



Multidisciplinary Research Workshop
‘National Political Communities and International Institutions’
11-12 June 2018 – Badia, Emeroteca

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Abstract: As Western democracies display an increasing ambivalence towards liberal internationalism, this workshop explores the dual nature of international institutions as both a source of political leverage and instability for modern nation-states. International institutions emerged in the context of the long transition from a world of empires to a world of autonomous nation-states. During the course of the twentieth century national communities have frequently used international organisations to assert their influence over foreign relations and the world economy. At the same time, a variety of actors have disrupted the locus of national political legitimacy by harnessing international structures to advance moral and legal claims. International institutions have also generated conflict by reinforcing asymmetries within and between different national communities, often as a legacy of imperial rule. The recent wave of ‘anti-globalist’ and anti-European sentiment has highlighted these ambiguities and elicited nationalist reinterpretations of international standards and norms. Considering these changing perceptions in the political mainstream, the workshop will assess whether the staying power that sustained international institutions during the twentieth century will continue in the twenty-first. We aim to facilitate a wide-ranging discussion of current nationalist and populist critiques of European and international institutions that will bridge the fields of political science, history, and law.

The event will also constitute an opportunity to discuss, in an interdisciplinary context, recent literature addressing these tensions, such as Mark Mazower’s *No Enchanted Palace*, Glenda Sluga’s *Internationalism in the Age of Nationalism*, Oona Hathaway and Scott Shapiro’s *The Internationalists*, Jan-Werner Müller’s *What is Populism?*, Guy Fiti Sinclair’s *To Reform the World*, and Samuel Moyn’s *Not Enough: Human Rights in an Unequal World*.

Programme

June 11th

13:30-14:00

Coffee break

14:00-14:30

Opening Remarks by León Castellanos-Jankiewicz, Madeleine Dungy, and Angelo Caglioti

14:30-16:30

International Institutions and the Legacy of Imperial Governance (Chair: Corinna Unger, EUI)

- Madeleine Dungy (MWF-HEC) “Austrian National and Post-Imperial Trade Policy in the League of Nations”
- Angelo Caglioti (MWF-HEC) “Fascist Internationalism: Rethinking Italian Colonialism in a Global Age”
- Alanna O’Malley (Leiden University) “Challenging the Liberal World Order, The UN and the Global South”

17:00-18:30

Keynote address

Samuel Moyn (Yale University) “National Welfare and International Human Rights”

18:30-19:30

Drinks Reception

June 12th

09:30-10:00

Coffee break

10:00-12:00

Nations at the Core and the Periphery (Chair: Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol, University of Glasgow/ EUI)

- Anna Isaeva (University of Florence) “Contradictions and Incompleteness of Soviet Legal Doctrine in International Human Rights Discourse”
- Christos Tsakas (MWF-HEC) “‘Success’ and ‘Failure’ in EC/EU Enlargement: Greece and Norway in Comparative Perspective”
- Robin Markwica (MWF-RSC) “Towards a German Europe? Berlin’s Role in the European Union since the Fiscal Crisis of 2010”

13:30-15:30

International Law and National Legal Orders: Disjunctures, Harmony, and Expectations (Chair: Samuel Moyn, Yale University)

- León Castellanos-Jankiewicz (MWF-LAW) “International Status Meets Domestic Disenfranchisement: A Brief History of Statelessness”

- Mirjam Dageförde (MWF-SPS) “Societal Inequality and Representation Gaps: Assessing Representation Across Europe’s Nation States”
- Anna Wallerman (MWF-LAW) and Clara Rauchegger (MWF-LAW) “Challenges to EU Law in the Member States”

15:30-16:00

Coffee Break

16:00-17:15

Closing round table: Emmanuel Murlon-Druol (University of Glasgow/EUI), Samuel Moyn (Yale University), Corinna Unger (EUI), Alanna O’Malley (Leiden University)