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Research Bulletin

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CFD | INTL. MACRO
HISTORY SEMINAR
**The Short- and
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of Affirmative
Action: Evidence
from Imperial
China**
17:00–18:00 online

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GHC
**Human Rights and
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Age: What Role
for the UN and
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14:00–15:30 online

CIES | BOOK LAUNCH
**Becoming
Organic: Nature
and Agriculture in
the Indian
Himalaya**
18:30–20:00 hybrid

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**New
Authoritarianisms
in the
Contemporary
World**
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CFD | INTL. MACRO
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**Taxation in Africa
from Colonial
Times to the
Present: Evidence
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**The Politics of the
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Prospects Report:
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Rising Risks**
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Humanitarian
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Sustainability,
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Humanitarianism,
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MONOGRAPH

Becoming Organic: Nature and Agriculture in the Indian Himalaya

Tracing the social and bureaucratic life of organic quality in the northern Indian state of Uttarakhand, **Shaila Seshia Galvin** asks what it means to become organic in a region that many claim has always been “organic by default” (Yale University Press,

June 2021). She shows how “organic” is less a material property of land, its produce, or production methods, than it is a quality produced in discursive, regulatory, and affective registers. Offering an historically grounded, ethnographic account of contemporary development practice in rural India as it unfolds through complex relationships forged among state authorities, private corporations, and new agrarian

intermediaries, her book urges readers to think anew about agrarian worlds in the twenty-first century.

- Don't miss the **book launch on 22 February!**
- Watch a **short video** with the author
- **Publisher's page**

ARTICLE

Mining Indigenous Territories: Consensus, Tensions and Ambivalences in the Salar de Atacama

Lithium may power an energy transition away from fossil fuels, through e.g. batteries for electric cars. Yet lithium extraction has environmental and social consequences linked especially to water scarcity. One of the world's largest lithium extraction sites, Chile's Salar de Atacama, is also one of the driest places on Earth and home to indigenous groups who depend on its water. **Marc Hufty, Jonas Köppel**, PhD Researcher in Anthropology and Sociology, **Morgan Scoville-Simonds**, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Centre for International Environmental Studies, and others examine how mining, territory and indigeneity co-produce each other in this context (in *The Extractive Industries and Society*, online January 2022). Beyond current simplifications, they argue that mining activities lead to tensions and ambivalent positions among local communities.

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Human Rights, Humanitarianism, Justice & Inclusion



REPORT

Life and Death: NGO Access to Financial Services in Afghanistan

Afghanistan faces a looming humanitarian catastrophe. Transferring funds into Afghanistan has become a major challenge for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) since the Taliban's return to power on 15 August 2021. Coupled with the

liquidity crisis, it is driving unprecedented levels of humanitarian needs, making the 2022 humanitarian appeal for Afghanistan the biggest country appeal ever. However, in the current environment it is not clear how these funds, if raised, will reach the Afghan people. This evidence-based report by **Erica Moret**, Senior Researcher at the Global Governance Centre, addresses NGOs' financial access challenges by mapping out 12 types of payment channels available to NGOs for transferring humanitarian funds into, and around, Afghanistan (January 2022). It explores the associated risks (domestic, regional, and international) of each channel, as well as the reliability, cost, and volume capacity.

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ARTICLE

Doing Queer in the Everyday of Academia: Reflections on Queering a Conference in International Law

This article reflects the attempt to “queer” international law by “queering” the everyday routines of international lawyers (in *AJIL Unbound*, vol. 116, online January 2022). Bérénice K. Schramm and **Juliana**

Santos de Carvalho, Lena Holzer and **Manon Beury**, PHD Researchers in International Law, discuss how the authors have tried to resist reproducing (gendered) hegemonies in the organisation of a week-long event on queer methods in international legal scholarship. The article echoes a recent trend in scholarship on queer pedagogies by specifically focusing on academic conferences in international law. It presents efforts to destabilise unequal structures and workings of the very site where international law is theorised and taught: the university.

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ARTICLE

Co-producing Ethnoracial Categories: Census-Takers in the 2017 Peruvian National Census

The growing literature that analyses the production of ethnoracial categories has focused primarily on the role of nation-states, social movements, and transnational trends. The internal institutional debates that influence these processes have received limited attention, and the role of census-takers in particular remains largely unexplored. Drawing from in-depth interviews with 54 census-takers in the 2017 Peruvian National Census, Meylin Gonzales Huaman, **Graziella Moraes Silva** and David Sulmont argue that census-takers are influential actors in the production of ethnoracial categories and can be considered street-level bureaucrats (in *Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies*, 2021). The census-takers’ interpretations of the ethnoracial question and categories emphasised dimensions of race and ethnicity that increased the likelihood of residents to identify as mestizos. These findings suggest that, despite their temporary role, census-takers are important actors in the production of ethnoracial categories in societies where these are contested.

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The article has also been published in Spanish in Debates En Sociología (no. 53, 2021): Coproduciendo Categorías étnico-raciales: empadronadores en el Censo Nacional de Perú 2017, available in open access [here](#)

ARTICLE

Considerations of Sex and Gender Dimensions by Research Ethics Committees: A Scoping Review

Research ethics committees (RECs) can play a particularly powerful role in identifying the gender gaps at an early stage of the development of health research protocols.

Claire Somerville, Shirin Heidari, Senior Researcher at the Global Health Centre, and others conduct a scoping review to examine the extent to which RECs discuss and consider the inclusion and analysis of sex and gender in health research and to examine the literature regarding the gender balance of RECs (in *International Health*, ihab093, January 2022). Their review sheds light on existing gaps: an under-

representation of women on RECs, a lack of awareness of the importance of gender-related aspects in health research and a paucity of gender-related training to RECs. Developing recommendations similar to those in the Sex and Gender Equity in Research (SAGER) guidelines can be effective in addressing these gaps.

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Trade, Finance, Economies & Work



ARTICLE

State Succession and State Responsibility in the Context of Investor-State Dispute Settlement

Is a successor State in the context of separation and dissolution bound by the BITs to which the predecessor State was a party? While showing that there is no automatic succession to BITs, **Marcelo**

Kohen and Patrick Dumberry explain that both parties often expressly agree that a BIT should remain in force between them and that there are also situations where there is a tacit agreement between these States for the continued application of a specific BIT (in *ICSID Review – Foreign Investment Law Journal*, siab028, January 2022). They then examine the case when the foreign investor in investment arbitration proceedings alleges that breaches of BIT obligations had been committed before the date of succession. Does the successor State bear the consequences of the illegal conduct of its predecessor State if the matter has not been settled before its independence? Until recently, there existed a gap concerning that question, but the authors show how the recent works of the Institut de droit international and, subsequently, that of the ILC have filled this gap.

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EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

Monetary Systems and the Global Balance of Payments Adjustment in the Pre-Gold Standard Period, 1700–1870

This chapter by **Rui Esteves** and Pilar Nogues-Marco is divided into four sections (in *The Cambridge Economic History of the Modern World*, vol. 1: 1700 to 1870, St. Broadberry and K. Fukao, eds., Cambridge University Press, 2021). The first section outlines the taxonomy of commodity-based monetary regimes in Europe and their advantages and costs. The second section describes the main international monetary flows in the early modern period and relates them to East-West balance-of-trade adjustments and monetary systems in Asia (1700–1800). In the third section, the authors turn to the development of the foreign exchange market, which was mostly based on bills of exchange in this period. They explain the expansion of the bills-of-exchange market from the European to the intercontinental network in the mid-nineteenth century. The final section then investigates how nominal exchange rates and relative prices contributed to the global current account adjustments in the near pre-gold standard period (1820s–1870s).

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WORKING PAPER

Labor Market Integration, Local Conditions and Inequalities: Evidence from Refugees in Switzerland

In this paper **Martina Viarengo**, Tobias Müller and Pia Pannatier examine the patterns of economic integration of refugees in Switzerland (World Bank Policy Research Working Paper no. 9914, January 2022). The study relies on a unique longitudinal dataset consisting of administrative records and social security data for the universe of refugees in Switzerland over 1998–2018. It documents the patterns of labor-market integration, and highlights the heterogeneity by gender and age at arrival. The empirical analysis exploits the government dispersal policy in place since 1998, which consists of the random allocation of refugees across cantons, to identify the causal effects of the local initial conditions.

Open access [here](#)

DISCUSSION PAPER

The Aftermath of Sovereign Debt Crises: A Narrative Approach

There is little consensus on the macroeconomic impacts of sovereign debt crises, despite the regularity of such events. **Rui Esteves**, Jason Lennard and Sean Kenny quantify the aggregate cost of defaults, using a narrative approach on a large panel of 50 sovereigns between 1870 and 2010 (CEPR Discussion Paper no. 16166, Centre for Economic Policy Research, May 2021). They find significant and persistent costs of defaults starting at 1.6% of GDP and peaking at 3.3% before recovering to the pre-crisis level after five years. Moreover, they identify a large heterogeneity of costs by the cause of default. Higher costs are associated with defaults initiated by negative supply shocks, political crises, or adverse terms of trade. In contrast, domestic demand shocks have a moderate effect that is quickly reversed.

Repository (public access)

EDITORIAL

A New General Interest Journal to Make Economics Open Again

In economics, the publication process is extremely long, which can be disastrous for young scholars on the tenure clock. The launch of *Oxford Open Economics* – the first general interest journal in Economics that is fully open access – is an opportunity to address these challenges. The editors, who include **Ugo Panizza**, plan to both implement and generate evidence that can both improve the journal and the publication process for both reviewers and authors (in *Oxford Open Economics*, odab001, February 2022). They also plan to look to generate evidence that increases both the scientific value of the journal and the process of publication for both authors and reviewers.

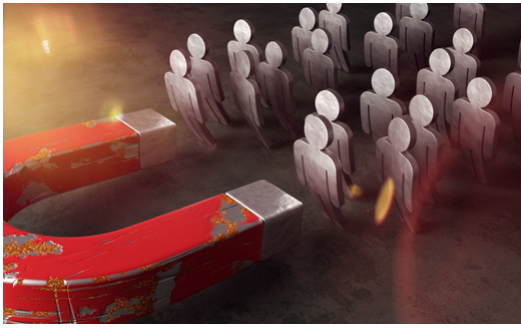
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Peace, War, Conflicts & Security

ARTICLE

When Mediators Need Machines (and Vice Versa): Towards a Research Agenda on Hybrid Peacemaking Intelligence



Mediators are increasingly unable to maintain their role as information brokers without the support of automated information gathering and analysis systems. However, the effectiveness of such AI-tools is likewise hampered by their limited autonomy across peacemaking contexts, by the paradigmatic nature of knowledge that is used to design AI-

systems, and the influence of subjective factors that are difficult to measure. These challenges may be overcome by hybrid human-machine systems in support of peacemaking. **Andreas T. Hirblinger**, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, formulates a research agenda for hybrid peacemaking intelligence (in *International Negotiation*, online January 2022). He suggests studying how agency is distributed in mediator-machine networks, the hermeneutics of machine-supported participatory approaches, and how hybrid arrangements change power relations in peacemaking.

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REPORT

UN Individual Sanctions Listing and Delisting Patterns and Their Interaction with Autonomous Measures: Considerations for Mediators

This report by **Thomas Biersteker** and **Aurel Niederberger**, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Global Governance Centre, aims to inform UN and other mediators by explaining listing and delisting procedures at the UN and interactions with different types of autonomous sanctions regimes; mapping out listing constellations across all fifteen current UN sanctions regimes; and analysing listing and delisting dynamics by the UN and other authorities on a case-by-case basis for all current sanctions regimes (United Nations University, 2022). It concludes with a set of considerations for mediators who may contemplate delistings as a tool in mediation processes.

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Global Governance



SPECIAL ISSUE

Time and Space in the Study of International Organizations

In the study of international organisations (IOs), time and space have mostly been approached as contextual, even implicit and unrelated, factors. Instead, this special issue edited by **Fanny Badache**, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Centre on

Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, and others considers them as co-constitutive of multilateralism and investigates three main questions: How are IOs influenced by time and space? How are time and space experienced within IOs? How do IOs influence time and space around them? In their **introductory article**, the

editors point to a cyclical process: IOs are influenced by the spatiotemporal conditions of their enactment, leading to a diversity of practices and experiences within these organisations which in turn impact time and space, both in the way they are conceptualised and in their concrete embodiment. They conclude with a series of (non-exhaustive) research avenues to continue this promising analytical and empirical endeavour, including discussions on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic (in *Global Policy*, vol. 12, no. S7, December 2021).

Special issue (open access)

ARTICLE

Emotions and International Law

In this piece **Anne Saab** provides an introduction to her broader research project on “emotions and international law” (in *ESIL Reflections*, vol. 10, no. 3, September 2021). She argues that international lawyers must take emotions more seriously and must challenge the prevailing rationalist presumptions underlying the legal discipline. She introduces the important work done by law and emotions scholars in domestic law and gives three examples of how various emotions relate to various fields of international law. The main objective is to garner attention for the place of emotions in the study and practice of international law.

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Global Health



PAPER

Taxonomy of Substantive Proposals for a New Instrument on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response

Ana Beatriz Balcazar Moreno and **Adam Patryk Strobejko**, PhD Researchers in International Law, and **Gian Luca Burci** contribute a taxonomy of the main

substantive proposals raised by member states and the European Union before and during the second special session of the World Health Assembly (Global Health Centre, 2022). The proposals, often formulated in the context of broader comments on the future of pandemic preparedness and response and the role of WHO in it, have been organised into seven main categories for ease of reference and in attempt to ensure a measure of conceptual coherence. For each subcategory, the authors identify the actors who mentioned them in their statements and proposals.

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POLICY BRIEFS

*The following documents were developed as part of the Policy Briefs series under the project on a **pandemic treaty** at the Global Health Centre.*

– International Sharing of Pathogens and Genetic Sequence Data under a Pandemic Treaty: What Linkages with the Nagoya Protocol and the PIP Framework?

This paper by **Dario Piselli**, PhD Researcher in International Law, discusses the synergies and tensions that upcoming negotiations on a “pandemic treaty” might introduce in the international legal framework for the sharing of human pathogens. It focuses in particular on the normative interactions between such a treaty and existing international instruments, including the 2010 Nagoya Protocol to the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (PIP) Framework adopted by the WHO in 2011. As a result, the paper proposes a series of options for negotiators relating to the scope and content of the treaty’s provisions on access and benefit-sharing.

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– The European Union and the negotiation of the International Pandemic Treaty: Interests at Stake and Potential Contribution

by Elisabet Ruiz Cairó. Download the PDF [here](#)



Other Relevant Information



Multimedia



BOOKS | INTERNATIONAL HISTORY AND POLITICS

In Defense of Public Debt

We are surrounded by apocalyptic warnings about the dangers of heavy debts following governments' response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In this video about his latest book, co-authored with **Barry Eichengreen, Asmaa El-Ganainy** and **Kris James Mitchener**, **Rui Esteves** argues that in history and today the ability of governments to borrow has played a critical role in meeting emergencies and funding essential public goods and services. He also explains how many nations managed to deal with their problems of debt sustainability – a useful message directly applicable to the world we are in right now.

- [Watch the video](#)
- Visit the book page at [Oxford University Press](#)



BOOKS | ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY AND CIES

Becoming Organic: Nature and Agriculture in the Indian Himalaya

Shaila Seshia Galvin presents her latest book, which provides a rich, original study of the social and bureaucratic life of *organic* quality that challenges assumptions of what *organic* means. She notably explains that the fraught concept of *organic* is less a material property of land or its produce than it is a quality that is assembled. *Organic* is actually actively, socially and politically produced.

- [Watch the video](#)
- Don't miss the [book launch on 22 February!](#)
- Visit the book page at [Yale University Press](#)



ABD STORIES, E10 | INTERNATIONAL LAW

Frontex, Borders and Human Rights

What is the international responsibility of the EU and its member states for potential human rights violations during their border control practices? In her PhD thesis in International Law, **Giulia Raimondo** invites us to better understand the role played by Frontex, the European Border and coast Guard Agency, in shaping these practices.

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CONSTITUTIONS FOR DEMOCRACY E1 AND E2 | AHCD

Yanina Welp, *Research Fellow at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy*, has produced two further episodes of this series:

– Does a Constitution-Making Process Need to Be Deliberative?

Citizens participation and transparency are at the core of the idea of a legitimate constitution. With **Elena García Gutián**, Professor of political science and public administration at Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain, and **Paul Blokker**, Professor at the University of Bologna, Italy.

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– Participatory Authoritarianism?

Why do non-democratic regimes quite often engage in elaborating constitutions and why do they sometimes promote or simulate the promotion of citizens' engagement in participatory processes? With **Claudia Heiss**, Assistant Professor at the Universidad de Chile, **Daniel Oross**, Research Fellow at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and **Volkan Gül**, Assistant Professor at Kütahya Dumlupınar University (DPÜ), Turkey.

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DEMOCRACY IN QUESTION? S3:E9 | THE GRADUATE INSTITUTE AND CEU

Governance in Illiberal Democracies

Shalini Randeria is in conversation with Professor **András Sajó**, former judge at the European Court of Human Rights & founding Dean of Legal Studies Department at the Central European University, to explore the political phenomena related to governance in illiberal democracies. What relationships do such regimes have to the rule of law and the constitution? How does legal cheating play a role in the governance style? And how can democracy be restored after an illiberal interlude?

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INSIGE GENEVA | GENÈVE VISION AND THE GRADUATE INSTITUTE

War and Humanitarian Aid in the 21st Century



How relevant is Henry Dunant's vision in the 21st century? **Imogen Foulkes** is joined by **Hugo Slim**, Senior Research Fellow at the University of Oxford, **Daniel Warner** and **Paola Gaeta**. For the latter, "instead of bringing help because of compassion, I think we should recognise that the victims of war have rights".

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Visitors

The Institute welcomes the following visitors:

📅 15 Feb.–31 August
📍 IL Dep.

Huaru Kang

Coming from Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, PhD Candidate Huaru Kang will work on "How Particularity Challenges the Universality of Human Rights: An Analysis of the Statements Made by China at the Human Rights Council (2006–2019)" with Andrew Clapham.

📅 21 Feb.–16 Sept.
📍 GGC

Nadine Benedix

Coming from Technical University Darmstadt, PhD Candidate Nadine Benedix will work on "On the Emergence of Agency in International Relations: A Practice Theoretical Analysis of Local and Transnational Practices of Organised Working Children" with Annabelle Littoz-Monnet.

📅 28 Feb.–3 June
📍 GGC

Julia Bethwaite

Coming from Tampere Universities, Doctoral Researcher Julia Bethwaite will work on "Forms of Power in the Transnational Space of Art" with Annabelle Littoz-Monnet.



Calls for Paper

📅 15 February

SWISS SOCIETY OF ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS

Social Media and Its Challenges for Economic Policy

The Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics (SSES) will hold its annual conference on 23–24 June. Authors are invited to submit their preliminary or complete papers by 15 February.

More info [here](#)





Calls for Prizes

📅 31 mars

INSTITUT D'HISTOIRE DES RELATIONS INTERNATIONALES
CONTEMPORAINES

Prix Jean-Baptiste Duroselle

Les prix Duroselle sont décernés chaque année par l'Institut d'histoire des relations internationales contemporaines (IHRIC, Paris) à l'auteur·e de la meilleure thèse et l'auteur·e du meilleur mémoire de master en histoire des relations internationales. Les lauréat·e-s et les meilleur·e-s des candidat·e-s sont également invité·e-s à apporter leur contribution au numéro *Nouvelles recherches* de la revue *Relations internationales*, revue soutenue par l'Institut. Le délai de candidature est fixé au 31 mars. Plus d'infos [ici](#)

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Upcoming PhD Defences

📅 Tuesday 22 February
🕒 10:00–12:00
📍 Online

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

Essays on Macroeconomics and Risk

By **Jamie Fraser**. Committee members: Gilles Carbonnier, Thesis Director; Ugo Panizza, President and Internal Reader; Beatrice Weder Di Mauro, Internal Reader; Salvatore Di Falco, Professor, Geneva School of Economics and Management, University of Geneva.

More info [here](#)

📅 Friday 25 February
🕒 12:30–14:30
📍 Online

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES | SPECIALISATION IN
INTERNATIONAL HISTORY AND POLITICS

The Lodge Legacy: Henry Cabot Lodge, JR., Robert A. Taft, and the Problem of International Order at the United Nations

By **Kevin Gelzhiser**. Committee members: Jussi Hanhimäki, Thesis Director; Davide Rodogno, President and Internal Reader; Joe Maiolo, Professor, Department of War Studies, King's College London, UK.

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