Upcoming Research Events

24 October 2022 (no. 10, 2022)

**Upcoming Research Events**

**24 OCT**

**Monday**

**COLLOQUE ANNUEL YVES OLTRAMARE 2022 / JOUR 1**

Femmes de pouvoir religieux
18:30–20:00 pétale 2, Auditorium A2

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**Tuesday**

**COLLOQUE ANNUEL YVES OLTRAMARE 2022 / JOUR 2**

Femmes de pouvoir religieux
18:30–20:00 pétale 2, salle C1

**26**

**Wednesday**

**CFD | IMPACT SEMINAR ON EFFECTIVE ALTRUISM DIFFERENCES IN IMPACT**

19:30–21:00 room TBC

**27**

**Thursday**

**28**

**Friday**

**GFC & IISD | GENEVA SDG COMMUNITY COFFEE**

Towards COP27: Climate Action & the SDGs
08:30–09:30 caféteria

**CFD & GIIA**

Impact Investing for Students
18:15–20:00 Petal 1, room S5
Worth in Ghana’s New Private Sector
16:15–18:00 room S5

31 OCT Monday
NO EVENTS

01 NOV Tuesday
ANSO/IHP TUESDAY SEMINAR
Yi-Tang Lin | Numbers, Experts, and Global Health Policy-making: A History
16:15–18:00 room S5

02 Wednesday
CCDP FALL SEMINAR
Pascal Bongard | Armed non-State Actors’ Practice and Interpretation of International Humanitarian Norms
15:00 hybrid
Global Healthtech Innovation Symposium
18:15–20:00 Petal 2, the fab

AHCD | BOOK LAUNCH
Max Hirsh & Till Mostowiansky | Infrastructure and the Remaking of Asia
18:30–20:00 room S2

CFD | IMPACT SEMINAR ON EFFECTIVE ALTRUISM
Radical Empathy
19:30–21:00 room TBC

03 Thursday
IL COLLOQUIUM
Sofia Stolk | Building (of) the International Community: A History of the Peace Palace through Transnational Gifts and Local Bureaucracy
12:15–14:00 online
TECH HUB & RESEARCH OFFICE | HOT TOPICS IN RESEARCH
GHC
Big Data for Social Scientists: Avoiding Common Traps and Pitfalls
12:15–13:45 Petal 2, the fab

04 Friday
NO EVENTS

See all events >

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Peace, War, Conflicts & Security
Global Governance
Sustainability, Environment, the Anthropocene & SDGs
Global Health
Cities, Space, Mobilities & Migrations
Education, Information & Media
Development & Cooperation
Trade, Finance, Economies & Work
Human Rights, Humanitarianism, Justice & Inclusion
Gender, Diversity, Race & Intersectionality

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Awarded Grants
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Calls for Papers
Awarded Prizes
Cyclical Jihadist Governance: The Islamic State Governance Cycle in Iraq and Syria

Explanations for the territorial decline of the Islamic State (IS) have focussed on its internal group dynamics and external conflict processes. Although both explanations are valid, Matthew Bamber-Zryd, PHD Researcher in International Relations/Political Science, adopts a historical approach to show that IS’s caliphate was just one cycle in a two-decade history of governance activity (in Small Wars & Insurgencies, online September 2022). IS has undertaken three governance cycles composed of phases of insurgency, gaining territory, establishing institutions, and losing territory. After each governance cycle, IS engaged in a process of critical self-reflection and adapted its governance strategy significantly. This resulted in a progressive history in which, with each cycle, IS governed greater amounts of territory, through more complex institutions, for a longer period of time.

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In Search of Islamic Legitimacy: The USSR, the Afghan Communists and the Muslim World

During the Afghan War, the Mujahideen claimed that the Afghan communists were atheists who were subservient to Moscow and did not have the legitimacy to rule Afghanistan. The war became a contest for legitimacy in Afghanistan and internationally. The Soviets and the Afghan communists portrayed communist Afghanistan as Islamic and therefore legitimate in the international arena, explains Vassily A. Klimentov, Faculty Lead for the “Conflict, Peace and Security” track of the Applied Research Projects (in Cold War History, online October 2022). The Soviets elaborated an information campaign emphasising Islam and strengthened Afghanistan’s contacts with Muslim countries to show that the Afghan communists were Muslims too. They hoped international recognition would reduce Muslim countries’ support to the Mujahideen and improve the Afghan communists’ acceptance at home.

Repository (public access)
The Non-intervention Principle in Contemporary International Law

Yilin Wang provides a discursive analysis of the invocation and application of the non-intervention principle by sovereign states at the United Nations (UN). She brings forward that liberalist ideologies, such as neoliberalism and liberal internationalism, are profoundly ingrained in the understanding of the non-intervention principle.

Interview with Dr Wang
Repository (file embargoed until August 2025; contact Dr Wang at yilin.wang@graduateinstitute.ch for access).

PHD THESIS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW, 2022

The Thesis of Indeterminacy of International Law

Based on two seminal books by David Kennedy and Martti Koskenniemi in the 1980s and on feminist, queer and postcolonial approaches in the 1990s, Aliki Semertzì traces the influence of structural indeterminacy on international legal scholarship, and in particular its potential for contestation and for stimulating alternative and more open-ended approaches to international law.

Interview with Aliki Semertzì
For access, contact Aliki Semertzì at aliki.semertzì@graduateinstitute.ch.

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Sustainability, Environment, the Anthropocene & SDGs

Evidence Confirms an Anthropic Origin of Amazonian Dark Earths

It remains unclear how indigenous peoples created Amazonian Dark Earths (ADEs), areas of high fertility in one of the most nutrient-impoverished environments on Earth. In an article published in Nature Communications in January 2021, titled “A New Hypothesis for the Origin of Amazonian Dark Earths”, Lucas C.R. Silva and others reported new data from a well-studied ADE site in the Brazilian Amazon. The data led them to argue that the higher fertility of ADEs is principally a result of fluvial deposition and, as a corollary, that pre-Columbian peoples just made use of these locales, contributing little to their enhanced nutrient status. However, in a “Matters Arising” article, Susanna Hecht and others demonstrate that there lacks solid evidence (from numerous ADE sites) to support this argument (in Nature Communications, vol. 13, art. no. 344, June 2022).

DOI (open access)

PHD THESIS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW, 2022

Protecting Ecosystem Integrity in the Age of Planetary Boundaries: Science, International Environmental Law, and the Ecosystem Approach
Thanks to massive advances in science and technology, the last few decades have revolutionised our understanding of the world's ecosystems and their contribution to human well-being. Dario Piselli explored the influence of this unprecedented production of new knowledge on the development of international environmental law. Unfortunately, international environmental law will not effectively benefit from this new knowledge as long as it continues to give a central place to the sovereignty of states over their biological resources.

Interview with Dr Piselli

Repository (access restricted to the Institute community; others may contact Dr Piselli at dario.piselli@graduateinstitute.ch).

Global Health

ARTICLE

Viewing the Global Health System as a Complex Adaptive System: Implications for Research and Practice

The global health system (GHS) needs reform to enhance global resilience to future risks to health. James Hollway, Sueri Moon and others argue that the starting point for any reform must be conceptualising and studying the GHS as a complex adaptive system (CAS) with a large and escalating number of interconnected global health actors that learn and adapt their behaviours in response to each other and changes in their environment (in F1000Research, 11:1147, October 2022). However, current methods cannot adequately capture the dynamism or complexity of the GHS or quantify the effects of challenges or potential reform options. The authors provide an overview of a selection of systems thinking and complexity science methods available to researchers and highlight the numerous policy insights their application could yield.

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This is version 1 of the article, e.g. awaiting peer review.

WORKSHOP REPORT

Countermeasure R&D: Global Norms for Financing Risk Reduction, Resilience & Equity

In this report, Adam Strobeyko, PhD Researcher in International Law, recalls in particular the main conclusions of the workshop “Countermeasure R&D: Global Norms for Financing Risk Reduction, Resilience and Equity” which took place in January 2022 and whose co-convenors included the Global Health Centre. The key themes were money, action and talk. Firstly, there is a visible need to mobilise at-risk finance and to sustain it in between pandemics, while taking a broader range of developmental considerations into account. Secondly, discussions on global action for pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response (PPR) often refer to data-sharing efforts, platform technologies and policies on export controls. The workshop has demonstrated that there exists an appetite to go further and to take action among smaller groups of interested and willing funders to develop common principles and sets of practices to ensure the financing of countermeasure R&D results in more equitable access to its fruits. Finally, the organisers have welcomed the invitation to take these topics to the WHO governance processes, UNDP and UN
Cities, Space, Mobilities & Migrations

ARTICLE

Hebrew University’s Botanical Gardens: A Source in Scientific Knowledge Creation in Mandatory Palestine

Mona Bieling, PhD Researcher in International History and Politics, analyses a letter (dated 28 July 1929) sent by Alexander Eig, botanist and custodian of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem’s herbarium, to Judah Magnes, chancellor and later first president of Hebrew University (in Mashriq & Mahjar, vol. 9, no. 2, October 2022). This letter, which discusses the creation of a botanical garden connected to the university, shows how the emerging Jewish community of botanists at the newly established University was carving out space for itself in the international community of botanical experts. It also exemplifies the importance of people’s mobility in creating botanical knowledge, as well as the movement of plants, seeds, and other specimens, and highlights interaction between scientific institutions as an important aspect of nation-building. Mandatory Palestine’s position as the “Holy Land,” as well as its location across Middle Eastern and Mediterranean environmental spaces, made Jerusalem a unique and attractive centre for botanical knowledge creation, as was recognised early on by the Jewish botanists in question.

DOI (open access)

Education, Information & Media

EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

Expertise-Seeking Arrangements in Education Policymaking: A Comparison between Norway and the United States

This chapter compares the expertise-seeking arrangements observed in education policymaking in two political systems: ad hoc advisory commissions in corporatist Norway and congressional hearings in the pluralistic United States (in The Nordic Education Model in Context: Historical Developments and Current Renegotiations, D. Tröhler and others, eds., Routledge, August 2022). By analysing the membership composition of each arrangement and the interviews
with 30 policy experts, Chanwoong Baek finds that institutionalised political models in each country have shaped the unique structure of the expertise-seeking arrangements to embrace the culture of consensus-building or competition. Also, the greater participation of academics and interest groups was noteworthy in Norway and the United States, respectively. The experts adopt a mixture of four strategies (exclusion, inclusion, outsourcing, and mechanical objectivity) to enhance the legitimacy of their arrangements and, ultimately, their knowledge and claims. The author concludes by sharing implications for the Nordic education model.

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large merit-based scholarship and includes microdata which follow these individuals over their professional life. It studies the impact of the scholarship, gender and social mobility in affecting individuals' occupational choices, career trajectories and labour market outcomes of a generation of Italian economists.

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**Trade, Finance, Economies & Work**

**ARTICLE**

**Saving the “Indigenous Banks”: Moral Politics of Economic Sovereignty in Ghana’s 2017–19 Financial Crisis**

Nine Ghanaian private banks collapsed during the country’s 2017–19 financial crisis. The crisis generated a vibrant debate on “indigenous banks” as integral to national economic sovereignty. At the centre of these debates was a contested central bank-led project to inject equity in five struggling Ghanaian banks through a special purpose vehicle (SPV), Ghana Amalgamated Trust (GAT). Drawing on banking archives, public debates and fieldwork in a private bank selected as a benefactor of the SPV, Anna-Riikka Kauppinen explores the contests of value that emerge when costly banking sector reforms meet a critical public that doubts the sincerity of politicians and bankers as economic “reformers” (in *Africa*, vol. 92, no. 4, August 2022). Arguing that “indigenous banks” became a moral category that embedded abstractions of finance in a nationalist discourse of affect and sentiment, her article illuminates the long history of centring domestic ownership of financial infrastructures in postcolonial African economic policymaking.

Repository (public access)

**REPORT**

**Climate and Debt**

The 25th Geneva Report on the World Economy discusses how, and by whom, climate mitigation and adaptation should be paid, considering debt instruments such as sovereign bonds, carbon credits, conditional official grants, and debt relief from both public and private sources (CEPR Press, October 2022). Patrick Bolton, Lee Buchheit, Mitu Gulati, Ugo Panizza, Beatrice Weder di Mauro and Jeromin Zettelmeyer provide six policy proposals to jointly address climate change and debt sustainability by focusing on financial instruments as a means of incentivising governments to do the right thing and providing fiscal space for climate investment in countries that could not otherwise afford it. Progress can only be made through the utilisation of policies which best suit individual country circumstances, bearing in mind their limitations and the potential trade-offs.

Repository (public access)
The Status of Party to the Conflict in International Humanitarian Law

Bianca Maganza studies the legal significance of the status of party to the conflict in international humanitarian law, by assessing under which conditions an entity can be considered party to a conflict and which entities have the capacity to become so. On the basis of the working definition of party to the conflict that emerges from her analysis, she takes a normative position on the scope of the status, reflecting on the effects and consequences of a potential broadening of its scope of application.

Repository (file embargoed until July 2025; contact Dr Maganza at bianca.maganza@graduateinstitute.ch for access).

Direitos Humanos: uma breve introdução

This Portuguese translation of Andrew Clapham’s second edition of Human Rights: A Very Short Introduction covers the history and philosophy of human rights and details developments concerning rights related to torture, arbitrary detention, enforced disappearances, freedom of expression and discrimination (Dialética, October 2022). Issues related to lethal force through the use of drones and the so-called “right to be forgotten” are discussed, and there are sections on the rights of persons with disabilities. According to the author, human rights today belong to all individuals and not to some future utopia. “If those rights are violated, it represents a violation of the law, not the disruption of a dream. Those convicted of genocide or torture go to prison. States found in violation of human rights pay out compensation. Of course many human rights violations go unpunished but claims related to injustice continue to be framed as demands for human rights to be respected.”

Publisher

The volume is also available in Thai, Korean, Arabic, Swedish, German, Spanish and Turkish. The Thai translation is also the second edition.

PDF (gratuit)
Site de l’éditeur

ARTICLE

Dissatisfied, but not Discouraged: The Effects of French Female Lawyers Perceiving Gender Discrimination

Previous research has suggested not only that gender discrimination is widespread in law firms, conditioning women’s career paths and full integration into the legal profession, but also that female lawyers are more likely than their male counterparts to perceive unfair treatment. However, little research exists on how female lawyers’ perceptions of gender discrimination may affect their individual work experiences, in particular their attitudes toward their job and their career. Valeria Insaratau, Isabel Boni-Le Goff, Grégoire Mallard, Elénore Lépinard and Nicky Le Feuvre fill this gap by examining how perceived gender discrimination affects female lawyers’ job satisfaction with their career prospects and work–life balance, as well as their intentions to leave the legal profession (in Journal of Professions and Organizations, October 2022). Focusing on the under-researched French case, they find that perceptions of discrimination negatively affect women’s satisfaction with regard to their career prospects and work–life balance, but do not have any influence on their quitting intentions.

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Other Relevant Information

Multimedia

BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS | DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Coopération Nord-Sud: la solidarité à l’épreuve
Jacques Forster, professeur honoraire de l’Institut, ancien vice-président du CICR, présente les deux tomes dans lesquels il retrace l’histoire de la coopération au développement de 1919 à 2019, époque qui se conclut par une lente prise de conscience: c’est l’ensemble de la planète qui connaît des problèmes de développement, ainsi qu’en témoignent la dégradation de l’environnement et le changement climatique (Éditions Alphil, 2021).

Regardez la vidéo

BUILDING BRIDGES 2022
Sustainability and Impact Measurement and Reporting

In this Building Bridges 2022 session, organised by the Swiss Lab for Sustainable Finance, panellists discussed how to foster comprehensive impact metrics for investors and proposed a roadmap to achieve convergence between firms’ and investors’ sustainability measurement and reporting frameworks.

More info and video

ALBERT HIRSCHMAN CENTRE ON DEMOCRACY

The AHCD was actively involved in several events that took place during “Democracy Week”. You can now watch

– Diversity and Constitutional Rights in Brazil, India, and the US
– Philanthropie et démocratie: quels enjeux pour les médias traditionnels?

Awarded Grants

The Geneva Graduate Institute was awarded four SNSF Division I grants following the spring round applications:

CHF 810,723 | JANUARY 2023–DECEMBER 2026

Critical Minerals and the Clean Energy Transition

A major obstacle to the energy transition often overlooked is the critical reliance of future energy systems on a few essential minerals, such as lithium, nickel, cobalt or rare earths elements, vital to the production of batteries, wind turbines and solar cells. Joëlle Noailly, Steven Poelhekke and Gerard van der Meijden will examine policy solutions to mitigate disruptions in the supply of critical minerals via an exploration of the geopolitical and environmental challenges posed by the mining and extraction of critical minerals.

The project is a collaboration with VU Amsterdam and includes among others academic and policy partners at the University of Geneva, Colorado School of Mines, World Bank and WIPO.

CHF 793,397 | NOVEMBER 2022–OCTOBER 2026


Nathan Sussman, Rui Pedro Esteves and Juan Flores Zendejas will investigate the understudied origins and evolution of the Eurobond market, a dollar-dominated international bond market that became a cornerstone of the international financial system. Their project will address three issues: (1) Why it emerged, when, and where it did; (2) what explains its growth, and (3) creating a novel dataset of bond prices, the project partners will research the performance of the market in reaction to shocks or financial crises.

CHF 636,397 | SEPTEMBER 2023–AUGUST 2027

Labor Market Changes and Gender Polarization in Deindustrializing Societies: Rise of Anti-Feminism and the Politics of Shame in South Korea and China
This research investigates the rise of anti-feminism in South Korea and China to study how structural labour market changes could influence group-based political conflicts. Sungmin Rho, with the help of a postdoc researcher and a doctoral researcher, will examine three sets of research questions: (1) How do structural labour market changes affect the distribution of “good” jobs when we consider broader aspects of job quality? (2) Does the experience or expectation of having a “bad” job affect one’s shame and pride? (3) Does the experience or expectation of having a “bad” job explain gender-based antagonism, and do social norms and shame-proneness mediate the relationship?

CHF 579,332 | OCTOBER 2022–SEPTEMBER 2026

Gendering Survival from the Margins

Everyday practices of social reproduction, caring, provisioning and providing safety are central to human survival. Yet, for those having to flee their countries, securing these goals becomes a struggle. Elisabeth Prügl, with PhD Researcher Luisa Lupo, aims to understand the everyday practices of survival of Syrians in Turkey and Rohingyas in India as they struggle against the dehumanising, violent and gendered rules of the nation-state system and the globalised neoliberal economy.

7 Nov. 2022–7 Feb. 2023

Stefano Porfido

Coming from Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, PhD Researcher Stefano Porfido will work on “Exploring the Theoretical Implications of Restorative Justice for Corporate Environmental Crimes: Rethinking Corporate Sovereignty” with Marc Hufty.

GLOBALDEV AND UNU-WIDER

Social Mobility

GlobalDev partners with UNU-WIDER to invite you to write a 800-word article for their blog series about social mobility.

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2ND ANNUAL CENTRAL BANK CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Inflation Dynamics during Uncertain Times: The Path toward Stable and Sustainable Recovery
The Regional Research Network of Central Banks in the MENA region is seeking high-quality and internationally publishable research papers on but not limited to the following topics: inflation drivers and their ramifications globally and for the MENA region; macroeconomic policy during a period of high interest rates; inflation’s fiscal vulnerabilities; structural interventions for recovery. The conference will be in hybrid format in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on January 31 and February 1, 2023.

- 5 November: submission of complete paper
- 11 December: notification of acceptance

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GLOBAL GOVERNANCE CENTRE

Beauty and Power: Aesthetics, History, & International Law
The interdisciplinary workshop series “New Directions in the Theory & History of International Law” aims to create a space where emerging and senior scholars of different traditions can meet and rethink on the past, present, and future of the theory and history of the discipline. The Geneva Graduate Institute will host the second of three workshops on 19–20 October 2023 and invites scholars to present papers at this workshop on “Beauty and Power: Aesthetics, History, & International Law.

- 25 November: abstract submission
- Mid-December: notifications of acceptance

More info

Big Feminism: The Fiftieth Anniversary Issue of Signs
Signs was founded in 1975 as part of an emergent tradition of feminist scholarship and has been publishing continuously ever since. To honor half a century of publication, the fiftieth anniversary issue aims to generate new questions and critical discussion about “Big Feminism” – about the role and power of feminist theory – today and into the future.

- 1 February 2023: submissions deadline

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Awarded Prizes

Le Prix mondial Nessim Habif décerné au professeur Barry Eichengreen
Janne Nijman Receives Book Award for Co-Edited Handbook on International Law and Cities

On the occasion of the 17th Annual Conference of the European Society of European Law (ESIL), Janne E. Nijman and Helmut Philipp Aust (Freie Universität Berlin) received the 2022 ESIL Collaborative Book Prize for their co-edited volume, Research Handbook on International Law and Cities. Bringing the urban turn to the field of international law, the Handbook’s co-editors and contributing authors provide a theoretically and empirically rich account of how cities have been reshaping international law and global governance practices over the centuries.

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PRIX DÉCERNÉS LORS DE LA CÉRÉMONIE DE REMISE DES DIPLÔMES

Les prix de recherche suivants ont été décernés lors de la cérémonie de remise des diplômes le 16 septembre dernier.

– Le Prix Arditi en relations internationales a été décerné à Nicolas Sebastian Hilarius Hafner pour son mémoire de master "Attempting to Write the Rules of International Investment Law: How Private Corporations Sought to Protect Their Interests Abroad (The Untold Story of the APPI)".
– Le Prix Leonid Hurwicz a été décerné à Ying Xu pour sa thèse de doctorat en économie internationale “Essays in Monetary Policy, Credit, and Inequality”.
– Le Prix du Département d’anthropologie et sociologie a été décerné à Anu Babu Karippal pour son mémoire de master en anthropologie et sociologie.
– Le Prix Mariano Garcia Rubio a été décerné à Alexandra Keller pour mémoire de master en droit international "'Humanity Washed Ashore': An Analysis on the Legal Requirement of an Attack Directed against Any Civilian ‘Population’ in Crimes against Humanity and the Question of Whether Migrants at the EU’s External Borders Can Qualify as a Collective Civilian Population”.
– Le Prix Rudi Dornbusch a été décerné à Joshua Eitan Ostry pour son mémoire de master “From Climate Risk to Growth-at-Risk: An Empirical Model of Downside Risks to Growth from Temperature Shocks”.
– Le Prix du Département de relations internationales/science politique a été décerné à Devarya Srivastava pour son mémoire de master en relations internationales/science politique “Sitting in a Room with Glissant: Imagining, Relating and Translating the World”.
– Le Prix de l’Association des alumni·ae a été décerné à Anne Kathrin Funk pour sa thèse de doctorat en économie internationale “Essays in Empirical Monetary Economics”.
– Le Prix Ladislas Mysyrowicz a été décerné ex-aequo à Chiara Moslow pour son mémoire de master en études du développement "Where Goes the Neighborhood? Refugee Resettlement and Urban Development in a Disempowered City " et à Minami Orikasa pour son mémoire de master en études du développement “Seeking Asylum in Japan: Oral Tales of a Contemporary Other”.
– Le Prix de l’Association Genève-Asie a été décerné à Mayuka Tamura Miyagawa pour son mémoire de master en études du développement.

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