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ARTICLE

**Chains of Meaning: Crops,
Commodities, and the "In-between"**



Spaces of Trade

Both basmati rice in India and red rice in Madagascar have gained special export status in their respective countries, allowing them easier entry into global commerce compared to other kinds of rice. Using a “chains of meaning” framework that centres on ethnographic and comparative analysis, **Shaila Seshia**

Galvin and others examine how basmati and red rice are made “exportable” in part through the negotiation of non-economic meanings by individuals operating in the “in between” spaces of trade regulation (in *World Development*, vol. 135, November 2020). Both case studies illustrate how the paths pursued by seemingly similar specialty commodities are neither linear nor interchangeable, but mediated by broader cultural and social relationships.

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ARTICLE

The Global Economic System and Access and Allocation in Earth System Governance

This article reviews the literature developed within the Earth System Governance Project in 2008–2017 to explore the relationships between the global economic system and access to and allocation of environmental benefits and burdens. While ESG scholarship has begun to highlight the dynamics of unfair access and allocation deriving from the global economic system, critical questions about the identity of vulnerable groups and the potential pathways for more equitable sharing of benefits and burdens remain understudied. Hence, Defne Gonenc, **Dario Piselli**, Research Assistant at the Centre for International Environmental Studies, and Yixian Sunwe call for more critical analysis (in *International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics*, vol. 20, June 2020).

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ARTICLE

Voir dans la pierre: réfractions visuelles et apprentissage du métier d'évaluateur dans l'industrie globalisée du diamant

Sur la base d'une étude ethnographique de l'apprentissage de l'évaluation des diamants taillés en Belgique et en Inde ainsi que d'entretiens avec des évaluateurs (Belgique, États-Unis, Inde, Royaume-Uni, Suisse), **Matthieu Bolay**, postdoctorant, et **Filipe Calvão** soutiennent que l'expertise des évaluateurs consiste notamment à accepter et valoriser la faillibilité de leurs appréciations sensorielles. Cet apparent paradoxe est constitutif du système de certification et s'aligne sur la rhétorique de l'exceptionnalité sur laquelle sont construites l'industrie diamantaire et ses marchés (in *Revue d'anthropologie des connaissances*, vol. 14, no. 3, septembre 2020).

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SPECIAL ISSUE ARTICLES

Toke S. Aidt and **Timothy Swanson** have edited and **introduced** *The Economics of Malthusianism*, a special issue of *European Economic Review* (vol. 129, October 2020), which notably includes

• The Return of Malthus? Resource Constraints in an Era of Declining Population Growth

Will natural resources comprise an important constraint on economic development in the 21st century? Using a macroeconomic model (MAVA), **Pedro Naso**, Research Fellow at the Centre for International Environmental Studies, Bruno Lanz and **Tim**

Swanson demonstrate that under parametric conditions prevailing in 1960–2010 the answer is no. They then examine the sorts of changed conditions that are unavoidable in the coming century and demonstrate that declining population growth is likely to result in increasingly important resource constraints. Ironically, it is the decline in population growth rates – and not the opposite – that may occasion the return of Malthusian constraints (in *European Economic Review*, vol. 128, September 2020).

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ARTICLE

“Warehouse” or Research Centre? Analyzing Public Preferences for Conservation, Pre-breeding and Characterization Activities at the Czech Genebank

How far is the Czech population willing to support an expansion of the national genebank’s programmes? Using an online survey instrument, **Nicholas Tyack**, PHD Candidate in Development Economics, and Milan Ščasný elicit the preferences of a representative sample of the general Czech public (n=1037). They find that Czechs are willing to support the conservation of additional wild wheat varieties and characterisation and evaluation activities. Individual citizens would likely support increased investments in public agricultural research as well as the conservation of crop wild relatives, providing information of potential use for policymakers in relation to setting priorities for the funding of agricultural research (in *Food Security*, May 2020).

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ARTICLE

More Than A Feeling: Confidence, Uncertainty, and Macroeconomic Fluctuations

A growing body of research emphasises the role of sentiment in business cycle fluctuations. **Laura Nowzohour**, Research Assistant at the Centre for International Environmental Studies, and Livio Stracca first delve into the recent literature on sentiment and economic activity (in *Journal of Economic Surveys*, vol. 34, no. 4, September 2020). Second, they review existing measures of sentiment in an international sample. Third, they identify some new stylised facts. Different measures are lowly (highly) correlated within (across) countries, suggesting the existence of a global factor or sizeable international spillovers of sentiment. Consumer confidence has the closest co-movement with economic variables, and most correlations are contemporaneous or forward-looking, consistent with the view that sentiment is a driver of activity.

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COVID-19: Insights from Innovation Economists

This article by **Matthias van den Heuvel**, Visiting Researcher at the Centre for International Environmental Studies, and others provides the take of innovation economists on the COVID-19 pandemic (in *Science and Public Policy*, July 2020). It targets the general public and focuses on questions related to the Science, Technology, and Innovation ecosystem. It provides a reading of current real-world developments using economic reasoning and relying on existing economic research.

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EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

Twenty Years of Participatory Varietal Selection at AfricaRice: Lessons from Farmer Involvement in Variety Development

This chapter presents AfricaRice's participatory varietal selection (PVS) process, with case studies. Implementing PVS in AfricaRice's breeding programmes has helped it to achieve its goal of empowering farmers by integrating them into the breeding process, and has provided substantial practical benefits. PVS is likely to continue as a key element in the efforts of AfricaRice and its partners to develop and release new ARICA (Advanced Rice for Africa) varieties in the coming decade, concludes **Nicholas Tyack**, PHD Candidate in Development Economics, and others (in *Farmers and Plant Breeding: Current Approaches and Perspectives*, O.T. Westengen and T. Winge, eds., Routledge, 2020).

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Global Health



EDITED BOOK AND CHAPTERS

COVID-19 in Developing Economies

This VoxEU.org eBook, edited and introduced by Simeon Djankov and **Ugo Panizza**, co-published with the *International Development Policy* journal at the Graduate Institute, summarises the early work focusing on developing and emerging economies (CEPR Press, June

2020).

With the following chapters by Graduate Institute authors:

- **Conflict in Times of COVID-19**

Nicolas Berman, Visiting Professor of International Economics, Mathieu Couttenier, **Nathalie Monnet**, PhD Candidate in International Economics, and Rohit Ticku use anecdotal evidence and recent research to argue that imposing nation-wide shutdown policies diminishes conflict incidence on average, but that this conflict reduction may be short-lived and highly heterogeneous across countries. In particular, conflict does not appear to decline in poor, fractionalised countries.

- **A Debt Standstill for Developing and Emerging Market Countries**

The COVID-19 crisis has led to a sudden collapse in capital flows to emerging and developing countries, who now face problems servicing their external debts while addressing the growing economic strain of the pandemic. **Ugo Panizza**, **Beatrice Weder di Mauro** and others explain why low- and middle-income countries are particularly vulnerable, discuss what is at stake for the world economy, and present a mechanism to implement a debt standstill which would free significant resources to cover some of the more immediate costs of the COVID-19 crisis.

- **Corona Spreads to Emerging Markets**

The spread of the pandemic has limited explanatory power over financial stress, suggest **Rui Esteves** and **Nathan Sussman**. Initially, as the pandemic only affected advanced countries, markets penalised more emerging economies. Subsequently, emerging nations benefited from the global rebound of the markets, even though death rates are now expanding in the emerging world. So, despite initial concern, emerging economies have been less penalised than in 2008.



Development Finance, Policies and Practices



ARTICLE

Global Banks and Latin American Dictators, 1974–1982

Military regimes in the Southern Cone of Latin America and Brazil in the 1970s became heavily dependent on foreign capital provided by international banks based in Britain and France. Using previously unavailable archival evidence,

Carlo Edoardo Altamura, SNSF Ambizione Research Fellow in International History, shows how interactions between international banks and South American governments intensified once military rule was established (in *Business History Review*, online July 2020). International capital was used for a wide variety of purposes, including arms imports. When global banks cut loans once the debt crisis erupted in 1982, they aggravated the economic crisis but also fostered democratic change.

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DISCUSSION PAPER

The Effect of Gender-Targeted Transfers: Experimental Evidence from India

Women are the primary recipients of many welfare programmes around the world. Despite frequent claims that targeting women induces beneficial consumption shifting and gender equality, the empirical evidence on the effect of targeting is relatively scarce. Ingvild Almas, Vincent Somville and **Lore Vandewalle** report on a highly powered intervention that randomly allocates weekly transfers to a man or woman within the household (CEPR Discussion Paper 20844-1598461280, September 2020). They look at the impact of the recipient's gender on expenditure, income, saving, nutrition and measures of decision-making. Their results show little evidence for consumption shifting at the household level but indicate that targeted transfers empower female recipients.

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PHD THESIS

Three Essays in Developing Labour Market

This PhD thesis in Development Economics (June 2020) by **Xiaojing Zhou** starts by exploring whether the Labor Contract Law in China caused an increase or decrease in Chinese companies' hiring costs and finds that the impact varies in different sectors, but workers don't benefit from it. The second essay provides an interpretation as to why some Chinese cities are having a severe labor shortage: the labor demand-supply gap depends on firms' capital rental cost per worker. The third essay shows that the registered urban unemployment rate increases with the tax hike; the urban households are exclusively benefiting from the tax revenue, which decreases the

aggregate demand for urban workers.

[Interview with Dr Zhou on her first essay >](#)

PHD THESIS

How Political Narrative Is Impacting Markets and Why It Matters

This PhD thesis in International Relations/Political Science (June 2020) contributes to a better understanding of how and when political events affect the economy. **Dawid Bastiat-Jarosz** concludes that instead of looking at the aftermath of events, one should focus on audience reaction to the narrative about a political event.

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Human Rights, Humanitarian Law and Action



ARTICLE

Humanitarian Affect: Islam, Aid and Emotional Impulse in Northern Pakistan

Considering humanitarianism as a “morphing” project of “doing good”, this article explores the historical process of drawing humanitarian institutions to northern Pakistan via Muslim networks (in

History and Anthropology, vol. 31, no. 2, 2020). **Till Mostowlansky**, Research Fellow in Anthropology and Sociology, shows how the moral assemblages of which local humanitarians are part are marked by affect, local distinctions and translocal aspirations. Amidst co-existing humanitarian genealogies, he argues, it is the emotional impulse not only to care for others, but also to get the unlikely done and to build a material legacy that provides a legitimacy for humanitarian work that goes beyond the politics of compassion.

[Interview with Dr Mostowlansky >](#)

ARTICLE

COVID-19: Testing the Limits of Human Rights

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, many states have adopted measures such as quarantines and lockdowns that may legitimately limit certain human rights and even derogate from some human rights treaty obligations; however, they must be limited to what is strictly necessary to manage the pandemic and must not lead to the permanent suspension of human rights. The international community, civil society, courts and legislative bodies must remain vigilant to ensure that human rights limitations and derogations are not abused in these circumstances, argues **Alessandra Spadaro**, PhD Candidate in International Law, in *European Journal of Risk Regulation* (vol. 11, no. 2, June 2020).

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ARTICLE

A Court with Many Faces: Judicial Characters and Modes of Norm Development in the European Court of Human Rights

It is well established in the literature that international courts make law and develop norms. Yet there is no systematic analysis of how adjudication refashions a given norm's trajectory. **Ezgi Yildiz**, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Global Governance Centre, addresses this gap by combining legal analysis with social science methods. Her article takes a closer look at the European Court of Human Rights and provides a framework for understanding how court rulings develop norms – that is, how judicial decisions modify norms' content or scope (in *European Journal of International Law*, vol. 31, no. 1, February 2020).

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Watch this **EJIL: Live! interview** with Ezgi Yildiz conducted by Sarah Nouwen, Editor in Chief of *EJIL*.


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Migration and Refugees



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Remittances and Morality: Family Obligations, Development, and the Ethical Demands of Migration

Using ethnographic data drawn from research among Cuban migrants in Cuba and Spain, this article addresses an important but often neglected aspect of remittances: their moral dimensions (in

Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, online June 2020). Remittances inform moral reassessments of family relations, individual responsibility, economic practice, and development. **Valerio Simoni** and **Jérémie Voirol**, researchers in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology and in the Global Migration Centre, introduce the notion of "moral remittances" to help reveal some epistemological limitations of the concept of "social remittances" while opening future research avenues.

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ARTICLE

The Conceptual Limits of the "Migration Journey": De-exceptionalising Mobility in the Context of West African Trajectories

Matthieu Bolay, Postdoctoral Researcher, and Janine Dahinden combine two empirical research projects that have followed the im/mobility trajectories of West Africans: the first project focuses on the trajectories of itinerant gold miners within West Africa, the second concentrates on the im/mobility of West Africans within Europe (in *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, online September 2020). This juxtaposition of seemingly different contexts highlights the need to embed migratory movements in a continuous field of mobility practices across spaces in Africa and Europe, leading the authors to plead for a research agenda that does not see "migrancy" as a pre-given marker of difference, but as a normative artefact of mobility regimes.

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WORKING PAPER

Thailand and the National Screening Mechanism

On 24 December 2019, Thailand enacted a historic legal instrument: The Prime Minister's Office Regulation on the Screening of Aliens Entering into the Kingdom and Unable to Return to their Country of Origin (B.E. 2562) to cope with this group of forcibly displaced persons. **Jittawadee Chotinukul**, PhD Candidate in International Law and Research Assistant at the Global Migration Centre, examines the Regulation through the lens of international law and shares a critical analysis, some observations as well as recommendations. She concludes that, taken as a whole, the legal milestone is a welcome but insufficient move towards refugee protection (Global Migration Research Paper no. 25, September 2020).

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Gender



PORTRAIT

Isabel Pike, Sociologist of Gender in Sub-Saharan Africa

This autumn, the Department of Anthropology and Sociology welcomes Assistant Professor **Isabel Pike**, who recently received her PhD in Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Specialised in how men and women

experience and perceive inequality in sub-Saharan Africa, Prof. Pike is working on a book, based on her doctoral thesis, that explores the contested narrative in Kenya that "the boy child has been forgotten" as a means to understand both reactions to social change as well as the ways development discourse can be repurposed.

[Interview with Prof. Pike >](#)

ARTICLE

A Case of Love and Hate: Four Faces of Alienation among Young Lawyers in France and Switzerland

Over the past three decades, the legal profession has experienced globalisation, the rise of mega-law firms, and intensified competition, associated with declining career perspectives, the hyper-specialisation of legal work, and increased levels of stress. Using alienation as an insightful concept, **Grégoire Mallard** and others elaborate a multidimensional typology covering the content and retributions of legal work that helps them identify four ideal-types of alienation: powerlessness, purposelessness, time deprivation, and unfairness, which young lawyers experience differentially according to gender, status, and firm size. These factors also combine to produce long-term effects such as high female attrition rates (in *Law & Social Inquiry*, vol. 45, no. 2, online February 2020).

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PHD THESIS

Towards an Understanding of the Entanglement of Disability in International Human Rights

Disability entered UN discourse only after the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2006, and it is primarily invoked in conjunction with age or sex, ignoring other possible identity intersections such as with sexuality,

ethnicity, religion or race, argues **Felipe Jaramillo Ruiz** in his PhD thesis in International Relations/Political Science (2020). To explain this phenomenon, he develops the concept of identity entanglement, showing how certain combinations of identity become discursively reified and institutionalised, while other identity interactions remain unrecognised.

[Interview with Dr Jaramillo Ruiz >](#)

PHD THESIS

The Politics of Land Grabbing in Contemporary Cambodia: Four Essays on Gender, Resistance and State Formation

Drawing on fieldwork conducted between 2015 and 2019, this PhD thesis in International Relations/Political Science (2020) examines contestation against large-scale land acquisitions, gendered experiences of dispossession and resistance, and how the politics of land grabbing are refracted through processes of political transition to authoritarianism in Cambodia. Through her gendered approach, **Saba Joshi** thus expands the scope of mainstream scholarly discussions on land grabbing. Two of her essays have been published: **"Working Wives"** in *Globalizations* and **"Contesting Land Grabs"** in *Third World Quarterly*.

[Interview with Dr Joshi >](#)

RESEARCH DOCUMENTARY

Inequality and Conflict: Beyond Us and Them

This film features the research context and findings of the **Gender Centre's** project "The Gender Dimensions of Social Conflicts, Armed Violence and Peacebuilding", part of the Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development (r4d programme). In Jos (Nigeria) and Aceh (Indonesia), social divisions have degenerated into violent conflicts that broke up communities. Yet through a micro-level approach, the project identified an abundance of efforts at peacebuilding in various communities in Nigeria and Indonesia. Women and men disrupted traditional gender roles and reached out across differences to share perspectives, de-escalate violence and build mutual trust. Peacebuilding programmes are more likely to foster sustainable peace if they address inequalities and if they are strategised inclusively, involving all religions, minorities, and both women and men.

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Governance



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The Humanitarian Gap in the Global Sanctions Regime

Why has the governance of sanctions and sanctions exemption failed, and what can be done to fix the problem? This article by **Grégoire Mallard, Farzan Sabet** and Jin Sun argues that a hybrid form of governance in the field of sanctions is

responsible for current humanitarian problems. Based on more than 80 interviews with treasury officials, sanctions experts, compliance officers, and others, and taking

the international trade of vital goods in Iran as an example, it assesses various fixes to the governance failures and solutions to address the payment problems that exporters of vital goods in sanctioned jurisdictions face (in *Global Governance*, vol. 26, no. 1, April 2020).

[Interview with Prof. Mallard >](#)

ARTICLE

Expanding without Much Ado: International Bureaucratic Expansion tactics in the Case of Bioethics

Through an examination of UNESCO's and WHO's expansion into the domain of bioethics, **Annabelle Littoz-Monnet** shows how international bureaucracies can expand their activities into new domains – even when these are remote from their formal mandates – because they typically start new activities in a informal, mundane and depoliticised strategy mixing technicalisation, expertisation and naturalisation. This sheds light on the need to examine what international bureaucracies “do”, rather than what they “are”, in order to capture their influence in global governance (in *Journal of European Public Policy*, online 22 June 2020).

[Interview with Prof. Littoz-Monnet >](#)

ARTICLE

Informal Governance in World Politics

This article by Oliver Westerwinter, Kenneth W. Abbott and **Thomas Biersteker** sketches three types of informality in world politics: informality of institutions, within institutions, and around institutions (in *The Review of International Organizations*, online June 2020). They consider how differentiating among these types of informality provides novel insights into the causes of informal global governance and identify candidate independent variables which, individually and in combination, should allow researchers to explain the striking variation in the growth and distribution of informal governance in world affairs.

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MONOGRAPH

Cassese's International Law

In this new edition of an established classic, **Paola Gaeta, Jorge Viñuales** and Salvatore Zappalà compare the traditional legal position with the developing and evolving law and provide detailed yet accessible examinations of the main contemporary issues, including the use of force, the UN role, human rights, humanitarian law, international criminal law, environmental law, trade, monetary and foreign investment law (Oxford University Press, September 2020). All chapters have been substantially revised to incorporate new developments and all major decisions from the ICJ, the ITLOS, arbitration tribunals, the WTO dispute settlement organs, human rights courts, international criminal tribunals and the ICC, among other bodies.

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Flexibility in International Dispute Settlement: Conciliation Revisited

This collection of contributions by 14 authors from 9 countries, **introduced** and, together with Christian Tomuschat, edited by **Marcelo G. Kohen**, aims to demonstrate how useful flexible methods such as conciliation can be for the promotion of peace and security in international relations (Brill, July 2020). It includes notably

● **A Foundational Experiment: The Timor Leste-Australia Conciliation**

Ginevra Le Moli and **Jorge E. Viñuales** examine what is perhaps the most important and successful modern use of conciliation procedures to settle international disputes, namely the Timor-Leste–Australia conciliation under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, which resulted in the settlement of an acrimonious boundary and natural resources dispute, with a deep and tragic colonial past, and the involvement of multinational corporations with stakes in the hydrocarbon deposits in the area.

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EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

Partnerships

This chapter of *Essential Concepts of Global Environmental Governance* covers a number of important dimensions of environmental partnerships, including their variable scale, the different motivations that push different actors to engage in partnerships, and the importance of partnerships in the context of global sustainable development agendas (J.-Fr. Morin and A. Orsini, eds., Routledge, 2nd edition, September 2020). Moreover, **Liliana Andonova**, Manoela Assayag and **Dario Piselli**, Research Assistant at the Centre for International Environmental Studies, summarise recent advancements in the study of partnerships' effectiveness and transparency, and highlight how these two aspects continue to represent the most significant frontiers for partnership research.

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Defence Arguments in Investment Arbitration

In his contribution to Volume 18 of ICSID Reports, which he coedited with Michael Waibel, **Jorge Viñuales** studies 26 defence arguments used in international investment and commercial arbitration (Cambridge University Press, August 2020). On the basis of a comprehensive analysis of 157 precedents spanning a century, these defence arguments are both examined in detail and placed within an overall principled framework necessary to dissipate certain common misconceptions, the slow sedimentation of which has surreptitiously operated a significant reduction of the State's regulatory powers.

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Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

Indigenous peoples, 350 million people worldwide, occupy 22% of the world's land area. After centuries of oppression, they organised themselves with the help of international law, and increasingly asked to share control on the use of lands and resources they inherited. They are now recognised in global environmental governance, among other things, as efficient managers of biodiversity. Yet, in spite of this hard-earned recognition, their communities are still vulnerable and marginalised. Modernisation is more often than otherwise at their expense, concludes **Marc Hufty** in his chapter of *Essential Concepts of Global Environmental Governance* (J.-Fr. Morin and A. Orsini, eds., Routledge, 2nd edition, September 2020).

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The Politics of Rule of Law Reform: From Delegation to Autonomy

How can we understand the delegation of power and authority – for example, from a polity to an administrator – in a world of fragmented governance? Contemporary rule of law practitioners begin with the assumption that some sort of

administration occurs in the development contexts in which they work. They then focus on how to convene a political community in which to embed – and potentially legitimate – that administration, thereby reconfiguring the question of delegation into one of autonomy. In doing so, argues **Deval Desai**, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, they wield constitutional power under the rubric of workaday administrative reform and, at the same time, efface their political accountability (in *The Modern Law Review*, online June 2020).

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Seed Wars and Farmers' Rights: Comparative Perspectives from Brazil and India

Karine Peschard, Research Associate at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, explores why the stewardship model adopted by Brazil is more conducive to the realisation of farmers' rights than the Indian ownership approach and shows how farmers' rights provisions in the legislations of both countries represent fragile gains (in *Journal of Peasant Studies*, vol. 44, no. 1, 2017; republished in *Intellectual Property and Agriculture*, B. Sherman and S. Chapman, eds., Edward Elgar, February 2020).

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Conflict, Dispute Settlement and Peacebuilding



ARTICLE

L'Iran après la Révolution islamique de 1979 vu d'Occident

Depuis la Révolution islamique de 1979, l'Iran est toujours présenté comme étant à la croisée des chemins. Peu de recherches sur l'Iran contemporain privilégient le temps long pour comprendre ses paradoxes et ses contradictions internes et

externes. Pour **Mohammad-Reza Djalili** et Clément Therme, le changement de perception(s) vu d'Occident pose la question des liens entre le monde universitaire, les think tanks et l'univers de la Défense en Occident (introduction au dossier *L'Iran en quête d'équilibre*, *Confluences Méditerranée*, no 113, 2020/2). Le problème de la militarisation de la recherche en sciences sociales ne se limite donc pas au champ des études stratégiques mais concerne aussi les études iraniennes.

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SPECIAL ISSUE ARTICLES

Two researchers at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding have contributed to *In Focus: East Asia*, a special issue of *Pathways to Peace and Security* (no. 1(58), 2020):

• **Japanese Pathways to Peacebuilding: From Historical Legacies to Contemporary Practices**

The United States acted as a competent autocrat in the process of Japan's postwar reconstruction experience: it effectively controlled information, imposed a strictly hierarchical order, tamed civil society, and contained the seeds of postwar social disturbances. Within this framework, Japan successfully reconstructed the war-torn nation without local ownership, democratic participation, or civil society involvement.

Kazushige Kobayashi shows how this postwar experience profoundly informs Japan's contemporary approach to peacebuilding.

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• **Chinese Pathways to Peacebuilding: From Historical Legacies to Contemporary Practices**

Since the early 2000s, China has become increasingly active in conflict management and postconflict reconstruction. While there is an emerging literature on what is termed "developmental peace" by Chinese scholars, little attention has been paid to its historical origins and philosophical basis. **Xinyu Yuan** posits that it is through selective reinforcement of certain historical memories and elaborate interpretation of national experience of development (or decay) that China's contemporary narrative and practices around peace and security emerge, persist, and evolve, and she provides a critical historical review of China's encounter with the international system.

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Regionalism in Ukraine: Historic Evolution, Regional Claim-Making, and Centre–Periphery Conflict Resolution

This chapter examines the historical constitution of the present territory of Ukraine and its administrative-territorial system, identity and regional cleavages, and the evolution and dynamics of claim-making and center-periphery contention related to them in Transcarpathia, Crimea and Donbas, since the late 1980s. **Oksana Myshlovskaya**, Visiting Lecturer in International History, focuses on the long-term nonviolent contention related to regional cleavages prior to the escalation of the conflict and political exclusion (in *Decentralization, Regional Diversity, and Conflict: The Case of Ukraine*, H. Shelest and M. Rabinovych, eds., Palgrave Macmillan, 2020).

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WORKING PAPER

Digital Inclusion in Peacemaking: A Strategic Perspective

Andreas Hirblinger, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, introduces the concept of digital inclusion in peacemaking (CCDP Working Paper no. 14, June 2020). Digital inclusion should be understood as all efforts through which the voice of conflict stakeholders is integrated into a peace process by digital means and in the form of digital data. Four specific strategic purposes of digital inclusion are outlined: building legitimacy of processes and the outcomes, empowering women and marginalised groups, transforming relations, as well as risk mitigation and protection.

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Culture, Identity and Religion



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Economic and Cultural Determinants of Elite Attitudes toward Redistribution

Although elites are willing to advance the redistribution of income and social goods when the negative effects of inequality threaten their own interests, their actual support for redistributive policies remains

low throughout the Global South. **Matias López**, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy and the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, **Graziella Moraes Silva** and others draw on in-depth interviews with Brazilian elites to address this paradox (in *Socio-Economic Review*, mwaa015, May 2020). They document how interviewees characterise the poor as ignorant, irrational and politically incompetent, and theorise about the negative impact of such perceptions on elite support for redistribution. They then test this relationship, using randomised surveys of elites in Brazil, South Africa and Uruguay, and find it to be robust.

[Interview with Dr López and Prof. Moraes Silva >](#)

ARTICLE

La domination, une affaire de style: Clin d'œil et hommage à Fariba Adelkhah, javânmard de l'anthropologie

Fariba Adelkhah, dans ses travaux sur l'éthos chevaleresque (*javânmardi*) et les pratiques de bienfaisance en Iran, a insisté sur le concept de style d'action, en récusant toute interprétation culturaliste anhistorique et en faisant écho aux écrits de Peter Brown et Paul Veyne consacrés à l'Antiquité gréco-romaine. Le concept est heuristique pour mieux comprendre la domination politique dans son abstraction discursive, culturelle, matérielle et gestuelle. Mais un style d'échanges sociaux n'est jamais univoque; il est d'ordre énonciatif et donne lieu à des performances singulières, individuelles ou collectives, fait remarquer **Jean-François Bayart** (dans *Sociétés politiques comparées*, no 51, mai-août 2020). De ce fait il n'absorbe pas la totalité d'une société et laisse place à des lignes de fuite qui sont au cœur de l'ambivalence de la domination.

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CHAPITRE D'OUVRAGE COLLECTIF

Le Sionisme, l'Occident et la création de l'État d'Israël: histoire et cinéma

La naissance du sionisme et celle du cinéma se font écho et, entre 1894 et 1948, le mouvement sioniste a su utiliser le cinéma comme instrument de propagande, avec la complicité politique des puissances européennes et nord-américaine. Ce texte de **Riccardo Bocco** est écrit en articulation avec le film de Romed Wyder *Et Israël fut...*, sorti en 2018, auquel il a participé. L'historiographie du Sionisme, de l'Occident et de la Guerre israélo-arabe de 1948 est contextualisée par rapport aux productions audiovisuelles israéliennes, palestiniennes et internationales (in *Aux origines du problème des réfugiés palestiniens*, B. Fournier, dir., Éditions HEP, 2020).

[Accès >](#)

Religious Tribalism, Local Morality and Violence in Christian Kenya

Focusing on Kenya's large Christian majority, **Yonatan N. Gez**, Research Associate, **Yvan Droz** and Hervé Maupeu analyse several historical and thematic points of confluence between religion and violence in Kenya (in *Themes in Religion and Human Security in Africa*, eds. J. Tarusarira and E. Chitando, Routledge, August 2020). The religious sphere can be considered both a repertoire of symbolic action, which inscribes meaning and structure into worldly chaos, and a concrete guide for sociopolitical behaviour among believers loyal to this cosmic depiction. In Kenya, forms of violence are closely interrelated: psychological violence may translate into physical, political violence – and vice versa, when political violence turns to religion in search of symbolic justification.

[DOI >](#)

PHD THESIS

"Silence... On est en France": A Rap History of the "Other" in France (1981–2012)

In her PhD thesis in International History (June 2020), **Paroma Ghose** uses the lyrics of songs by French rappers between 1981 and 2012, as well as a detailed history of their origins, to write a history of the "other" in France. Rap lyrics provide a way both into their experience of being secondary citizens of a very present nation-state, and into their vision of what the Republic should become. However, despite its increasing popularity, rap has landed on largely silent ears in the political system and beyond.

[Interview with Dr Ghose >](#)

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ARTICLE

Four Galore? The Overlap between Mary Douglas's Grid-Group Typology and Other Highly Cited Social Science Classifications

James Hollway and others examine to which extent the grid-group typology of social and political life developed by Mary Douglas overlaps with 39 highly influential

classifications proposed since 1970 (in *Sociological Theory*, online September 2020). They find fair to good interrater agreement on how these typologies overlap, but various limits inherent in the research design call for further studies. Their findings should contribute to a rekindling of the question whether universal forms of organising and perceiving social relations exist and to a further consideration of whether Douglas has managed to uncover these.

[DOI >](#)

WORKING PAPER

Do Sticky Wages Matter? New Evidence from Matched Firm-Survey and Register Data

In their paper, **Anne Kathrin Funk**, PhD Candidate in International Economics, and Daniel Kaufmann match individual wages from a bi-annual firm survey with information on annual income and employment from social security register data (International Economics Department Working Paper no. 11, June 2020). They find relevant downward nominal wage rigidities in the base wage, which accounts for more than 90% of employment income. They then identify the allocative effects of downward nominal wage rigidities on income and employment after an unexpected 1% decline of the consumer price level. Base wage rigidities cause a decline of aggregate income (−0.39%) and employment income (−0.97%), as well as an increase of unemployment (2.11%).

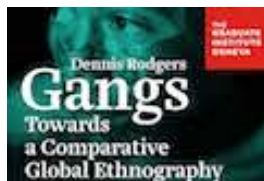
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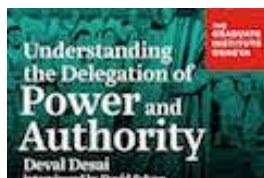


RESEARCH PODCASTS | FIELDS

Gangs: Towards a Comparative Global Ethnography

The world of gangs is **Dennis Rodgers's** ethnographic fieldwork, be it in Nicaragua, Cape Town or Marseille. What does his research project bring to our understanding of the phenomenon? How does the researcher act when there is a very real risk of violence?

[Listen to Prof. Rodgers >](#)



RESEARCH PODCASTS | CONTROVERSIES

Understanding the Delegation of Power and Authority

Deval Desai, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy and now Lecturer in International Economic Law at the University of Edinburgh, discusses with **David Sylvan** his recent article on the delegation of power and authority in a world of fragmented governance (see also above, under "Democracy and Civil Society").

[Listen to Dr Desai >](#)



RESEARCH PODCASTS | SKUNKWORKS

The Economic Burden of Malaria

Is there a link between malaria and economic growth? "Yes", answers **Jean-Louis Arcand**, interviewed by **David Sylvan** on the phenomenon of reciprocal causation and how the effect of malaria on growth can be teased out.

[Listen to Prof. Arcand >](#)



RESEARCH PODCASTS | ABD STORIES

A Rap History of the "Other" in France (1981–2012)

Paroma Ghose talks about her path towards her PhD thesis, which she defended in June 2020 (see above, under "Culture,

Identity and Religion”) and which won her the Prix Pierre du Bois 2020.

[Listen to Dr Ghose >](#)



Lectures and Seminars

📅 Tuesday 22 September ONLINE IRPS COLLOQUIUM

🕒 12:15 - 13:30

“Let them Talk”: Story-Oriented Interviews with Political Elites

Organised by the Department of International Relations/Political Science, with PhD Candidate **Juliette Ganne**. Please contact **Eliza Urwin** for participation details and other inquiries.

This autumn, the colloquia have a new format; PhD students present their research and faculty members act as discussants.

📅 Tuesday 22 September VILFREDO PARETO RESEARCH WEBINAR

🕒 14:15 - 15:45

The Making of Social Democracy: The Economic and Electoral Consequences of Norway’s 1936 School Reform

Organised by the International Economics Department, with **Kjell G. Salvanes**, Professor of Economics at the Norwegian School of Economics (NHH).

[More info >](#)

📅 Wednesday 23 September

🕒 17:00 - 18:00 (Geneva time)

INTERNATIONAL MACRO HISTORY ONLINE SEMINAR

Black Swans, Dragon Kings and Gray Rhinos: The World War of 1914–1918 and the Pandemic of 2020–?

Organised by the Centre for Finance and Development in partnership with a network of European universities, with **Niall Ferguson**, Milbank Family Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford, who will present his recent working paper.

[More info and registration >](#)

📅 Thursday 24 September

🕒 12:15 - 13:45

📍 Petal 2, Room S1

BROWN BAG LUNCH

Knowledge Intensity and Gender Wage Gaps: Evidence from Linked Employer-Employee Data

Organised by the Department of International Economics, with **Radu Barza**, PhD student in Development Economics, who will present his paper coauthored with Cristian Jara-Figueroa, César A. Hidalgo and **Martina Viarengo**.

[More info >](#)

📅 Thursday 24 September

ONLINE GENDER SEMINAR

🕒 12:30 - 13:45

Black-European Women's Internationalism against Racism and Sexism, 1968–2001

With **Pamela Ohene-Nyako** presenting the intermediary results of her PhD research.

[More info >](#)

📅 Thursday 24

September

🕒 16:00 - 17:00 (ET)

WEBINAR | KNOWLEDGE NETWORK FOR INNOVATION AND ACCESS TO MEDICINES

Trade Secrets: Implications for Pharmaceutical Innovation and Access

Organised by the Global Health Centre, with **David Levine**, Associate Professor, Elon University School of Law; Affiliate Scholar, Center for Internet and Society, Stanford Law School.

[More info and registration >](#)

📅 Thursday 24

September

🕒 16:00 - 18:00

📍 Petal 1, room 847

ECON SEMINAR

Critical Raw Materials for the Energy Transition

Organised by the Centre for International Environmental Studies, with **Aude Pommeret**, Professor of Economics at Université Savoie Mont Blanc, who will present her paper coauthored with Francesco Ricci and Katheline Schubert.

[More info and registration >](#)

📅 Tuesday 29 September

🕒 14:15 - 15:45

VILFREDO PARETO RESEARCH WEBINAR

Data vs Collateral

Organised by the International Economics Department, with **Leonardo Gambacorta**, Head of the Innovation and the Digital Economy unit at the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), who will present his paper coauthored with Yiping Huang, Zhenhua Li, Han Qiu and Shu Chen.

[More info >](#)

📅 Wednesday 30

September

🕒 17:00 - 18:00 (Geneva time)

INTERNATIONAL MACRO HISTORY ONLINE SEMINAR

The Role of Sentiment in the Economy of the 1920s

Organised by the Centre for Finance and Development in partnership with a network of European universities, with **Ali Kabiri**, Head of Economics and International Studies at University of Buckingham, and **Harold James**, Professor of History and International Affairs at Princeton University, who will present their recent discussion paper co-authored with John Landon-Lane, David Tuckett and Rickard Nyman.

[More info and registration >](#)

📅 Tuesday 6 October

🕒 14:15 - 15:45

📍 Petal 1, Room S5

VILFREDO PARETO RESEARCH SEMINAR

Behind the Veil of Cultural Persistence: Marriage and Divorce in a Migrant Community

Organised by the International Economics Department, with **Catherine Guirkingier**, Professor of Economics at the University of Namur, who will present her paper coauthored with Jean-Philippe Platteau and Zaki Wahhaj.

[More info >](#)

📅 Wednesday 7 October INTERNATIONAL MACRO HISTORY ONLINE SEMINAR

🕒 17:00 - 18:00 (Geneva time) **Hidden Wealth**

Organised by the Centre for Finance and Development in partnership with a network of European universities, with **Neil Cummins**, Associate Professor of Economic History at the London School of Economics, who will present his recent working paper.

[More info and registration >](#)

📅 Thursday 8 October ONLINE GENDER SEMINAR

🕒 12:30 - 13:45

Blurring the Private/Public Binary: A Home Away from Home for Migrant Domestic Workers in Beirut

With **Dalia Zein**, PhD candidate and teaching assistant at the Department of Anthropology and Sociology.

[More info >](#)

📅 Tuesday 13 October

🕒 12.00 - 13:00

GLOBAL HEALTH CENTRE RESEARCH SEMINAR (ONLINE)

Human Love and Human Suffering: Family Planning, Humanitarianism, and Medical History Melodrama

Presentation with **Nicole Bourbonnais**, Co-Director of the Gender Centre.

[More info >](#)

📅 Tuesday 13 October

🕒 14:15 - 15:45

📍 Petal 1, Room S5

VILFREDO PARETO RESEARCH SEMINAR

Title to be announced

Organised by the International Economics Department, with **Guilherme Lichand**, Assistant Professor at the University of Zurich (UZH).

📅 Wednesday 14 October INTERNATIONAL MACRO HISTORY ONLINE SEMINAR

🕒 17:00 - 18:00 (Geneva time) **How Vulture Investors Draft Constitutions: North and Weingast 30 Years Later**

Organised by the Centre for Finance and Development in partnership with a network of European universities, with **Marc Flandreau**, Howard Marks Professor of Economic History at University of Pennsylvania, who will present insights from his research project.

[More info and registration >](#)

📅 Thursday 15 October ECON SEMINAR

🕒 16:00 - 18:00

📍 Petal 1, room 847

Agricultural Productivity and Deforestation in the Tropics

Organised by the Centre for International Environmental Studies, with **Raphaël Soubeyran**, Researcher (directeur de recherche) at the French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and the Environment (INRAE), Montpellier.

[More info and registration >](#)

📅 Tuesday 20 October

🕒 14:15 - 15:45

📍 Petal 1, Room S5

VILFREDO PARETO RESEARCH SEMINAR

Title to be announced

Organised by the International Economics Department, with **Benjamin Elsner**, Assistant Professor of Economics at the University College Dublin (UCD).

📅 Tuesday 20 October
🕒 16:15 - 18:00 (TBC)

INTERNATIONAL HISTORY FORUM

Histories of Rural Development, 1950–1990: A Comparative Perspective

Organised by the International History Department, with **Corinna Unger**, Professor of Global and Colonial History (19th and 20th centuries) at the European University Institute.

[More info >](#)

📅 Wednesday 21 October
🕒 17:00 - 18:00 (Geneva time)

INTERNATIONAL MACRO HISTORY ONLINE SEMINAR

Understanding Persistence

Organised by the Centre for Finance and Development in partnership with a network of European universities, with **Morgan Kelly**, Professor of Economics in University College Dublin, who will present his paper with insights from his research project.

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Thursday 1 October

- SNSF | Project Funding | [More info >](#)
- Cogito Fond. | Interdisciplinary Grant | [More info >](#)

Friday 9 October

- Independent Social Research Foundation | Small Group Research Grants | [More info >](#)
- Max Weber Fond. | Travel Grants | [More info >](#)

Thursday 15 October

- Volkswagen Fond. | AI & the Future of Society | [More info >](#)

Thursday 29 October

- COST | Cost Actions | [More info >](#)

Sunday 1 November

- Wenner-Gren Foundation | Post-Ph.D. Anthropology Research Grants | [More info >](#)
- Wenner-Gren Foundation | Dissertation Fieldwork Grants | [More info >](#)
- SNSF | Ambizione | [More info >](#)
- SNSF | PRIMA | [More info >](#)
- Graduate Institute | Seed Money Grants | [Guidelines >](#)

Monday 2 November

- TA-Swiss | Inter- & Hyperconnectivity: Social, Legal, Economic or Ecological Aspects | [More info >](#)

Tuesday 1 December

- SNSF | Sinergia | [More info >](#)

Rolling basis

- SNSF | SPIRIT | [More info >](#)
- SNSF Scientific Exchanges | [More info >](#)
- SNSF | Agora Rolling Call (small projects) | [More info >](#)
- The Internet Society Foundation | Internet Research Grants | [More info >](#)
- SAGW | Travel Funding | [More info >](#)

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Calls for Papers

📅 Sunday 1 November

NEW – Pierre Du Bois Doctoral Workshop

Aimed at Graduate Institute PhD Candidates in International History who wish to organise a one-day workshop in 2021 to further their research and deepen their knowledge of a theme or set of themes related to their work.

[More info >](#)

📅 Jeudi 31 décembre

La Francophonie: espace de circulations transnationales dans un monde global et connecté (fin XIXe-XXe s.)

Appel à contribuer au prochain colloque de la revue d'histoire *Relations internationales* les 29 et 30 mai 2021 à l'Université de Fribourg. Les contributions seront publiées dans la revue, coéditée par l'Institut depuis 1974.

[Appel à contributions >](#)

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Awarded Grants

ERC STARTING GRANT 2020

Synthetic Lives: The Futures of Mining

Filipe Calvão has been granted EUR 1,500,000 to carry out this five-year project.

H2020-SWAFS-2020-1

Europe's Regional Partnership for Gender Equality in the Digital Age

Starting September 2020, **Claire Somerville** will carry out this three-year project thanks to a EUR 85.954,00 (CHF 92,498.54) grant (Lead Organisation: Oslo

Metropolitan University).

SNSF AMBIZIONE

Textiles, Livestock, and Grain: Restructuring the Economy of the Ottoman Middle East, 1918–1939

Ramazan Hakki Öztan will carry out his four-year project thanks to a CHF 905,331 grant.

SNSF SPARK

Self-Management Solutions for the 21st Century United Nations

Cédric Dupont has been granted CHF 99,400.00 to carry out this project from September 2020 to August 2021.

SNSF DOC.CH

Packages and Routines: The Diffusion of Policy Innovation across Cities

Thanks to this CHF 134,844 grant, **Laura Schenker** will carry out her PhD thesis from September 2020 to August 2022.

SWISS NETWORK FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (SNIS)

Navigating Institutional Complexity: Actors and Strategies in Densely Populated Global Governance Spaces

Stephanie Hofmann will partner with a team of scholars from University of St. Gallen for this new project.

SWISS NETWORK FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (SNIS)

Transactional Sex and Health Repercussions in Forced Migration

Shirin Heidari and **Vinh-Kim Ngyuen** have been granted CHF 267,930 to carry out this project from July 2020 to August 2022.

SWISS NETWORK FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (SNIS)

When Money Can't Buy Food and Medicine: Contemporary Challenges in the International Trade of Vital Goods in Sanctioned Jurisdictions and Possible Remedies to Prevent Humanitarian Crises

Starting October 2020, **Grégoire Mallard** and **Zachary Douglas** will coordinate this two-year project, partnering with the University of Zürich, Oxford University and Bourse & Bazaar. Amount received: CHF 251,869.

SWISS PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH ON GLOBAL ISSUES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Curbing IFFs Research Project Extended for Second Phase (2020–23)

This research project led by **Gilles Carbonnier** has been granted CHF 1,341,300 for its second phase (September 2020–August 2023).

[Read more >](#)



Awarded Prizes

UNESCO'S ALADDIN PROJECT YOUTH AWARD

Queering Integration: Listening to Queer Muslim Migrants' Voices

This award goes to Master's Graduate **Paras Arore** for his collaborative research project.

[More info >](#)

2020 OUTSTANDING PUBLICATION – BOOK AWARD FROM THE SECTION ON HISTORY OF SOCIOLOGY OF THE AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Gift Exchange: The Transnational History of a Political Idea

This book award goes to **Grégoire Mallard** for his history of the idea of the gift exchange.

[More info >](#)

EDGAR DE PICCIOTTO INTERNATIONAL PRIZE

Saskia Sassen Recognised for Her Outstanding Research on Globalisation Issues

On 15 September, Professor **Saskia Sassen**, who delivered the Opening Lecture of the 2020 Academic Year, “Can Complexity Camouflage Violence?”, received this **Prize** after Joan Wallach Scott, Amartya Sen, Saul Friedländer, and Paul Krugman. Saskia Sassen is Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology and Member of the Committee on Global Thought at Columbia University. Her recent books are *Cities at War* (Columbia University Press, 2020) and *Expulsions: Brutality and Complexity in the Global Economy* (Harvard University Press-A Belknap Book 2014).

PRIZES AWARDED DURING THE INSTITUTE'S 2020 GRADUATION CEREMONY

PRIX PIERRE DU BOIS 2020

“Silence... On est en France”: A Rap History of the “Other” in France (1981–2012)

Ce prix est décerné à **Paroma Raya Ghose** pour sa thèse de doctorat en histoire internationale.

PRIX LADISLAS MYSYROWICZ 2020

Stratified Belonging, Layered Subjectivities: The Complexities of Refugee Integration in Cosmopolitan Berlin

Ce prix est décerné à **Zong Yao Yap** pour son mémoire de master en études du développement.

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PRIX LADISLAS MYSYROWICZ 2020

Negotiations of Identities and Boundary-Work: Narrations of Belonging and Unbelonging of Refugee Women in Geneva

Ce prix est décerné à **Estelle Gagnebin** pour son mémoire de master en études du développement.

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PRIX LEONID HURWICZ 2020

Essays in Banking and Monetary Policy

Ce prix est décerné à **Aakriti Mathur** pour sa thèse de doctorat en économie internationale.

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PRIX LEONID HURWICZ 2020

Impacts of Legal and Regulatory Institutions on Economic Development

Ce prix est décerné à **Pedro Guimarães Naso** pour sa thèse de doctorat en économie du développement.

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PRIX RUDI DORNBUSCH 2020

Climate-Related Financial Risks for Kenyan Banks: An Analysis of Loan Portfolios and GHG Emissions

Ce prix est décerné à **Reuben Muhindi Wambui** pour son mémoire de master en économie internationale.

PRIX ARDITI 2020 EN RELATIONS INTERNATIONALES

From WIPO to Vale Do Ribeira and Back: Global (Dis)Connections, Indigenous Knowledges and Narratives of Protection

Ce prix est décerné à **Gabriela Balverdi Pimentel** pour son mémoire de master en anthropologie et sociologie.

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PRIX DE L'ASSOCIATION DES ANCIENS DE L'INSTITUT 2020

Fraude financière, dette souveraine et impérialisme d'affaires: une micro-histoire de l'échec Poyais, 1820-1824

Ce prix est décerné à **Damian Clavel** pour sa thèse d'histoire internationale.

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PRIX DE L'ASSOCIATION DES ANCIENS DE L'INSTITUT 2020

Diplomacy of Blood and Fire: Portuguese Decolonization and the Race Question, ca. 1945–1968

Ce prix est décerné à **Caio Simoes de Araujo** pour sa thèse d'histoire internationale.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Alexa Rae Burk récompensée pour son engagement

Doctorante en histoire internationale, **Alexa Rae Burk** est aussi présidente et fondatrice de la Parent Initiative.

[Plus d'infos >](#)

PRIX ASSOCIATION GENÈVE-ASIE

Making Myanmar: A Political Economy and Political Geography of State Building in the Ethnic Borderlands (1962–2018)

Ce prix est décerné à **Dana Madsen** pour son Master Etudes Asie.

PRIX MARIANO GARCÍA RUBIO

Containing Globalization: A Material History of Transnational Regulation through Shipping Containers (1956–1968)

Ce prix est décerné à **Daniel Ricardo Quiroga Villamarin** pour son mémoire de master en droit international.

[Plus d'infos sur le master >](#)

PRIX DU DÉPARTEMENT D'ANTHROPOLOGIE ET SOCIOLOGIE

(Un)Free Writings: An Anthropological Enquiry into Prison Writings from India

Ce prix est décerné à **Riddhi Gyan Pandey** pour son mémoire de master en anthropologie et sociologie.

PRIX DU DÉPARTEMENT DE RELATIONS INTERNATIONALES/SCIENCE POLITIQUES

Putting the Ontological Back into Ontological Security: Indian Indeterminacy as a Challenge to Selfhood

Ce prix est décerné à **Meredydd Rix** pour son mémoire de master.

PRIX DU DÉPARTEMENT DE RELATIONS INTERNATIONALES/SCIENCE POLITIQUES

Too Complex or Too Ambitious? Exploring Hurdles in the Enforcement of EU Free Trade Agreements

Ce prix est décerné à **Leopoldo Biffi** pour son mémoire de master en relations internationales/science politique.

PUBLICATION OF PRIZE-AWARDED MASTER'S DISSERTATIONS

Thanks to the financial support of the Vahabzadeh Foundation, the Graduate Institute publishes a selection of prize-awarded master's dissertations in its digital series **"Graduate Institute ePapers"**. Five works awarded in 2019 have been

published so far:

- **Vulnerable Solidarities: Identity, Spatiality and the Contentious Politics of Migration** by Anna Finiguerra

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- **Feminization and Stigmatization of Infertility in Malawi** by Boetumelo Julianne Nyasulu

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- **The Drama of Humanitarian Intervention: Unreliable Narration in an Age of (Ab)use of Human Rights** by Natalie Joy Marrer

- **Who Cares? Addressing Unpaid Care and Domestic Work as a Barrier to Female Microenterprise Development** by Aatif Somji

- **The Effect of Foreign Aid on Sub-national Development: A Quantile Regression Approach** by Dumebi Ochem

The Global Migration Centre publishes prize-awarded master's dissertations in its digital Global Migration Research Paper Series:

- **The Refugee Status Determination of Transgender Asylum-Seekers: A Queer Critique** by Irene Manganini

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- **The Securitization of Asylum: An Analysis of the Impact of the 2015–2016 Refugee Crisis in Asylum Policies in Germany** by Juan Pablo Cadena Gomez

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Upcoming PhD Defences

📅 Thursday 24
September
🕒 10:00 - 12:00

ONLINE VIA CISCO WEBEX

Essays In Firms' Investments

By **Roberto Crotti**, Development Economics. Committee members: Martina Viarengo, resident and internal reader; Ugo Panizza, thesis director; Associate Professor Agustin S. Bénétrix, Department of Econometrics, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.

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Visitors

📅 September 2020 -
September 2021
📍 GMC

Camille Malafosse

Coming from UNSW, PhD Candidate Camille Malafosse works on "**Business Partnerships in the Global Refugee Regime: Ethics, Politics and Benefits**" under the supervision of Vincent Chetail.

📅 September 2020 -

Luisa Cruz Lobato

August 2021
📍 IR/PS Dep.

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

📅 September 2020 - August 2021
📍 IH Dep.

Anne Schult

Coming from New York University, PhD Candidate Anne Schult works on **"(Mis)Calculations: Statistics, Demography, and the Modern Refugee, 1920s–1960s"** under the supervision of Davide Rodogno.

📅 September 2020 - March 2021
📍 GMC

Valentine Gavard-Suaire

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

📅 1 September - 1 December 2020
📍 IL Dep.

Armando Alvarez Alite

Coming from the Universidad de León, Assistant Professor Armando Alvarez Alite works on **"The Harmonisation of the Right to Self-Determination in the Remaining Non Self-Governing Territories: The Chagos Archipelago Case"** under the supervision of Marcelo Kohen.

📅 September - November 2020
📍 CCDP

Luis Aue

Coming from the Social Science Center Berlin (WZB), Research Assistant Luis Aue works on **"The Global Politics of Diarrhea"** under the supervision of Anna Leander.

📅 7 September - 9 November 2020
📍 GGC

Dimitra Christina Heliotis

Coming from the World Bank Group, Legal Consultant Dimitra Christina Heliotis works on **"Restructuring Ejustice Systems in EU Countries"** under the supervision of Velibor Jakovleski.

📅 October 2020 - September 2021
📍 CCDP

Carla Suarez

Coming from University of British Columbia, Postdoctoral Research Fellow Carla Suarez will work on **"Putting down the Gun and Returning Home: The Role of Social Ties in Peacebuilding"** under the supervision of Keith Krause.



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