



From the League of Nations to the United Nations: New Approaches to International Institutions

International Scholarly Conference

Villa La Fonte,

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N.B.: All panels held at Villa La Fonte, with the exception of the Keynote Address on March 21, which will take place at Villa Salviati



DAY 1: Thursday, March 21

9:00: Introductory Remarks, Ramon Marimon, *Director Max Weber Programme*

9:15—11:15: Panel 1: Security Dilemmas, Peace-Making

Chair: Pierre Kodjio Nenguié, *Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI*

Joachim A. Koops, *Free University of Brussels*

Towards a Global Peacekeeping Army?: A History of Failures and Near Successes from the League of Nations to the Present

Giorgio Potì, *Department of History and Civilization, EUI*

‘Legitimate’ Violence under Mandatory Rule: The League of Nations and Counter-Insurgency in South-West Africa and Syria

Simon M. Stevens, *Columbia University*

‘A Weak, Indecisive Body’: The United Nations in African National Congress Strategy for the Liberation of South Africa, 1960-1969

Discussant: Marc DeVore, *Global Governance Programme, EUI*

11:15—11:30: Coffee

11:30—13:30: Panel 2: Human Rights and Rights Discourses

Chair: Matthew Hoye, *Max Weber Fellow, EUI*

Mattias Kumm, *Global Governance Programme, EUI*

The UN Declaration of Human Rights and the Post-War Paradigm of Human Rights: A critique of Samuel Moyn’s *The Last Utopia*

Andrew Arsan, *University of Cambridge*

‘He tampers with the source of life itself who tampers with freedom’: Personhood, the State, and the International Community in the Thought of Charles Malik

Nathan Kurz, *Yale University*

When the World’s Citizens Complain: The Problem of Individual Rights Claims to International Organizations, 1920-1967

Discussant: Martin Scheinin, *Department of Law, EUI*

13:30—14:30: Lunch

14:30—16:30 Panel 3: Law, Sovereignty and Representation

Chair: Tomas Dumbrovsky, *Max Weber Fellow, EUI*

Lori A. Allen, *University of Cambridge, Department of Middle Eastern Studies*

Investigative Commissions in Palestine: Political Epistemologies from the King-Crane Commission of 1919 to Goldstone in 2009

Sarah Shields, *University of North Carolina*

The League of Nations and the Transformation of Representation: Minorities, Constitutions, and the Middle East

Ananda V. Burra, *University of Michigan*

Rights Inherent in the Body Politic: The Jurisprudence of Anti-Colonial Petitioning in the League of Nations and the United Nations

Discussant: Dirk Moses, *Department of History and Civilization, EUI*

16:30—17:15: Transfer to Villa Salviati

17:15-17:30: Presentation by Dieter Schlenker, *Director of the Historical Archives of the European Union*

17:30—18:45 Keynote Address

Susan Pedersen, *Columbia University*

From Geneva to New York: Mandatory Statehood in the Making

Introduction: Laura Lee Downs, *Department of History and Civilisation, EUI*

18:45 Reception, Villa Salviati

DAY 2, Friday, March 22

9:00—11:00: Panel 4: Development and Economics

Chair: Simon Jackson, *Max Weber Fellow, EUI*

Yann Decorzant, *DSEC-Institut d'histoire économique Paul Bairoch, University of Geneva*

Continuity and Novelty: From the Economic and Financial Organisation of the LON to the UN Economic Institutions

Quinn Slobodian, *Wellesley College*

League of Nations Economics in the Bandung Era: Haberler, Meade, Tinbergen and the 1958 GATT Report

José Antonio Sánchez Román, *Universidad Complutense de Madrid-Spain*

Impossible Cooperation: 'Center', 'Periphery' and the Travails of Economic Multilateralism during the Inter-war Period

Discussant: Antara Haldar, *Global Governance Programme, EUI*

11:00—11:30: Coffee

11:30—13:30: Panel 5: The League of Nations, The United Nations, and the Question of Empire

Chair: Natasha Wheatley, *Columbia University*

François Finck, *Université de Strasbourg*

The Evolution of the Position of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on the Issues of Colonial Empires and Self-Determination

Kerstin Stubenvoll, *Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Institute of Asian and African Studies*

High hopes, deep disappointment? The League of Nations' and the United Nations' Mandatory and Trust Policies in Cameroonian Appeals Contesting French Colonial Rule, 1919-1958

Miguel Bandeira Jerónimo, *Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon/King's College London*, and José Pedro Monteiro, *Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon*

Internationalism and Empire: The Question of Native Labour in the Portuguese Empire, 1924-1962

Discussant: Arturo Marzano, *Marie Curie Fellow, EUI*

13:30—14:30: Lunch

14:30—16:30 Panel 6: Conceptualizing the League of Nations and the UN in History: A History of Global Governance

Chair: Miguel Maduro, *Director of the Global Governance Programme, EUI*

Stephen A. Wertheim, *Columbia University*

From League to UN via American Power: Reconceiving Internationalism for US World Leadership, 1940-42

Daniel Gorman, *University of Waterloo*

Britain, India, and the UN: Colonial Influences on the Development of International Governance after 1945

Anne-Isabelle Richard, *University of Utrecht*

The ‘Avant-garde’ of the League of Nations: The International Federation of League of Nations Societies and Their Part in Governing the World

Discussant: Joris Larik, *Department of Law, EUI*

16:30—16:45: Coffee

16:45—18:00 Keynote Address

Ryan M. Irwin, *University at Albany, SUNY*

Sovereignty, Order, and Africa: The Irony of Self-Determination

Introduction: Federico Romero, *Department of History and Civilisation, EUI*

19:30 Conference Dinner for participants – *Pensione Bencista, Fiesole*

DAY 3: Saturday, March 23

8.45-9.00: Coffee

9:00—11:00: Panel 7: Minorities and Refugees

Chair: Maria Stella Rognoni, *University of Florence*

Brendan Karch, *Harvard University*

A Jewish ‘Nature Preserve’: League of Nations Minority Protection in Nazi Upper Silesia, 1933-1937

Benjamin Thomas White, *University of Birmingham*

The League, the Mandate, and the Refugees: Assyrians in French Mandate Syria

Mira Siegelberg, *Harvard University*

Is Statelessness Evil? Statelessness from the League to the United Nations

Discussant: Jonas Brendebach, *Department of History and Civilization, EUI*

11:00—11:20: Coffee

11:20—13:20: Panel 8: Environment, Aid, and Humanitarianism

Chair: Alanna O’Malley, *Department of History and Civilization, EUI*

Florian Hannig, *Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg*

East Pakistan Crisis 1971 and the ‘UNOization’ of Humanitarian Aid

Emily Baughan, *University of Bristol*

The Declaration of the Rights of the Child, the League of Nations and Stateless Children, 1924-1940

Mats Ingulstad, *Norwegian University of Science and Technology*

A Raw Deal? An Interdisciplinary Study on the Development of the Principle of Permanent Sovereignty over Natural Resources in the Americas

Discussant: Silvia Salvatici, *University of Teramo*

13:20-13:30: Closing Remarks by the organizers.

13:45: Lunch for Participants: San Domenico Pizzeria