Max Weber Programme

8th Max Weber Fellows’ June Conference

11-13 June 2014, Badia, San Domenico di Fiesole

The 2014 June conference of the Max Weber Programme will bring past and present Fellows together in the Badia, in these new premises for the first time. The conference is meant to provide a perspective of the ‘Max Weber Fellows' contributions to Social Sciences and Humanities’ in research and academia. It will also be a forum to foster cross-disciplinary and inter-cohort academic collaboration.

Organizing Committee:
Phillip Ayoub MWF SPS, Thomas Beukers MWF LAW, Thibaud Boncourt MWF SPS, Charles Brendon MWF ECO, Anne McGinness MWF HEC, Valerie McGuire MWF HEC, Brandon Restrepo MWF ECO
Day 1 - Wednesday 11 June 2014

Welcome coffee 8.45 (Venue: MWP Terrace)

1st Morning Session (9:00 – 11:00)

Panel: Governance and democracy (1) “Political Participation and Democratic Institutions” (Venue: MWP Common Room)
This panel explores a wide range of topics under the umbrella of Governance and Democracy. The first panel in this category focuses on political participation and democratic institutions, exploring issues from the meaning of democracy to the effect of financial crisis on democracy.

Coordinators: Thibaud Boncourt (SPS) and Phillip Ayoub (SPS)

Chair: Adriana Bunea (SPS)


Zoe Lefkofridi (SPS), “EU Democracy in Times of Crisis”

Eszter Bartha (HEC 2007-2008), “Workers and New Capitalism in East Germany and Hungary”

Discussants: Iryna Vushko (HEC, 2008-2009), Galina Zapryanova (SPS 2010-2011)

Panel: Migration and citizenship (1) “Social and Economic Migration”
(Venue: Sala del Capitolo)
This panel engages with social and economic aspects of migration bringing together perspectives on its implications for policy, attitudes and interpersonal relationships.

Coordinator: Charles Brendon (ECO)

Chair: Fran Meissner (SPS)


Alexey Bessudnov (SPS 2010-2011), “Public Attitudes to Immigrants in Russian Regions”


Discussants: Alexey Bessudnov, Gabrielle Clark (LAW), Fran Meissner
Panel: History of ideas (Venue: Seminar Room 2)
This panel reexamines long-held assumptions about Adam Smith, capitalism, and institutions. Beginning with a re-reading of his *Wealth of Nations* from a contemporary perspective, we will see how several new themes emerge from a perspective of justice. Hobbes will then be seen in conversation with other key thinkers of his time. Did Hobbes offer an intentional critique of urban republicanism in *Leviathan*? We will look back at the historical roots of capitalism and intuitions in the case of the early modern French state and ask: What was the relationship between the developments of institutions and capitalism in the early modern world?

Coordinator: Anne McGinness (HEC)

Chair: Anne McGinness

Papers: Robert Lepenies (LAW), “Justice, Efficiency, and Natural Liberty in Smith’s *Wealth of Nations*”


Discussant: Pablo Kalmanovitz (LAW)

Coffee break, 11:00-11:30, MWP Terrace

2nd Morning Session (11:30 –13:00)

Panel: Governance and democracy (2) “Democracy and the European Union”
(Venue: MWP Common Room)
The second panel under the umbrella topic of Governance and Democracy looks at political participation and democratic institutions, exploring issues from the meaning of democracy to the effect of financial crisis on democracy, specifically within the framework of the EU.

Coordinators: Thibaud Boncour (SPS) and Phillip Ayoub (SPS)

Chair: Akis Psygkas (LAW)


Discussants: Ekaterina Mouliarova (LAW 2007-2008), Brad Epperly (SPS 2012-2013)

Panel: Migration and citizenship (2) “Moving Status” (Venue: Sala del Capitolo)
This panel explores how the regulation and rights attributed to foreign born population influence social and legal dimensions in plural societies.

Coordinator: Charles Brendon (ECO)
Chair: Can Aybek (SPS 2008-2009)
Papers: Valerie McGuire (HEC), “Migration, Citizenship, and Differentiation in Italy’s Mediterranean Empire”
Gabrielle Clark (LAW), “Comparative Migrant Rights at Work under Planned and Market-Driven Regulatory Regimes”
Fran Meissner (SPS), “Urban Legal Status Diversity: A Question of Entrophy?”

Discussants: Can Aybek, Michael Donnelly (SPS), Valerie McGuire

Panel: Revolution (Venue: Seminar Room 2)
This panel analyzes revolution in a historical and very timely manner. Stretching the globe from Spain in the 19th century to Russia in the 20th, and to present day Ukraine, this panel looks at financial, political, cultural, and societal factors that led to revolt. Some important questions raised are: what is the relationship between liberalism and revolt? What drove Russia into default in 1918? And what are the misconceptions about Ukraine today in the media and in academic circles?

Coordinator: Anne McGinness (HEC)
Chair: Gregorio Bettiza (SPS)
Papers: Hassan Malik (HEC), “Revolutionary Default: The Bolshevik Repudiation of 1918”
Jose Maria Aguilera Manzano (HEC, 2006-2007), “The Fall of the Spanish Empire During the Rise of Liberalism”

Discussant: Philip Balsiger (SPS 2012-2013)

Collective Lunch, 13:15-14:15, Lower Loggia
Afternoon Session 3 (14:30 – 16:30)

Panel: Governance and democracy (3) “Challenges to and Changes in Democracy”
(Venue: MWP Common Room)
The third and final section of the panel on Governance and Democracy asks us to think about challenges to democracy (for example, in terms of transparency and accountability), and how our conceptions of democracy change according to time and place.

Coordinators: Thibaud Boncourt (SPS) and Phillip Ayoub (SPS)

Chair: Zoe Lefkofridi (SPS)

Papers: Akis Psygkas (LAW), “Administrative Democracy in Europe: Expanding the 'Public Space' Through Stakeholder Participation in Regulatory Policymaking”

Cristina Corduneanu-Huci (SPS), “Autocratic Accountability: Transparency, the Middle Class, and Political Survival in Non-Democracies”

Gianluigi Fioriglio (LAW 2009-2010), “E-democracy: risk or opportunity?”

Brad Epperly (SPS, 2012-2013), “Public Perception, Experience, and Expert Assessment: Corruption Data in China and Beyond”

Discussant: Tina Freyburg (SPS 2011-2012)

Panel: Norms (1) “Rules, Morality and Normativity”  (Venue: Sala del Capitolo)
This panel is the first in a series on the topic of norms. It deals with a variety of issues relating to norms and normativity. In particular, it discusses changes in the way the normativity of law is understood, the implications of thinking about artificial agents in terms of competences for their moral and legal status, and the relationship between legal and social norms in the Italian employment relations system.

Coordinator: Thomas Beukers (LAW)

Chair: Pablo Kalmanovitz (LAW)

Papers: Magdalena Malecka (LAW) ““The paradox of intervention: from law as a norm to law as an adjustment”

Discussant: Migle Laukyte (LAW)

Migle Laukyte “Group Agency and Artificial Agency”

Discussant: Daniela Comandè (LAW, 2011-2012)
Daniela Comandè “The So-Called FIAT Case: Breaking the Employment Relations System Through Legal Norms Even Beyond a Broadly Shared Social Norms System”
Discussant: Magdalena Malecka

Panel: Macroeconomics (Venue: Seminar Room 2)
This panel focuses on applied macroeconomic theory and policy

Coordinator: Charles Brendon (ECO)

Chair: Alessandro Mennuni (ECO 2009-2010)

Papers: Charles Brendon (ECO) “Time-Consistent Institutional Design”
Discussant: Alessandro Mennuni

Sarolta Laczo (ECO 2009-2010) “Time-Consistent Consumption Taxation”
Discussant: Charles Brendon

Discussant: Sarolta Laczo

Alessandro Mennuni “Savings Composition and the Business Cycle”
Discussant: Lei Ji

Coffee Break, MWP Terrace 16:30-17:00

Plenary Session (17:00 – 19:00), Refettorio

Keynote lecture by Sarah Soule, Stanford University: “Protest Event Data: New techniques for a Time-Honored Data Source”

Chair: Phillip Ayoub (SPS)

19:15 BBQ, Lower Loggia (invitees only)
Day 2 - Thursday 12 June 2014

1st Morning Session 1 (9:00 – 11:00)

Panel: Diffusion (1) “Transnational Diffusion of Repertoires and Ideas”
(Venue: MWP Common Room)
The diffusion panels (1-3) explore different conceptualizations of diffusion across different fields of knowledge—both across political science, sociology, law and history; but also the different conceptualizations across sub-fields: international relations, social movements, world polity studies, and transnational history. Within SPS, for example, transnational diffusion according to social movements scholars has looked at passing tactics from one context to the next, while the diffusion of norms according to international relations scholars has focused on the spread of state policies or changed societal understandings. Within HEC, transnational history and “histoire croisée” have sought to investigate connections between national historiographies. Thus, scholars have used several concepts (such as “isomorphism”, “epistemic communities”, “lesson drawing”, “emulation”, “shaming”, etc.) and methods (historical or sociological, quantitative or qualitative, focused on ideas or practices, etc.) to analyse diffusion processes. Therefore, these panels aim at charting and confronting these diverse approaches to this important concept. In this vein, the first diffusion panel looks at the diffusion of repertoires and ideas, primarily concerning social movements.

Coordinators: Thibaud Boncourt (SPS) and Phillip Ayoub (SPS)

Chair: Phillip Ayoub

Papers:


Discussant: Sarah Soule, Stanford University

Panel: Crisis (1) “Financial Crisis and Asset Bubbles” (Venue: Sala del Capitolo)

This panel is the first in a series on the topic of crisis. It discusses economic and political aspects of financial crises, including an explanation of different ‘bubbles’, and the impact of fiscal consolidations on the underground economy.

Coordinator: Thomas Beukers (LAW)

Chair: Charles Brendon (ECO)
Papers:  
Annaig Morin  (ECO, 2012-2013) “Inflation, Stock market and Long-term Investors: Real Effects of Changing Demographics”  
Discussant: Eugenia Vella  (ECO)

Aidan Regan  (SPS, 2012-2013) “Do Corporatist Wage Regimes Tame Housing Bubbles?”  
Discussant: Arantxa Crespo Rodriguez  (ECO)

Discussant: Aidan Regan

Eugenia Vella  “Fiscal Consolidation and the Shadow Economy”  
Discussant: Annaig Morin

Panel: Public Policy  (Venue: Seminar Room 2)
This is the first panel within the umbrella of topics on health, human, and social capital. Economists and Political Scientists will meet to discuss studies of the causes and consequences of public policy.

Coordinator: Brandon Restrepo  (ECO)

Chair: Andrej Tusicisny  (SPS)

Papers:  
Brandon Restrepo  “Calorie Labeling in Chain Restaurants and Body Weight: Evidence from New York”  
Discussant: Karina Cendon Boveda  (SPS)

Mathias Rieger  (ECO) “Trans-fat and Heart Disease Mortality: Evidence from Bans in Restaurant in New York”  
Discussant: Andrej Tusicisny  (SPS)

Andrej Tusicisny  “Is Ethnic Diversity a Poverty Trap? A Complex Relationship between Ethnicity, Trust, and Tax Morale”  
Discussant: Brandon Restrepo,

Karina Cendon Boveda  “Impact of IMF Arrangements on Welfare Spending”  
Discussant: Mathias Rieger

Coffee break 11:00-11:30, MWP Terrace
2nd Morning Session (11:30 – 13:30)

Panel: Diffusion (2) “EU norms” (Venue: MWP Common Room)
This panel is the second in the series on the topic of diffusion. In line with the description outlined above under Diffusion 1, this panel explores diffusion concerning the spread of norms in the European polity.

Coordinator: Thibaud Boncourt (SPS), Phillip Ayoub (SPS)
Chair: Thibaud Boncourt
Phillip Ayoub (SPS) “With Arms Wide Shut: Threat Perception, Norm Reception and Mobilized Resistance to LGBT Rights”
Galina Zapryanova (SPS 2010-2011) “Supranational Norms and Domestic Value Change: Evidence from Ukraine” (with Lena Surzhko-Harned)

Discussant: Adam Bower (SPS 2012-2013)

Panel: Crisis (2) “Institutional Legal Dimensions of the Eurozone Crisis”
(Venue: Sala del Capitolo)
This panel is the second in the series on the topic of crisis. It discusses constitutional legal issues related to the Eurozone crisis. Topics discussed include the role of constitutional actors in the crisis, including national constitutional courts, the European Central Bank and member state governments. A comparative perspective is also offered on cross-border bank insolvency regimes.

Coordinator: Thomas Beukers (LAW)
Chair: Aidan Regan (SPS 2012-2013)
Papers: Cristina Fasone (LAW) “The reaction of Constitutional Courts towards Euro-Crisis Law: Italy, Portugal and Spain in Comparative Perspective”
Annika Wolf (LAW) “A Global Cross-Border Insolvency Regime for Financial Institutions”
Thomas Beukers (LAW) “The Changing Relationship Between the ECB and Executive Power in the Union”

Discussant: Cesare Pinelli (Rome, La Sapienza)
Panel: Education and Training (Venue: Seminar Room 2)

This is the second panel within the umbrella of topics on health, human, and social capital. This panel will discuss papers examining the role of human capital investment in the determination of criminal activity, labour market productivity, and mental health.

Coordinator:  Brandon Restrepo (ECO)

Chair:  Daniel Horn (SPS 2012-2013)


Discussant:  Yarine Fawaz (ECO 2011-2012)

Daniel Horn “Gender Wage Gap at Labour Entry in Hungary”

Discussant:  Ylenia Brilli


Discussant:  Daniel Horn

Collective Lunch 13:30-14:45, Lower Loggia

Afternoon Session (15:00–17:00)

Panel: Diffusion (3) “Ideas and Innovations” (Venue: MWP Common Room)

This panel is the third in the series on the topic of diffusion. In line with the description outlined above under Diffusion 1, this panel explores diffusion concerning the spread of ideas and innovations.

Coordinators:  Thibaud Boncourt (SPS) and Phillip Ayoub (SPS)

Chair:  Eirini Karamouzi (HEC)

Papers:  David Do Paço (HEC) “Diffusion and Distinction on the 18th-century Orientalist Viennese Book Market”

David Pretel (HEC, 2012-2013) “Patent Agency and the Diffusion of Technology in Historical Context”

Discussant:  Daniel Ritter (SPS 2010-2011)
Panel: Religion (Venue: Sala del Capitolo)
This panel discusses religion from different perspectives, for instance the role of religious movements in the historical process of globalisation, their perception of the international system, and the diffusion of norms relating to religion.

Coordinator: Thomas Beukers (LAW)

Chair: Simon Jackson (HEC 2012-2013)

Anne McGinness (HEC) “Globalization and Missionary Movements: Islam, Buddhism, and Christianity, 1500-1750”
Mohamed-Ali Adraoui (SPS) “Islamists Foreign Policies: A Constructivist Approach”

Discussant: Olivier Roy, EUI

Panel: Families, Societies, and Health (Venue: Seminar Room 2)
This is the third and final panel within the umbrella of topics on health, human, and social capital. Historians and Sociologists will meet to discuss issues related to the dissolution of couples and its impact on children, the cultural history of breastfeeding, the role that social cohesion and neighbourhoods play in explaining the link between poverty and health, and the history of colonial medicine.

Coordinator: Brandon Restrepo (ECO)

Chair: Sebastiao Nuno Silva (HEC)

Discussant: Leen Vandecasteele (SPS 2011-2012)

Katja Haustein (HEC 2007-2008) “Ideologies of Breastfeeding in Modern Europe”
Discussant: Sebastiao Nuno Silva

Leen Vandecasteele “Poverty and Psychological Health: The Effects of Social Cohesion and Deprivation in the Neighbourhood”
Discussant: Diederick Boertien

Sebastiao Nuno Silva “Colonial Doctors and African Patients: Views of Disease and Medicine in São Tomé and Principe (1900-1930)”
Discussant: Katja Haustein
Day 3 - Friday 13 June 2014

Welcome coffee, MWP Terrace 9:30-9:45

Morning Session 1 (10:00 – 12:00)

Panel: State Building (Venue: MWP Common Room)
How do States emerge? Networks are fundamental pillars in the architecture of civil society and state building. While some networks support the hierarchies and the construction of state hegemony other networks undermine the infrastructure and credibility of state power. The panel examines networks from both historical and contemporary social perspectives and broaches questions of legitimacy, surveillance, collaboration, and the financial institutions of state projects.

Coordinator: Valerie McGuire (HEC)

Chair: Gabrielle Clark (LAW)

Papers:


Luana F. Joppert Swensson (LAW 2011-2012), ”Networks and the access of smallholder farmers to institutional markets: Opportunities and legal challenges in the case of the Brazilian institutional food procurement programmes”


Discussant: Tara Zahra, University of Chicago

Panel: Norms (2) “International law and issues of legality and legitimacy”
(Venue: Sala del Capitolo)
This panel is the second in a series on norms. It discusses issues relating to the legitimacy of norms, of military interventions and of the use of force. Empirical cases include the creation of rules on banning antipersonnel mines, the use of force in Afghanistan, Somalia, Liberia, and East Timor, and military intervention in Georgia, Libya, Syria and Ukraine. The panel will discuss IR, constructivist and just war theories, and apply concepts such as humanitarian intervention and responsibility to protect.
**Coordinator:** Thomas Beukers (LAW)

**Chair:** Thomas Beukers

**Papers:**
- **Pablo Kalmanovitz** (LAW) “Just State-Building: Legitimate Authority and State Consolidation in War-Torn Societies”
- **Adam Bower** (SPS, 2012-2014) “Non-Hegemonic Law in International Relations: Nested Norms, Social Legitimacy, and the Ban on Antipersonnel Mines”
- **Mindia Vashakmadze** (LAW, 2008-2010) “Legality and Legitimacy of Foreign Military Intervention in International Law: Four Case Studies”

**Discussant:** Nehal Bhuta, EUI

**Panel: Microeconomics** (Venue: Seminar Room 2)
This panel focuses on theoretical and applied microeconomics

**Coordinator:** Charles Brendon (ECO)

**Chair:** Joanna Wolszczak-Derlacz (ECO 2007-2008)

**Papers:**
- **Jesper Rudiger** (ECO) “Information Acquisition in Financial Markets”
  **Discussant:** Joanna Wolszczak-Derlacz (ECO 2007-2008)
- **Martin Dumav** (ECO) “Continuous-Time Contracting with Ambiguous Information”
  **Discussant:** Jesper Rudiger
- **Michalis Rousakis** (ECO) “The Length of Patent and the Timing of Innovation”
  **Discussant:** Martin Dumav
- **Joanna Wolszczak-Derlacz** “An Evaluation and Explanation of Higher Education Institutions’ Inefficiency in Europe and in the US with Application of Two Stage Semi-Parametric DEA”
  **Discussant:** Michalis Rousakis