

Max Weber Programme

A Time for Anxiety? 14th Max Weber Fellows' June Conference

18-19 June 2020 Online

'May you live in interesting times' warns an apocryphal Chinese saying, sometimes used in English as a curse, which was selected as the title for last year's Venice Biennale. It may indeed be wiser to desire to live in *uninteresting times*, when peace, stability, and prosperity abound. *Interesting times* are, instead, moments of rapid change, rich in opportunity but also characterized by the displacement of traditions, institutions, and forms of living, which often result in growing inequality and conflict. These moments are, in the minds of many, times for anxiety. To grapple with the transitional nature of our own contemporary world, the 14th Max Weber Conference would like to encourage a responsible scholarly reflection on the turbulent political, economic, legal, and historical processes that characterize – today as in the past – both real and perceived times for anxiety.

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Thursday 18th June 2020

09.30-11.00 Morning Session I

Panel 1 Labour Inequalities

Chair Eva Zschirnt (MWF SPS)

Panellists Cristina Lafuente (MWF ECO)

Timing is everything: on the feasibility of labour market reforms

Alessandro Tondini (MWF ECO) and Marta Lopes (MWF ECO)

Working hours, employment and productivity

Fabian Mushövel (MWF SPS)

Austerity, inequality, and institutional change in the Euro crisis

Aloisi Antonio (IE Law School)

Platform work in the EU: lessons learned, legal developments and the challenges ahead

Arianna Tassinari (MWF SPS)

Facing uncertain times. Understanding the resurgence of social concertation after the Great

Recession in the Eurozone periphery

Panel 2 Patterns of Inclusion and Exclusion

Chair Ian Hathaway (MWF HEC)

Panellists Lachlan McNamee (MWF SPS)

Settler colonialism in Indonesia: understanding the transmigration program in West Papua

Émilien Fargues (MWF RSCAS)

Divergent paths to citizenship: policy-variation in ordinary naturalisation for immigrants in

a global perspective

Viola Müller (MWF HEC)

Illegality as a new form of labor control: workers of African descent in nineteenth-century

Virginia, Cuba, and Brazil

Gaia Lott (MWF HEC)

Dublin 1990 and beyond

11.00-11.30 Break

11.30-13.00 Morning Session II

Panel 3 Media, Politics & Opinion

Chair Silvia D'Amato (MWF RSCAS)

Panellists Junze Sun (MWF ECO)

Media bias and elections – an experimental study

Judith Spirig (MWF SPS)

Ok, maybe "you don't enter the media business to get rich", but: can politicians take over news media and sway voters' immigration preferences?

Alina Vrânceanu (EUI MPC)

Drivers of public opinion polarization on immigration: evidence from European countries

Lana Martysheva (MWF HEC)

'No compassion for age or gender': categorising civil war in sixteenth-century France

Panel 4 Global Entanglements

Chair Anca Cretu (MWF HEC)

Panellists Alexandra Zeitz (MWF SPS)

Ready for a crisis? Developing country debt, the rise of China, and global cooperation

Elizabeth Banks (MWF HEC)

Anxious internationalism: a Mozambican kidnapping as a Soviet perestroika scandal

Jorge Diaz Ceballos (MWF HEC)

Poison and gossip in a small global city in the Spanish Pacific, c. 1617

Andreas Greiner (MWF HEC)

Explorers on the verge of a nervous breakdown: African agency and resistance in European expeditions, c. 1900

13.00-14.00 Lunch Break

14.00-15.30 Afternoon Session I

Panel 5 Reflections on EU Politics

Chair Sebastian Diessner (MWF RSCAS)

Panellists Signe Larsen (MWF SPS)

Brexit, the constitution and the transformation of the EU

David Moloney (MWF RSCAS)

The importance of Brexit: measuring salience in the negotiations on the withdrawal agreement and the future relationship

Karl Murphy (MWF LAW)

Are trilogued files less transparent? A contribution to the debate on the efficiency-transparency trade-off of trilogues as part of the EU co-decision process

Anja Thomas (MWF RSCAS)

Democratic legitimacy, democratic practice and norms in the EU – domestic MPs' rising role conflicts

Cristina Blanco Sío-López (Marie-Curie Fellow, University of Pittsburgh)

Positive anxiety? The urge to make transform the Schengen Area 'free movement of persons' into an inalienable human right

Panel 6 Transformation of Ideas and Concepts

Chair Giacomo Tagiuri (MWF LAW)

Panellists Wessel Reijers (MWF RSCAS)

Responsible innovation between virtue and governance

Michał Ziołkowski (MWF LAW)

The Polish Supreme Court on trial (on trust and legitimacy regarding the judicial making of the rule of law)

Johannes Kniess (MWF SPS)

Should we think of trade injustice in terms of exploitation?

Rajeshwari Mishka Sinha (University of Oxford, St. John's College)

Woken spires? Decolonisation in Oxford through the investigation of St. John's College's colonial past

15.30-15.45 Break

15.45-17.15 Afternoon Session II

Panel 7 Political & Institutional Change I

Chair Alexis Alvarez-Nakagawa (MWF LAW)

Panellists **Tamara Popic (MWF SPS)**

Policy performance in new democracies: veto points and party system institutionalization

Victoria Paniagua (MWF SPS)

Insuring against democracy: the political economy of pre-modern elites' asset portfolio diversification

Agustin Casas (CUNEF)

Checks and balances and national building: the Spanish Constitutional Court and Catalan independence

Ari Ray (MWF SPS)

Bad options and difficult choices in the Eurozone crisis



Panel 8 Violence & Society

Chair Viola Müller (MWF HEC)

Panellists Nikolaos Mavropoulos (MWF HEC)

How to eradicate the indigenous in three simple steps; Japan's 'native' policy in colonial

Taiwan

Pauline Trouillard (MWF LAW)

Legitimizing repression through the use of law: the example of the 'Yellow Jackets' movement in France

Mohamed-Ali Adraoui (Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service)

The anteroom of Jihadism? To what extent Quietist Salafism generates or facilitates political violence? The study of Salafism and Jihadism in Europe

Silvia D'Amato (MWF RSCAS)

When the opposites attract? The relationship between foreign policy and the migration-terrorism nexus in the French far right and radical left discourse

Friday, 19th June 2020

09.30-11.00 Morning Session I

Panel 9 Political & Institutional Change II

Chair Misun Lim (MWF SPS)

Panellists Julie Deschepper (MWF HEC)

Historical transition and monuments in Russia. A reflection on collapse

Takuya Onoda (MWF SPS)

A bitter pill to swallow: ministers, experts, and the politics of regulatory healthcare reforms in France

Eleanor Florence Woodhouse (MWF ECO)

Public-private financing agreements, distributive politics, and infrastructure development

Ester Sigillò (MWF RSCAS)

Framing the 'enemy' in a time of political change: democratization, securitization and radicalization in post-revolutionary Tunisia

Panel 10 Environmental Challenges

Chair Elizabeth Banks (MWF HEC)

Panellists Alexis Alvarez-Nakagawa (MWF LAW)

Non-human agency: a case for legal personhood and rights?

Milica Prokic (MWF HEC)

Of sharks and other lies: the role of misinformation in times and environments of adversity

Alessandro Spiganti (MWF ECO)

Recessions and the transition to a decarbonised society

Ottavio Quirico (University of New England, School of Law)

Towards a peremptory duty to contain greenhouse gas emissions within sustainable limits?

11.00-11.30 Break

11.30-13.00 Morning Session II

Panel 11 Gender Inequality in Fieldwork

Chair Julie Deschepper (MWF HEC)

Panellists Lola Avril (MWF LAW)

Men(s) sana in corpore sano. Masculinity values in the world of EU competition policies

Caitlin Procter (MWF RSCAS)

Don't grab my #\$@&%!*: gender in ethnographic research

Meira Gold (MWF HEC)

Digging for dirt: heroic masculinity and women's hidden labour in colonial Egyptology

Eva Zschirnt (MWF SPS)

Hiring same-gender applicants for jobs in gender-segregated occupations: experimental evidence?

Panel 12 Mobility and Immobility across Societies

Chair Émilien Fargues (MWF RSCAS)

Panellists Ian Hathaway (MWF HEC)

A fear for travel? Reflections on the use of travel papers in the early modern Mediterranean

Anca Cretu (MWF HEC)

Child welfare in Austria-Hungary's refugee camps during the First World War

Saeed Bagheri (University of Reading, Law School)

Iran and child soldiers in the Syrian civil war: a study on the refugee children recruited by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard

Annabelle Wittels (MWF SPS)

Elite influence on receptiveness to refugee hosting and its effects on support for parties with an anti-immigration agenda



13.00-14.00 Lunch Break

14.00-15.30 Afternoon Session

Panel 13 Culture, Ethnicity, and Discrimination

Chair: Victoria Paniagua (MWF SPS)

Panellists: Gašper Jakovac (MWF HEC)

Catholic horse racing and Protestant anxieties in Early Stuart England

Misun Lim (MWF SPS)

Who becomes a mother? Racial differences in the transition to motherhood among US

millennials

Ylenia Brilli (University of Verona)

Culture of origin, parenting styles and children's noncognitive outcomes

Mateusz Grochowski (MWF LAW)

(Not so) brave new world: protection of 'the weaker' in the platform economy

Panel 14 Market Inequalities I

Chair: Alessandro Spiganti (MWF ECO)

Panellists: Francisco Queirós (MWF ECO)

Low competition traps

Stylianos Tsiaras (MWF RSCAS)

Asset purchases, limited asset markets participation and inequality

Nils Grevenbrock (MWF ECO)

Dispositional optimism (and pessimism) measures, wealth, and stock market participation

Balaraju Battu (MWF SPS)

Indirect reciprocity with heterogeneous discriminators

15.30-15.45 Break

15.45-17.00 Afternoon Session II

Panel 15 Market Inequalities II

Chair Mateusz Grochowski (MWF LAW)

Panellists Xiaoren Wang (MWF LAW)

Shape the color – an empirical study on consumer memories (the secondary meaning) of color trademarks

Grace Ballor (MWF HEC)

How to make a market: MNCs and standard-setting in the European Community, 1957-1992

Giacomo Tagiuri (MWF LAW)

Materiality and ideology in the fashioning of markets: reflections from the (end?) of fixed retail prices

Panel 16 The Covid-19 Crisis

Chair Tamara Popic (MWF SPS)

Panellists Sebastian Diessner (MWF RSCAS) and Arianna Tassinari (MWF SPS)

Towards a comparative political economy of COVID2019

Valentin Jentsch (University of Zurich)

The law of contracts in the age of the Coronavirus pandemic – is the statutory risk allocation pursuant to the Swiss Code of Obligations still adequate?

Johann Justus Vasel (MWF SPS)

Covid-19, anxiety and the erosion of liberty



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