

Research Bulletin

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EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

Human Rights Accountability of *Sui Generis* Entities: Investigating Domestic Avenues

While conventional wisdom often conceives of human rights as a matter of international law, in the past decades domestic courts have become one of its primary protectors around the world. Conversely, in the case of *sui generis* entities, the role of domestic law and institutions is less

apparent. **Haris Huremagić**, PhD Researcher in International Law, and Fritz Kainz investigate the ways in which international legal mechanisms contribute to the human rights accountability of two textbook *sui generis* entities, namely the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and the International Committee of the Red Cross (in *Human Rights Accountability of Non-Universally Recognised States and State-Like Entities*, K. Istrefi, L. Pasquet, L. Roorda and C. Ryngaert, eds., Edward

Elgar Publishing, August 2026). They argue that as a matter of doctrine and of policy, the availability of these internal remedies may have important consequences for the question of immunity before domestic courts. This would approximate the treatment of *sui generis* subjects to that of international organisations and contribute to human rights accountability and the rule of law in the international community.

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PHD THESIS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW, 2026

Beyond State-to-State: State Consent to International Jurisdiction in Disputes with Private Parties

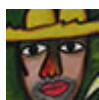
State consent is the cornerstone of jurisdiction at the international level. Increasingly, private persons, namely individuals and corporations, have gained access to international courts and tribunals, notably through treaties in the context of human rights litigation and investment arbitration. This calls for a comprehensive and cross-cutting analysis of the way State consent to international jurisdiction is expressed, interpreted and revoked in these contexts, as opposed to inter-State dispute settlement mechanisms. **Francesca Dal Poggetto** demonstrates that, despite the practical differences that exist in how State consent operates across these contexts, a State's acceptance of international jurisdiction remains fundamentally the same undertaking, whether addressed to other States or to private parties. Importantly, rather than the nature of the parties involved, she identifies the instrument in which State consent is contained as the key parameter for analysis. Further, she identifies two other parameters explaining the way in which the operation of State consent varies across contexts, namely the role played by reciprocity at the inter-State level and the degree of legal certainty that may be expected. These findings seek to provide clarity and guidance, both doctrinally and practically, on the operation of a fundamental notion of international law, State consent to international jurisdiction, when it is addressed to, and can be invoked by, private parties rather than States.

[Read more about Dr Dal Poggetto's thesis in this interview.](#)

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Arts, Culture & Religion



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ARTICLE

The Making of Newroz: Intangible Cultural Heritage and Kurdish Ethnopolitical Mobilisation

This article examines how Kurdish Newroz has been transformed over the past century from a seasonal celebration into a repertoire for political claim-making. Drawing on a corpus of Kurdish movement publications, party materials, state documents, and press coverage spanning the late

Ottoman to the contemporary period, and Kurdish ethnopolitical mobilisation, **Delal Aydin**, Research Fellow in Anthropology and Sociology, analyses how Newroz operates as a key site for the articulation of Kurdish collective memory and political subjectivity (in *International Journal of Heritage Studies*, online August 2026). Tracing the re-signification of three central symbols (the blacksmith Kawa, the ritual fire, and the contested letter “w”), she shows how Newroz has been reworked as a political language through which claims to recognition, belonging, and justice are

articulated. Rather than treating heritage as a fixed cultural inheritance, she approaches Newroz as a dynamic and contested process shaped by historical struggles, state interventions, and movement-led transformations. In doing so, she argues that Kurdish Newroz functions not only as a site of cultural expression but also as a form of heritage-justice claim-making that both reflects and reshapes the politics of recognition in Turkey.

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Gender, Diversity, Race & Intersectionality



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Rethinking (Re)Integration: The Return of Syrian Women to Northeast Syria

This article examines the (re)integration of Syrian women previously detained in Al-Hol camp into small towns in Northeast Syria (in *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, online August 2026). It interrogates the feasibility of (re)integration in a context of continuing political

violence and widespread material insecurity, questioning the extent to which (re)integration is a conceptually relevant tool to address the challenges women with perceived IS affiliations face as they seek to move forwards with their lives. It argues that existing reintegration work in Deir Ezzor, driven by a framework of countering violent extremism, masks the complex realities of both those who have left detention, and long-term residents in communities. Its authors are **Caitlin Procter**, now a Professor at the European University Institute and Senior Researcher at UNRWA and a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research Fellow at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) at the time of the research, Jelnar Ahmad, Sinéad Barry, and Abdullah Ibrahim.

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ARTICLE

The Gender Dimension of Refugees' Integration in the Labor Market

Tobias Müller, Pia Pannatier and **Martina Viarengo** examine the gender differences in labour market integration among refugees and their determinants (in *World Development*, vol. 208, December 2026, online July 2026). They focus on a longitudinal dataset that covers the entire refugee population in Switzerland over 20 years. During the period examined, the majority of refugees came from low-income economies in Africa and Asia. The quasi-random allocation of asylum seekers across Swiss cantons, which differ in their socio-economic characteristics, provides a natural experiment to identify the effects of source country culture and the role of local initial conditions in shaping refugees' labour-market integration trajectories. The empirical findings show that women refugees from countries with more conservative gender norms (measured by female-to-male labour force participation ratios and fertility rates) have less favorable labor market outcomes, with these effects varying in their persistence over time. The analysis further reveals the negative role of initial unemployment and the positive role of co-ethnic networks in the cantons of arrival, with these effects varying by gender and network characteristics. Finally, local attitudes toward gender equality reduce the gender gap in labor market outcomes among refugees.

[DOI \(open access\)](#).

This article is the final, peer-reviewed version of [CEPR Discussion Paper no. 20318](#) (June 2025).

Voicing the Last Maharis: Orality and the Politics of Devadasi Sexual Regulation Projects in India

As a result of the colonial Contagious Diseases Acts and postcolonial abolitionist legislation, culminating in the extinction of the Devadasi community in Orissa in 2021, Maharis' quotidian cultures have declined within the modern Indian nation-state. **Shriya Patnaik**, Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Bern, examines histories of subaltern agency and bottom-up mobilisation after Devadasi criminalisation laws through the case-study of Mahari-Devadasis, unmarried temple women of the Jagannath Temple of Puri (in *Dance Chronicle*, online September 2026). She first outlines Maharis' anthropological and kinship structures within Orissa's regional religious register, and then traces the colonial, nationalist, legislative, institutional, and caste-inflected sexual regulation projects that categorised Devadasi religiosity as "religious prostitution" and dismantled Maharis' ritual and material worlds. Finally, drawing on oral testimonies from the last surviving Maharis, Sashimani and Parasamani, while reflecting on the shifting of popular memory in contemporary Orissa, the author elucidates how these women contested top-down disenfranchisement through songs of resistance, oral iterations, performative traditions, memory, and quotidian cultures, carving circumscribed positions of autonomy in twenty-first-century Orissa. [DOI \(open access\)](#).

This article is largely based on the [PhD thesis that Shriya Patnaik completed at the Geneva Graduate Institute](#) in 2025.

EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

Access to Work in the Kenyan Digital Economy: Resilience, Resistance and Digital Intersectionality in the UPDATE Project

Claire Somerville, Lecturer in International Affairs and Executive Director of the Gender Centre, **Agnieszka Fal-Dutra Santos**, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Gender Centre, Sabin Bieri and Salome Bukachi examine how Kenya's rapidly expanding digital economy is reshaping access to work while reproducing and, in some cases, intensifying gender and intersectional inequalities (in *Gender and Intersectional Inequalities in the Platform Economy*, P. Rodríguez Modroño, A. Pesole and I. Pais, eds., Routledge, June 2026). Drawing on feminist political economy and the [UPDATE research project](#), their chapter introduce the concepts of digital intersectionality and digital resilience to analyse how factors such as gender, class, geography, age, language, and education shape participation in digital labour markets. Through case studies — including content moderation, influencer marketing, community journalism, and platform-mediated work in Kibera — the chapter highlights both the opportunities and challenges of digitalisation. While digital platforms can facilitate income generation, entrepreneurship, and political mobilisation, they are also associated with precarious employment, weak labour protections, technology-facilitated gender-based violence, and persistent pay gaps. The findings demonstrate that digital work in Kenya often falls short of the International Labour Organization's standards of decent work. At the same time, workers exhibit significant resilience and collective resistance, mobilising for improved rights, recognition, and social protections. The chapter argues that an intersectional approach is essential for understanding the transformative potential and limitations of digital economies in advancing gender equality and social justice.

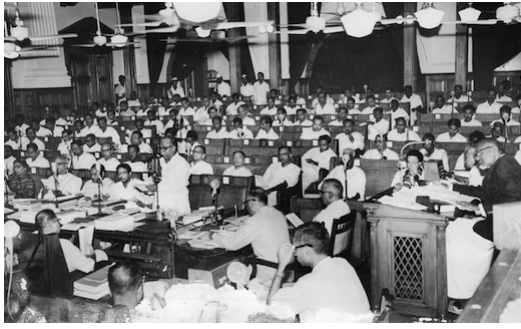
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Democracy & Civil Society



Chief Minister C.N. Annadurai presenting the annual budget at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 17 June 1967. [Tamil Digital Library](#).

Economic Policymaking and Regional State-Making in Independent India: Madras State, c. 1947–1976

This thesis by **Raghunath Nageswaran** examines economic policymaking and regional state-making in independent India between the late 1940s and the mid-1970s as mutually constitutive processes in the evolution of India's federal system. Focusing on the south Indian state of Madras, it shows how Tamil political

actors turned conflicts over food provisioning, clothing controls, and federal financial relations into struggles for policy autonomy while recalibrating the state's place within a centralising union. Drawing on archival research in regional, national, and international repositories, the study reconstructs how economic policymaking became a defining terrain on which governments in Madras translated electoral mandates into governing capacity and political legitimacy. It demonstrates that Madras was not merely implementing central policies but actively shaping the practice of economic federalism through cooperation, resistance, and bargaining with New Delhi. Viewed from Madras, Indian federalism appears not simply as a constitutional framework through which the centre managed diversity and conflict, but as a political order continually constituted through regional claims for dignity and autonomy within the Indian union.

[Read more about Dr Nageswaran's thesis in this interview.](#)

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Sustainability, Environment, the Anthropocene & SDGs



Toxic waters and more-than-human life around the Ciénaga, Cartagena. Photo by Silke Oldenburg 2025.

ARTICLE

Fluid Toxicities: Violent Affective Ecologies in Cartagena, Colombia

Water is at the centre of climate change emergency concerns in coastal cities. It constitutes here a fluid entry point to investigating the socio-ecological politics of toxicities for residents dwelling with and against contaminated waters in Cartagena, Colombia's urban extensions. **Silke Oldenburg**, Senior Researcher

in the Global Governance Centre, and Laura Neville propose the concept of "fluid toxicities" to refer to the wateriness of toxic contamination in amphibious urban spaces marked by histories of harm linked to the city's colonial-racial formations (in *Antipode*, vol. 58, no. 5, September 2026). Drawing on ethnographic work, they argue the unrelenting flows of toxicities dilute historical trajectories of racialised dispossession, overlapping forms of violence and environmental degradation, shaping both embodied endurance, mundane relations of care and collective forms of contestation. They further introduce the concept of "violent affective ecologies" to show how the violence of toxic environments is mediated through sensory, emotional and relational engagements with contaminated waters. Environmental futures are imagined through entanglements of racial ecologies and toxic ecologies.

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Diplomacy & Global Governance



La Villa Barton en 1980, bâtisse où logeait l'Institut avant son déménagement à la Maison de la Paix en 2013. © Geneva Graduate Institute (HEI 2520/3).

MONOGRAPHIE

Diplomatie universitaire et Genève internationale durant la guerre froide: l'Institut universitaire de hautes études internationales sous la direction de Jacques Freymond (1955-1978)

Son rêve, devenir diplomate. Partie de Malaisie pour étudier aux États-Unis, Lee Hoon s'installe en 1966 dans la capitale diplomatique de Genève, où elle reçoit une formation destinée aux

futurs cadres nationaux et internationaux à l'Institut universitaire de hautes études internationales (IUHEI). Depuis les années 1950, ce dernier accueille de nombreux étudiants venus d'Afrique, d'Asie, d'Amérique latine et du bloc de l'Est, afin de répondre aux défis des décolonisations et de promouvoir le dialogue Est-Ouest. Cette démarche reflète également la volonté de repenser les missions de l'institution, fragilisée par les bouleversements de la Genève internationale après la Seconde Guerre mondiale, et de les adapter au monde de la guerre froide. À la tête de l'Institut, l'historien Jacques Freymond, ancien journaliste en affaires étrangères, lui donne un nouvel élan. Il bénéficie du soutien des fondations philanthropiques américaines et des autorités suisses qui cherchent notamment à contrer le communisme et à promouvoir l'internationalisme libéral en finançant des programmes universitaires. Les outils éducatifs, tels que les échanges académiques ou les bourses, pensés pour influencer, produisent de réelles coopérations inter- et transnationales que **Charlotte Roy**, chercheuse postdoctorale au Centre pour les humanités numériques et le multilatéralisme (CDHM), retrace dans cet ouvrage (Éditions Alphil-Presses universitaires suisses, août 2026). En 2008, l'IUHEI a fusionné avec l'Institut universitaire d'études du développement (IUED) pour créer le présent Institut de hautes études internationales et du développement (IHEID), ou Geneva Graduate Institute.

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La production de cet ouvrage, issu de la thèse que Charlotte Roy a obtenue à l'Université de Bâle en 2024, a été partiellement soutenue par le CDHM.

EDITED BOOK CHAPTER

From Boundary Work to Boundary Navigation: Expert Consultants in Multi-Stakeholder Governance

Juanita Uribe, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Global Governance Centre, examines how turbulence reshapes what it means to “see like an expert” in governance contexts (in *Experts in a Turbulent World*, Jan Eijking, ed., Oxford University Press, June 2026). Traditionally, crisis-related expert governance has relied on boundary work: the active demarcation of science and politics through which experts claim impartiality, suspend contestation, and legitimize (often undemocratic) courses of action. In such settings, experts are mobilised to stabilise decision-making under conditions of urgency. By contrast, contexts framed as turbulent tend to legitimise collaborative governance arrangements and open space for a distinctive form of managerial expertise. Rather than primarily policing the boundary between science and politics, managerial experts present themselves as uniquely capable of navigating turbulence and its politics. From organising interaction and facilitating deliberation across heterogeneous actors, to managing conflict, they present themselves as better equipped to address long-term challenges. Yet their

engagement with “politics” remains tightly constrained, reduced to a coordination exercise. Through an analysis of the global food governance field, the author argues that managerial expertise, while appearing non-hierarchical and less prescriptive, still insulates governance from deeper forms of political engagement. More broadly, she reflects on how, under conditions characterised as turbulent, the “demarcation problem” appears as less central to the assertion of expertise.

[DOI](#).

PHD THESIS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/POLITICAL SCIENCE, 2026

North-South, Unfinished Business: Postcolonial Worldmaking in Climate and Sustainable Development Multilateralism

While the North-South framing of international relations is often criticised, numerous studies still find that the more than 130 developing countries, despite their growing economic heterogeneity, act with cohesion in multilateral settings across several issues. Against conclusions that they are bound only by a shared rejection of the status quo, **Lucas Dias Rodrigues Dos Santos** posits a positive ideological core that marks a continuity between what was called the Third World and what is now the Global South. A continuity stemming from an enduring shared material reality of postcolonial fragile sovereignty, metabolised into a coherent political identity through social interaction at the multilateral level; thus North and South are co-constituted. This process operates across two axes, as both rethink participation at the input of global governance, and responsibility at its output. For the South: a state-centered democratisation of global institutions, enabling and enabled by resource redistribution per a strict unidirectional North-to-South binary. For the North: a more hybrid, multi-stakeholder system, enabling and enabled by a universalist approach to burden-sharing, with special assistance for the neediest. This is done through discourse analysis of three broad-ranging multilateral processes culminating in 2015, marking significant changes for their respective regimes: the talks incubating the Paris Climate Agreement, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the Third Financing for Development (FfD) Conference. As such, this PhD thesis also posits that these negotiations can be jointly analysed in this way, inscribing them into a broader North-South history.

[Read more about Dr Dias Rodrigues Dos Santos's thesis in this interview.](#)

[Repository](#) (as the thesis is embargoed until June 2029, please [contact Dr Dias Rodrigues Dos Santos](#) for access).

PHD THESIS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW, 2026

The Legal Basis, Authority, and Implications of Treaty-based Inspection Mechanisms: A Doctrinal and Comparative Study of On-site Verification in the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, and the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling

International inspections have proliferated across treaty regimes in arms control, human rights, and environmental law to the point where scholars have identified over 85 distinct systems in operation; yet inspections as a cross-regime legal phenomenon — their legal foundations, the grounds of inspectors' authority, and the structural conditions of their effectiveness — have received scant comparative analysis. **Swati Malik** addresses that gap by examining three treaty regimes selected for the deliberate contrast of their approaches to verification — the Chemical Weapons Convention, which has established one of the most comprehensive inspection systems in international law; the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, which introduced a dual-track model of preventive detention visits; and the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, whose state-administered and voluntary oversight marks the outer limit of treaty-based inspection authority. Working from a definition of inspections as formal, principally on-site visits conducted under international authority to verify treaty compliance on a preventive rather than reactive basis, the analysis considers three dimensions common to all three regimes — the legal instruments establishing inspections, the authority exercised once inspectors are deployed, and inspections' implications for compliance and sovereignty. Overall, this thesis

identifies inspections as a distinct mechanism of compliance control in international law, arguing that their prevalence reflects a collective recognition that the legitimacy of international obligations depends upon the integrity of the facts underpinning them.

[Read more about Dr Malik's thesis in this interview.](#)

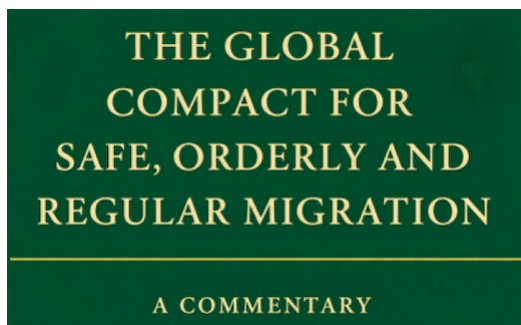
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Cities, Space, Mobilities & Migrations



Excerpt from the [book's](#) cover photo.

EDITED BOOK

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration: A Commentary

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) stands as the first intergovernmental agreement adopted by the United Nations to address all dimensions of international migration. This authoritative commentary, edited by **Vincent Chetail**, offers a comprehensive analysis of the Compact's

normative foundations, legal content, and policy relevance for scholars, practitioners, and policymakers working at the intersection of international law and migration governance (Oxford University Press, August 2026). The volume opens with a critical examination of the GCM's preamble, vision, and guiding principles, illuminating its normative aspirations — including state sovereignty, responsibility-sharing, non-discrimination, and human rights. It proceeds with detailed commentary on each of the Compact's 23 objectives, assessing their legal content, policy orientation, and alignment with existing international legal frameworks. Each objective is situated within the broader contexts of international law and migration governance, with careful attention to its potential influence on national legislation and international practice. The volume concludes with a part titled "Implementation, Follow-up and Review." Its three chapters, written by **Vincent Chetail** and **Mariana Ferolla Vallandro do Valle**, PhD Researcher in International Law, addresses the mechanisms and challenges of implementation, examining how states, international organisations, and non-state actors operationalise the Compact's provisions. Bridging legal scholarship, critical perspectives, and real-world practice, this commentary offers a forward-looking assessment of the GCM's role in shaping the future of global migration governance.

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There will be a book launch at the Geneva Graduate Institute on 18 September from 16:15 to 18:00. [Read more.](#)



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Global Health

ARTICLE



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Planetary Health: A Framework for Expanding the Boundaries of Global Health Law

Gian Luca Burci and others examine how the emerging framework of “Planetary Health” challenges us to reconsider the role and boundaries of global health law, for example by engaging with systems thinking, eco-centric perspectives, Indigenous knowledge, and newly emerging human rights (in *Journal of Law,*

Medicine and Ethics, online August 2026). How does planetary health inspire novel thinking or new approaches around the conceptualisation, design, implementation and/or interpretation of global health law and health-related rights, aiming to protect vital ecological foundations or determinants of health?

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Trade, Finance, Economies & Work



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ARTICLE

Economic Integration and Upward Mobility in Brazil

Are cities in emerging economies poverty traps or engines of opportunity? Radu Barza, Edward Glaeser, César A. Hidalgo and **Martina Viarengo** use 13 years of linked employer–employee data covering all formal workers in Brazil to explore the mechanisms through which agglomeration promotes mobility for initially poor workers (in

Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, online August 2026). They find that the cities that appear to enable more upward mobility in Brazil’s south are characterised by greater mixing of skilled and unskilled labour than similarly sized cities with less mobility in the north, where skilled workers disproportionately concentrate in the public sector. These findings suggest that the benefits of urbanisation stem not only from the size of the agglomeration or its level of formal schooling but also from the social organisation of production.

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This article is the final, peer-reviewed version of [NBER Working Paper no. 32426](#) (May 2024).



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Peace, War, Conflicts & Security

MONOGRAPH

Season of Wolves: A History of the Post-9/11 World



Excerpt from the [book's](#) cover photo.

In the two decades since the attack on the Twin Towers in Manhattan, a new world has taken shape — one defined by endless war, mass surveillance, and militarisation. *Season of Wolves* is a sweeping and urgent account of how this post-9/11 age of brutality was born, and how it continues to shape our lives today (Pluto Press, August 2026). From the battlefields of Afghanistan and Iraq to Libya and Syria, **Mohammad-**

Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou traces the

international reverberations of the so-called “War on Terror” and the political, economic, and cultural transformations it unleashed. He examines the rise of militarised foreign policy, the securitisation of everyday life, the global surge in authoritarianism, and the invasive creep of technology into the most private corners of our lives. Drawing on decades of research and a truly global perspective, *Season of Wolves* is both a damning indictment of the post-9/11 governance and a crucial guide to understanding how we got here — and what must change.

[Publisher's page.](#)

Season of Wolves is the final work of Professor Mohamedou. Left unfinished at the time of his passing in 2024, it was [brought to completion](#) through the dedicated efforts of his PhD students, former students and family, who worked together to preserve and share his final scholarly contribution. It will be [launched at the Geneva Graduate Institute on 16 September at 12:30](#).

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Other Relevant Information



Multimedia



VIDEO | CENTRE FOR DIGITAL HUMANITIES AND MULTILATERALISM (CDHM)

Discover the Minutes of Multilateralism Platform

The Minutes of Multilateralism (MoM) is a digital platform conceived by the CDHM and launched as a pilot project in spring of 2026. The MoM valorises already digitised minutes of IOs' governing bodies by creating an online, open-access platform. This video explores the pilot platform and showcases how it can connect a diverse range of users to a wealth of archival data.

[Watch on YouTube.](#)

[Read more about MoM.](#)



VIDÉO | ENTRETIEN DE LA CHAIRE OLTRAMARE

Les mondes juifs: penser le judaïsme au pluriel |

Entretien avec Sébastien Tank-Storper

Sébastien Tank-Storper, sociologue des religions et directeur de recherche au CNRS, est interviewé par **Mélissa Buffet** et **Simon Orias**, étudiants du Geneva Graduate Institute, sur le judaïsme contemporain.

[Regardez sur YouTube.](#)



VIDÉO | ENTRETIEN DE LA CHAIRE OLTRAMARE

Vers une société sans État? Le paléo-libertarianisme aux États-Unis | Entretien avec Sébastien Caré

Qu'est-ce qui relie Donald Trump, Peter Thiel et Elon Musk, et comment le paléo-libertarianisme permet-il de comprendre leur pensée politique?

Chloé Levrat et **Wang Luoqianhui**, étudiantes de master au Geneva Graduate Institute, s'entretiennent avec le politiste **Sébastien Caré** (Université Rennes-1) pour explorer une doctrine qui cherche à réconcilier le libéralisme et le conservatisme, ainsi que son influence croissante sur la politique contemporaine.

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SNSF PROJECT FUNDING | CHF 921,564 | 01.09.2026–31.08.2030 | NORRAG

Knowledge Production, Networks, and Power in Global Education

Governance: The politics of expertise in UNESCO, OECD, and the World Bank

This project examines how UNESCO, the OECD, and the World Bank produce and circulate education policy knowledge, and how these processes shape epistemic authority in global education governance. It focuses on the actors and networks behind policy knowledge production, the organisational practices through which expertise is produced and mobilised, and the inequalities that influence whose knowledge is recognized as authoritative. The project asks three central questions: Who produces education policy knowledge for these organisations, and how are epistemic communities formed? How do organisational practices shape the production and mobilisation of expertise? How do inequalities across institutions, disciplines, and regions shape whose knowledge is recognised and legitimised? To examine these questions, the project combines bibliometric network analysis of education-related publications from 2014 to 2024 with semi-structured and network-cued interviews with authors and IGO staff. By comparing UNESCO, the OECD, and the World Bank, it seeks to reveal how organisational structures and knowledge networks shape what and whose knowledge counts in global education governance. **Chanwoong Baek**, Assistant Professor of International Relations/Political Science, Academic Director of NORRAG and UNESCO Co-Chair in Comparative Education Policy, is the project's principal investigator.

[Read more.](#)

SNSF PROJECT FUNDING | CHF 721,020 | 01.09.2026–31.08.2030 | GENDER CENTRE

Global Maternity: The Politics of Knowledge Production at the World Health Organization, 1948–2008

This project explores the history of maternity at the World Health Organization through three intersecting pillars. Pillar I will provide the first thorough analysis of the work of the maternal health unit at the WHO headquarters in Geneva from 1948 to 2008. Pillar II will focus in on four micro-historical case studies in different sites around the world, on the themes of: death (the production of maternal mortality statistics), birth (guidelines for pregnancy and childbirth), breast (the regulation of infant feeding), and mind (the visibility/invisibility of maternal mental health). Through Pillar III, we will actively insert our research into larger conversations about the state of global health, motherhood, and internationalism today, through public events, a research-policy workshop, and the development of a four-part podcast series. Our goal is to advance understanding of the roots, politics, and impact of global governance in one of the most intimate

realms of international intervention: the creation of life itself. The project is led by **Nicole Bourbonnais**, Professor of International History and Politics and Co-Director of the Gender Centre, in partnership with **Ogechukwu Williams**, Professor in the Department of History at the University at Buffalo.

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Visitors

📅 24.08.2026–
23.08.2028

📍 International History &
Politics Dep.

Bradley REYNOLDS

Coming from the University of Turku, Visiting Fellow Bradley Reynolds is doing research on “Diplomatic Memory Studies: Historical Culture, Memory, and Foreign Policy Making (DipMem)”.

📅 01.09.2026–
31.08.2027

📍 Anthropology &
Sociology Dep.

Emma ABOTSI

Coming from Goldsmiths, University of London, Visiting Fellow Emma Abotsi is doing research on “Transnational Education, Return Migration, and the Formation of Diasporic Subjects”.

📅 01.09.2026–
31.08.2027

📍 Gender Centre

Daria DYAKONOVA

Coming from Sapienza Universita, Rome, Visiting Fellow Daria Dyakonova is doing research on “The Making of the ‘Working Mother’ and the Internationalisation of Motherhood: International Organisations and the Communist Women’s Global Fight for Working Women’s Rights, 1918–1939”.

📅 01.09.2026–
31.08.2027

📍 International Law Dep.

Polina LEVINA

Coming from the United Nations, Senior Fellow in Residence Polina Levina is doing research on “Aron Trainin’s Enduring Legal Contributions to Restraining War”.

📅 01.09.2026–
31.08.2027

📍 Gender Centre

Maria Paula OROZCO ESPINEL

Coming from the University of Pittsburgh, Visiting Fellow Maria Paula Orozco Espinel is doing research on “Social Medicine, Catholic Infrastructures, and the Making of Reproductive Care in Colombia”.

📅 01.09.2026–
30.06.2027

📍 International Law Dep.

Ayako HATANO

Coming from the European University Institute, Max Weber Fellow **Ayako Hatano** is doing research on “Vernacularisation of Human Rights and Legal Mobilisation in Digital Spaces”.

📅 01.09.2026–
01.03.2027

📍 Global Migration Centre

Michael RUPRECHT

Coming from UCL, Junior Visiting Fellow Michael Ruprecht is doing research on “Displaced by Climate, Marginalized by the State: Afro-Colombians in Medellín”.

📅 01.09.2026–
28.02.2027

Milena MARZOVILLA

📍 International History & Politics Dep. Coming from the University of Genoa, Junior Visiting Fellow Milena Marzovilla is doing research on “Italy and the Other Europe: Toward a History of Italian Political Action following Helsinki Follow-up Meetings”.

📅 01.09–31.12.26
📍 Centre for Digital Humanities and Multilateralism

Jean-Stéphane BRON

Independent award-winning filmmaker Jean-Stéphane Bron continues with the CDHM as a Visiting Fellow in Autumn 2026, exploring a research and interview-based fictional project rooted in the archives of International Geneva.

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📅 01.09–31.12.26
📍 Centre for Digital Humanities and Multilateralism

Jean-Philippe COINTET

Coming from the Institut Libre des Transformations Numériques de Sciences Po, where he is Director, Professor of Sociology Jean-Philippe Cointet will return to the CDHM as a Visiting Fellow to co-teach with Florian Cafiero an ANSO department-hosted, CDHM course, “Investigating Text Data with AI”, as well as participate in CDHM activities and events.

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📅 01.09.2026–17.12.2026
📍 International Law Dep.

Lisa MARDIKIAN

Coming from Brunel University of London, Visiting Fellow Lisa Mardikian is doing research on “Exploring the Domestic Effects of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights’ Jurisprudence: Impact, Contestation and Legitimacy”.

📅 14.09.2026–13.03.2027
📍 Global Migration Centre

Elisa SISTO

Coming from the University of Oxford, Junior Visiting Fellow Elisa Sisto is doing research on “Migration and Mountain Humanitarianism: Risk, Rescue, and Solidarity in the Alps and Pyrenees”.

📅 14.09.2026–11.01.2027
📍 Global Migration Centre

Aidan HAMMERSCHMID

Coming from the Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, UNSW Sydney, Visiting Fellow Aidan Hammerschmid is doing research on “The Exclusion of the ‘Undeserving’ from International Protection: Exploring Unanswered Doctrinal Questions about Article 1F of the 1951 Refugee Convention”.

📅 15.09–15.12.2026
📍 Centre for Digital Humanities and Multilateralism

Florian CAFIERO

Coming from the Engineering school in Computer Intelligence (EPITA), where he is Associate professor in computational social science, Florian Cafiero will return to the CDHM as a Visiting Fellow to co-teach with Jean-Philippe Cointet an ANSO department-hosted, CDHM course, “Investigating Text Data with AI”, as well as participate in CDHM activities and events.

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Calls for Papers

MEDICAL HUMANITIES

Topic Collection: Race, Sexual and Reproductive Health: Histories, Inequalities, Futures

Caroline Rusterholz, Professor of Social History at the University of Fribourg and Assistant Professor of International History and Politics at the Geneva Graduate Institute, **George Severs**, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Gender Centre, and **Naomi Samake-Bäckert**, PhD Researcher in International History and Politics, guest editors of this topic collection in *Medical Humanities*, welcome contributions around four key themes: reproductive governance and the ways institutions and authorities have racialised SRH and the impact of these processes on global majority individuals; activism of global majority groups who sought to improve their SRH and deployed strategies of resistance and resilience in hostile and unequal environments; transnational circulation of SRH activism and contraceptive technologies; challenges and opportunities in working in the field of SRH and studying SRH and “race” in historical perspectives.

- Submission deadline: **31 October 2026**

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ABI-SAAB FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Georges Abi-Saab Prize 2027

Honorary Professor **Georges Abi-Saab** has dedicated his life to the development of international law and the protection of the human person. The impact he has made is still felt today throughout various fields, especially international humanitarian and human rights law. In honour of his work, the Abi-Saab Foundation for International Law and Social Justice has launched the Georges Abi-Saab Prize for the best monograph (in English or French) addressing a question of public international law in connection with social justice.

- Manuscript submission deadline: **31 December 2026**

[Full call and regulations available on the Foundation's website.](#)



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Awarded Prizes

Alumna Stefania Di Stefano Earns Special Mention from the Fondation René Cassin for Her PhD Research

Dr **Stefania Di Stefano**, Postdoctoral Researcher at Cnam, in Paris, has received from the Fondation René Cassin a Special Mention for her PhD thesis in International Law, “Regulating

Freedom of Expression in the Age of Social Media: New Actors as Drivers of Change in International Law”, which [she defended at the Geneva Graduate Institute](#) in 2025 .

[Read more.](#)

Alumna Marzia Marastoni Receives Lombard Odier Biennial Prize for Her Doctoral Research

The Lombard Odier Biennial Prize has been awarded to Marzia Marastoni for her PhD thesis in International Law, “To Perceive or Misperceive Crises in International Law: The Role of Black Swans in International Legal Discourse”, which [she defended at the Geneva Graduate Institute](#) in 2025

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Upcoming PhD Defences

📅 15 September 2026

🕒 08:30–11:00

📍 Pétale 2, Room S9, & online

ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

Defiant Labour: Independence, Collectivity and the Remaking of Platform Labour from Below

By **Costanza Ragazzi**. Committee members: Professor Graziella Moraes Dias Da Silva, Thesis Co-Supervisor; Associate Professor Filipe Calvão, Thesis Co-Supervisor; Assistant Professor Anna-Riikka Kauppinen, President of the Committee and Internal Member; Professor Sian Lazar, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge, UK; Associate Professor Oscar Javier Maldonado Castaneda, School of Human Sciences, Universidad del Rosario, Colombia.

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📅 15 September 2026

🕒 14:00–16:00

📍 Pétale 2, Room S9, & online

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Logic of Uneven Rule: Taliban Governance from Insurgency to Statehood

By **Eliza Urwin**. Committee members: Honorary Professor Keith Krause, Thesis Director; Honorary Professor Elizabeth Prügl, President of the Committee and Internal Member; Professor Roger Mac Ginty, School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University, UK.

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📅 16 September 2026

🕒 17:15–19:15

📍 Pétale 2, Room S9, & online

INTERNATIONAL HISTORY AND POLITICS, MINOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

“Like a Multitude of Impossibilities”: Identity Narratives of Palestinian Hebrew Novelists and Poets in Israel (1960s–2020s)

By **Andrea Pizzinato**. Committee members: Professor Cyrus Schayegh, Thesis Co-Supervisor; Emeritus Professor Riccardo Bocco, Thesis Co-Supervisor; Assistant Professor Bernard Keo, President of the Committee and Internal Member; Associate Professor Aline Schlaepfer, Department of Mediterranean, Slavic

and Oriental Studies, University of Geneva.

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📅 21 September 2026
🕒 10:00–12:00
📍 Pétales 2, Room S9, & online

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

Three Essays in International Macroeconomics

By **Xiao Yang**. Committee members: Professor Cédric Tille, Thesis Director; Professor Ugo Panizza, President of the Committee and Internal Member; Senior Economist Thomas Nitschka, Monetary Policy Analysis unit, Swiss National Bank, Zurich.

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📅 22 September 2026
🕒 10:00–12:00
📍 Pétales 2, Room S9, & online

INTERNATIONAL LAW

The Invisible Queer Subject and International Migration Law: A Reparative Reading of a Complex Legal Encounter

By **Irene Manganini**. Committee members: Professor Vincent Chetail, Thesis Co-Supervisor; Associate Professor Janna Wessels, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Thesis Co-Supervisor; Professor Andrew Clapham, President of the Committee and Internal Member; Professor Ratna Kapur, School of Law, Queen Mary University of London, UK.

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📅 22 September 2026
🕒 15:00–17:00
📍 Pétales 2, Room S9, & online

INTERNATIONAL HISTORY AND POLITICS

Crossing the Bamboo Curtain: China's Economic Statecraft, Trade with the West and Its Influence on the Economic Cold War

By **Yi Liu**. Committee members: Professor Jussi Hanhimäki, Thesis Director; Professor Cyrus Schayegh, President of the Committee and Internal Member; Associate Professor Qingfei Yin, Department of International History, The London School of Economics and Political Science, UK.

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📅 28 September 2026
🕒 10:00–12:00
📍 Pétales 2, Room S9, & online

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Trade-related Labour Adjustment in Informal Economies: Decoding Challenges and Policy Response Strategies

By **Rohan**. Committee members: Professor Joost Pauwelyn, Thesis Director; Assistant Professor Neha Mishra, President of the Committee and Internal Member; Professor Emeritus Michael Trebilcock, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, Canada.

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