Nature Conservation** Digital applications have started to gain prominence in nature conservation, in both number and diversity, and are progressively shaping conservation discourses and practices. Students

following the Interdisciplinary Master's course "Digital Innovation in Nature Conservation" were asked by their teacher, **Jérôme Duberry**, to create a series of podcast interviews to showcase innovative solutions for nature conservation:

 A talk with **Tim Van Dam** about how **sensor technology** can be used to conserve endangered wildlife

- The Global Forest Watch (GFW) programme, with Gabrielle Nussbaum

- Kristofer Alstaad explains how data assimilation techniques are used to create climate models

- Creating a Digital Twin of Earth, with Torsten Hoefler

– The intersection between **DNA science and nature conservation** issues, with **Misa Winters** 

- CoMiMo: A new digital solution for detecting illegal mining in Colombia, with
 Santiago Saavedra

- Synthetic Biology: Rewriting Human-Nature Relations, with Kent H. Redford



RESEARCH BY STUDENTS | ANTHROPOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY

#### Podcasting as a Means of Teaching and Researching Contemporary Humanitarianisms

When the COVID-19 pandemic started two years ago, **Julie Billaud** noted that our new condition, with daily updates on infection rates and case-fatality ratios and

announcements of new governmental measures, mirrors to some degree the humanitarian contexts she explores in her course on "Comparative Humanitarianisms". Among new ways of teaching and engaging with her students in a situation of physical distancing, podcasting proved relevant to the course because it notably enabled students to collect information on the "humanitarian response" (from state and non-state actors) to the pandemic and to develop their analytical skills through preparing interview questions, a framing introduction and a synthesis. The students captured a variety of themes and experiences in the following podcasts:

- **COVID-19 in Lebanon:** Voices of the Government and the People
- COVID 19 in Japan: Life in an Emergency Ward
- Hierarchies of Humanity: COVID-19 Response in Greek Refugee Camps
- COVID-19 and Mutual Aid in Mexico

 Managing the COVID-19 Mayhem across Manhattan and Mogadishu Read more



#### TWO NEW PROJECTS AT THE ALBERT HIRSCHMAN CENTRE ON DEMOCRACY

- Protest And Engagement, from the Global to the Local: Mapping the Forms of Youth Participation in Europe

This project led by Senior Researcher **Christine Lutringer** with Research Fellows **Maria Mexi** and **Yanina Welp** and PhD Researcher **Laura Bullon-Cassis** was granted CHF 208,162 to examine forms of political engagement among youth in contemporary European democracies, at a time of disenchantment with democracy. **Project page** 

### - (Dis)enfranchising Migrants: Patterns and Politics of Granting Voting Rights to Non-citizen Residents and Non-resident Citizens in Contemporary Democracies

The AHCD is pleased to partner with the Global Citizenship Observatory (GLOBALCIT) at the European University Institute on this joint project, which aims to find out which political interests and actors have driven either kind of franchise expansion/restriction and will put a particular focus on how political polarization and democratic backlashes or deconsolidation affect the politics of the franchise for migrants.

**Project page** 

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### Faculty, Researchers & Visitors



The Centre for Finance and Development, the Swiss Lab for Sustainable Finance and the Anthropology and Sociology Department Welcome Assistant Professor Anna-Riikka Kauppinen

Starting on 1 February 2022 as a new Pictet Chair in Finance and Development, Prof. Kauppinen will explore the traction of

ethnographically based financial theory in comparison to and dialogue with economics and international financial history. Read more

The Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy Welcomes Two Team Members

Arpita Bisht is a Postdoctoral Fellow and Associate Researcher. Her work focuses on environmental and social justice resistance movements and Ecological Distribution Conflicts (EDCs) generated as a result of expanding mineral commodity frontiers.
 Carlo Edoardo Altamura is a SNSF Ambizione Research Fellow. His current interests lie in post-war international financial history in the West and in the developing world, the historical origins of financial globalisation and the political uses of debt.

The Institute welcomes the following visitors:

借 3 Jan20 June 2022 ♥ CCDP	Alyssa Yamamoto Coming from the University of Minnesota, Robina Research & Advocacy Fellow Alyssa Yamamoto works on "Combating the Financing of Terrorism in Compliance with International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law" with Oliver Jutersonke.
<ul> <li>☐ 10 Jan18 April 2022</li> <li>♥ CIES</li> </ul>	Matilda Dunn Coming from Imperial College London, PhD Researcher Matilda Dunn works on "Investigating the Barriers and Opportunities to Integrating Biodiversity across the UN Systems' Plans, Programmes and Partnerships" with Bill Adams.
借 1 Feb. 2022-1 Feb. 2023 ♀GC	<b>Philippe Panizzon</b> Coming from the University of Oxford, Consultant (UN, ICRC), Philippe Panizzon will work on "Out of Morocco: Homosexuality and Transnationalism in Late 20th and Early 21st Century Moroccan Politics and Culture" with Nicole Bourbonnais and Claire Somerville.
借 7 Feb6 May 2022 ♥ CTEI	Laurie Durel Coming from Université Laval, Laurie Durel will work on "The Evolution of the Perception of Carbon Border Adjustment Compliance to the WTO" with Joost Pauwelyn.

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