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IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Due to the evolving situation related to Covid-19, most events held at the Graduate Institute are cancelled beginning 13 March until 31 May 2020. This strongly impacts the “Events and Other Information” section of the present bulletin.

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Migration and Development

Vincent Chetail's contribution to the report *From Tampere 20 to Tampere 2.0: Towards a New European Consensus on Migration* (Ph. De Bruycker, M. De Somer and J.-L. De Brouwer, eds., European Policy Centre, December 2019) highlights that the relations between

migration and development are much more complex and subtle than commonly assumed. While the two intersect, development is not an answer to migration and vice versa. The recommendations advanced focus, instead, on how to enhance coherence between the EU's migration and development policies, or how to better identify and integrate local needs in the elaboration of migration-development partnerships.

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Gender



ARTICLE

Feminist Methodology between Theory and Praxis

This article for the *Review of International Studies* (online January 2020) revisits the problematic relationship between feminist theory and praxis through Marysia Zalewski's work on methodology.

Elisabeth Prügl explores (a) Zalewski's

engagement with standpoint theory through her interventions in feminist IR debates with "the mainstream"; (b) her adoption of feminist postmodernism, embracing a deconstructive posture and in particular the notion of "hauntings" as a methodological device; and (c) the development of a distinctive methodological attitude that seeks to involve, rather than explain or instruct. Crucially, for Zalewski, theory and praxis/politics cannot be separated methodologically: languages of mastery and an attitude of "doing something" are of one cloth.

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Governance



ARTICLE

La valeur des cartes dans la preuve des frontières internationales

Cet article porte sur l'importance des cartes pour prouver l'existence de frontières internationales (dans *Revue générale de droit international public*, vol. 123, no 3, 2019). Après avoir examiné la pratique – règles conventionnelles,

jurisprudence arbitrale et des Cours de La Haye, et jurisprudence concernant les frontières entre cantons suisses – **Lucius Cafilisch** conclut notamment qu'exceptionnellement une carte peut valoir titre si un traité le prévoit; sinon, elles peuvent jouer un rôle confirmatoire dont l'importance varie en fonction de leur provenance, des qualités de leur auteurs et de l'usage auquel elles ont été destinées.

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ARTICLE

Progress is Back

This article for the *Review of Social Economy* (online July 2019) present the International Panel on Social Progress – which includes many members of the Graduate Institute – and expounds key ideas from its first report, *Rethinking Society for the 21st Century*. Marc Fleurbaey and **Marie-Laure Salles-Djelic** (director of the Graduate Institute starting 1 September 2020) emphasise the importance of three dimensions of progress on which serious challenges need to be addressed: equity, freedom and sustainability. Addressing these challenges primarily requires reforming power and governance structures in the economy, society and politics.

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CHAPTER OF CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Does General International Law Incorporate the Concept of Social Justice?

Exploring this question in his chapter for *ILO100: Law for Social Justice* (ILO Publications, December 2019), **Marcelo Kohen** takes the view that while the principle of social justice has indeed entered different fields of contemporary international law, it has yet to be systematised and consistently applied across all international law domains. In investment arbitration, for instance, the concept remains widely ignored as the mainstream focuses on the interest of foreign investors, completely neglecting the very purpose for which the World Bank allegedly emerged – reconstruction and development.

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CHAPTER OF CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Is Globalization Finally Re-balancing? Novel Ways of Levelling the Playing Field for Labour

This chapter by **Joost Pauwelyn** makes the point that for too long globalisation has been unbalanced and that what we are witnessing today may be part of a re-balancing exercise: somewhat less integration in cross-border trade and investment, a limited form of economic decoupling; combined with novel ways to close the governance gap in labour and environmental protection, that is, some strengthening of social protection (in *ILO100: Law for Social Justice*, ILO Publications, December 2019).

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Conflict, Dispute Settlement and Peacebuilding



ARTICLE

Daring to Differ? Strategies of Inclusion in Peacemaking

Focusing on UN peacemaking, **Andreas Hirblinger**, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, and Dana Landau ask how the object of inclusion has been framed, and based on what strategies and

underlying rationales (in *Security Dialogue*, online January 2020). They do so against the backdrop of emerging debates about an agonistic peace, which suggest that violent antagonistic relationships can be overcome if peace processes enable contestation between adversaries.

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EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

Urban Anti-politics and the Enigma of Revolt: Confinement, Segregation, and (the Lack of) Political Action in Contemporary Nicaragua

Processes of urban confinement often do not generate significant forms of political contestation, despite their obviously negative socio-spatial consequences. Drawing on ethnographic fieldwork in Managua, **Dennis Rodgers** describes a specific instance of urban confinement, “neo-Haussmannisation”, and its variable consequences through four “archetypal” gang member life trajectories, showing how contestation is only one of several possible reactions to urban confinement and that its emergence is based on a very particular dialectical articulation of agency and space (in *Reflections on Life in Ghettos, Camps and Prisons*, S. Turner and S. Jensen, eds., Routledge, November 2019; originally published in *Ethnos*, 2018).

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WORKING PAPER

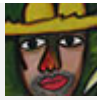
Order at the Margins: The Legal Construction of Interface Conflicts over Time

Legal multiplicity in the global realm, and the interface conflicts that ensue from it, are widely thought to have a destabilising effect, but this diagnosis is less convincing if we regard them as part of social processes that define the relation between different norms over time. Analysing two case studies of “irritative” conflicts at the interface between economic governance and human rights, **Nico Krisch** and PhD Candidates and Research Assistants **Francesco Corradini** and **Lucy Lu Reimer** suggest that interface conflicts can fruitfully be seen as a pathway for change in the otherwise rigid structure of international law (PATHS Working Paper 1, Global Governance Centre, April 2019).

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EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

Race and Racisms: Why and How to Compare?

In her contribution to the *Routledge International Handbook of Contemporary Racisms* (J. Solomos, ed., Routledge, March 2020), **Graziella Moraes Silva** present a broad review of multiple comparative approaches to the study of

race and racisms in social science research. She argues that comparison of race and racisms has a long history in the social sciences, but it has often been accused of falling short in its conceptualisation of race and national differences. However, recent studies have proposed interesting ways to conduct comparative research that address that challenge through creative research strategies.

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Trade and Economic Integration



PORTRAIT

Robert Koopman, Adjunct Professor of International Economics, Analyses Trade Policy Effects

Newly arrived at the Institute, Robert Koopman is specialised in trade and also serves as the Chief Economist and Director of the Economic Research and Statistics Division at the World Trade Organization.

In this portrait interview he speaks about his research interests and activities, as well as teaching and advice to students.

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ARTICLE

Structural Conditions for Novelty: The Introduction of New Environmental Clauses to the Trade Regime Complex

When do parties introduce novel clauses to a system of contracts or treaties? Using the example of 282 environmental clauses introduced into the trade regime complex through 630 trade agreements concluded between 1945 and 2016, **James Hollway**, Jean-Frédéric Morin and **Joost Pauwelyn** find that trade agreements are more likely to introduce novelties when they involve parties with a diversity of experience with prior environmental clauses and introduce more novelties when more parties are less constrained by prior trade agreements between them (in *International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics*, January 2020). Contrary to prevailing wisdom, power asymmetry between the negotiating parties is not statistically significant.

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WTO Dispute Settlement Post 2019: What to Expect?

What does the demise of the WTO Appellate Body mean for the settlement of trade disputes? This editorial by **Joost Pauwelyn** discusses two unlikely solutions and four more realistic scenarios (in *Journal of International Economic Law*, vol. 22, no. 3, September 2019). It is one thing to lose the Appellate Body, quite another to return to pre-WTO dispute settlement where panel outcomes are not automatically binding and power relations play a considerably greater role. At the same time, it would be wrong to equate a (temporary?) return to GATT-style dispute settlement with the collapse of a rules-based WTO system.

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Greening the WTO: Environmental Goods Agreement, Tariff Concessions, and Policy Likeness

This article by Petros Mavroidis and **Damien Neven** considers the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and Environmental Goods Agreement which grant tariff concession through Harmonized System classifications beyond the six-digit level ("ex outs") in favour of "green" goods and discusses how these initiatives fit into the WTO legal regime (in *Journal of International Economic Law*, vol. 22, no. 3, September 2019; already published as **RSCAS Working Paper** no. 7, European University Institute, 2019).

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Economics in the Time of COVID-19

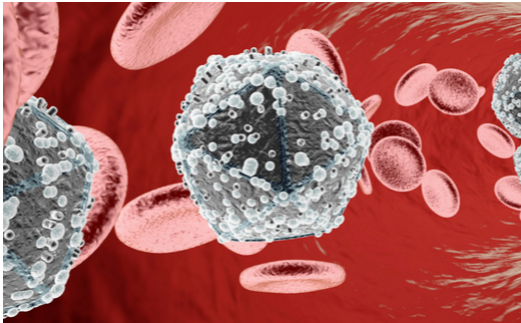
COVID-19 is spreading human suffering worldwide and that is what we should all be focused on. But COVID-19 is most definitely spreading economic suffering worldwide as well. Indeed, the virus may in fact be as contagious economically as it is medically. This free eBook (edited and introduced by R. Baldwin and B. Weder di Mauro, CEPR Press, March 2020) contains 14 essays written by leading economists to address key economic questions: How far and fast will the economic damage spread? How bad will it get? How long will the damage last? What are the mechanisms of international economic contagion? And, what can governments do about it?

With the following contributions from the Graduate Institute research community:

- **"Macroeconomics of the Flu"** by **Beatrice Weder di Mauro** – It is more and more likely that what we are witnessing is not a macroeconomic sneeze but a disruption that will be large, global, and possibly persistent. It could become an economic crisis of global dimensions and a threat to globalisation, or it could be a moment when policymakers manage a common crisis response and even manage to rebuild some trust.
- **"Thinking Ahead about the Trade Impact of COVID-19"** by **Richard Baldwin** and Eiichi Tomiura – Using history and economic logic to guide their forward-looking effort, the authors' key takeaway is that the virus is likely to be as "contagious" economically as it is medically.
- **"The Good Thing about Coronavirus"** by **Charles Wyplosz** – The "good thing" about this immense threat is that it reveals the nature of governments and, more widely, societies as we observe their reaction to the threat. Even if the epidemic soon disappears, eventually its fallout could be spectacular – for the better or the worse.



Global Health



ARTICLE

From Advocacy to Austerity: The New Role of the US Public Sector in HIV Drug Development and Access

When did domestic drug development for HIV therapy begin to outpace the world's largest bilateral initiative to advance global access to antiretroviral therapy? In his article for *Global Public Health* (online

December 2019), **Ryan Whitacre**, Postdoctoral Fellow at the Global Health Centre, explains key shifts in US public sector support over the past 40 years. While the US government and civil society facilitated drug development in the past, supportive governments and multilateral organisations have recently been restricted by austerity.

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ARTICLE

Financing the World Health Organization: What Lessons for Multilateralism?

Voluntary contributions to the WHO from both state and non-state actors are growing in size and importance. In their contribution to *Forum on the World Health Organization* (a special issue of *International Organizations Law Review*, vol. 16, no. 2, December 2019, edited and introduced by Professor Burci), Kristina Daugirdas and **Gian Luca Burci** rely on interviews with current and former WHO officials to show on the one hand how the most important private donors are treated by the WHO secretariat just like member states from the perspective of strategic planning and accountability. On the other hand, they find that institutional safeguards on private funding to preserve the integrity of the WTO from conflicts of interest or corporate capture have not decreased or undermined that source of funding.

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Development Finance, Policies and Practices

EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

Money and Its Ideas: Colonial Currencies, Money Illusions

Rather than evolving, historical forms of money were increasingly layered and intermingled. As **Gopalan Balachandran** shows us in his chapter of the *Age of*



Empire (F. Neiburg and N. Dodd, eds., Bloomsbury Academic, 2019), old imperial currencies continued to live on, evincing an enormous cultural resilience, inserting and reinventing themselves even after losing their status as official currencies or even after ceasing to be coined. Such is the case of the Spanish doubloon, issued until 1849 and which remained in use for decades

afterwards in the old colonies of the Americas, and of the Maria Theresa thaler, which lost its status as the official currency of Austria in 1858 but continued to be used, even a century later, in commercial circuits as far afield as Northeast Africa and South Asia.

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Human Capital Index and the Hidden Penalty for Non-participation in ILSAs

This study by Ji Liu and **Gita Steiner-Khamsi** finds that the World Bank's Human Capital Index calculation is highly dependent on the list of systems that are overlapped across international large-scale assessments (ILSA) programmes; however, because test objective, sampling design, and cohort effects are not accounted for in this approach, results are volatile and not robust (in *International Journal of Educational Development*, vol. 73, March 2020). Systems that partially participate in ILSAs are found to expect 28–37 points, or about 1 full year of learning, lower on the Bank's harmonised scale, relative to full ILSA participation.

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From Science to Politics: Commissioned Reports and Their Political Translation into White Papers

Gita Steiner-Khamsi, Berit Karseth and Chanwoong Baek use the cases of the two most recent schools reforms in Norway to examine how commissioned reports were translated into white papers. Their network analysis shows distinct changes in reference patterns over the two reform periods and an unexpectedly low usage of the "evidence" presented by the expert commissions. The authors suggest "studying up" and paying more attention to how scientific "evidence" is actually used, translated, and edited at the political level (in *Journal of Education Policy*, vol. 35, no. 1, 2020).

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ARTICLE

BigTech and the Changing Structure of Financial Intermediation

This article considers the drivers and implications of the entry of big technology companies (BigTech) into financial services. Analysing the case of Argentina, **Yi Huang** and others find that BigTech lenders have an information advantage in credit assessment relative to a traditional credit bureau. For borrowers in both Argentina and China, firms that accessed credit expanded their product offerings more than those that did not. It is too early to judge the extent of BigTech's eventual advance into the provision of financial services. However, the early evidence allows us to pose pertinent questions that bear on their impact on financial stability and overall economic welfare (in *Economic Policy*, eiaa003, January 2020; already published as BIS Working Paper no. 779, Bank for International Settlements, 2019).

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RESEARCH PAPER

Creating a Decentralised Eurozone

A decade after the crisis that came close to destroying it, the Eurozone remains fragile. Fiscal indiscipline, a key cause of the crisis, remains a relevant issue. In this research paper, **Charles Wyplosz** suggests six key steps to refashion the Eurozone into a robust monetary union capable of dealing with unexpected shocks in the future (Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, November 2019).

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ARTICLE

Do Swiss Foreign Assets Hedge the Business Cycle?

While Switzerland's net creditor position is sizable, it has long remained steady despite large and persistent current account surpluses. This pattern reflects valuation losses on Swiss foreign assets driven by movements in exchange rates and assets prices. Nicolas Stoffels and **Cédric Tille** (in *Aussenwirtschaft*, SEPS, University of St. Gallen, 2018) compute estimates of these valuation effects and the associated rates of returns on Swiss external assets and liabilities. They then assess the extent to which the return on assets and liabilities (including capital gains) provides a hedge against movements in Swiss GDP and the purchasing power of income. While they find little evidence of such a hedge at a quarterly frequency, financial returns provide some offset for business cycle movements at the horizon of a year. This hedging property has strengthened since 2010 and is more pronounced for privately held assets and liabilities than for the fast-growing holdings of reserves by the Swiss National Bank.

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PHD THESIS

The Business of Development: Nestlé's Involvement in Agriculture, Public Health and Humanitarian Relief, 1880s-1970s

In recent decades, multinational companies have frequently been in the spotlight for their social, economic, and environmental impacts in the developing world. Yet, we still know little about how businesses have been involved in the politics of international development in the more distant past. In her PhD thesis in International History (2020), **Lola Wilhelm** investigates this issue through the emblematic case of Nestlé, using a long-term historical framework that stretches from the 1880s to the 1970s. She finds that in some regions Nestlé's expansion was not just driven by market considerations but also aided by the development agenda.

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Human Rights, Humanitarian Law and Action

PHD THESIS

International Human Rights Law in Digital Space: An Examination of the Need for New Legal Measures for the Protection of Rights Online

Is there a need for new legal measures to protect human rights online? Drawing on both her legal and technical backgrounds,



Ahreum Lee builds two analytical frameworks, “the life cycle of digital information” and “the digital information ecosystem”, to unfold this question in her PhD thesis in International Law (2020). Her answer is negative: the international human rights law was written in a way so that it can be dynamically interpreted and adapted. Those who implement and

enforce human rights law should rather understand that human rights need to be interpreted in the context of the digital space.

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Events and Other Information



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📅 Tuesday 7th April
🕒 11:00 - 12:30
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Online Conference sessions coorganised by the Centre for Trade and Economic Integration (CTEI) and C4DT (EPFL).

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SNSF Project Funding

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📅 1 June

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SNSF SPIRIT

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Applications for Prizes

📅 31 mars

Candidatures aux Prix Duroselle 2020

Ces deux prix sont décernés chaque année par l'Institut d'histoire des relations internationales contemporaines (IHRIC, Paris) à l'auteur de la meilleure thèse et l'auteur du meilleur mémoire de master en histoire des relations internationales.

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Awarded Grants

Two SNSF Doc.CH Attributed to ANSO Students

- **Sarah Bittel** has received CHF 176,024 to carry out her PhD thesis, "The Migrant, Key Figure to Contemporary Politics: Claiming Subjectivity through Self-Representation" for 31 months, starting 1 March 2020.
- **Rivarola Facundo** has received CHF 171,992 to carry out her PhD thesis, "River's Rights – People's Rights? Urban Socio-Ecological Conflicts in Asunción, Paraguay" for 30 months, starting 1 March 2020.

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Awarded Prizes

Juan-Carlos Cadena's Thesis on the Securitisation of Asylum in Germany Wins the Global Migration Award

The Global Migration Centre is pleased to announce that its 2019 Global Migration Award is attributed Juan-Carlos Cadena (Master student in International Relations/Political Science 2019), who convinced the jury with his detailed examination of the securitisation "moves" associated with the refugee and asylum crisis in Germany in 2015–2016. His research will be published in the Global Migration Research Paper Series.

Association of American Publishers' Prose Award for Excellence in Environmental Science Goes to UNEP GEO-6

The *Global Environmental Outlook – GEO-6: Healthy Planet, Healthy People* (edited by UN Environment and published by Cambridge University Press, 2019) – has been awarded this prestigious prize. With two chapters coauthored by **James Hollway**:

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Visitors

📅 1 March - 31 August
📍 IR/PS Department

Luisa Cruz Lobato

Coming from Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), PhD Student Luisa Cruz Lobato works with Anna Leander on "Apps and the Governance of (In)security in the Global South".

📅 2 March - 3 May
📍 GMC

Valentine Gavard-Suaire

Coming from Royal Holloway, University of London, PhD Student Valentine Gavard-Suaire works with Vincent Chetail on "Gendered Representations and Experiences of Vietnamese Migrants Suspected of Having Been Trafficked or Exploited in the UK".

📅 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021
📍 CCDP

Yuji Uesugi

Coming from Waseda University, Professor Yuji Uesugi will work with Keith Krause on "The Impact of the Asian Peacebuilding Model on the International Peace Order".



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