

## Past Multidisciplinary Workshop Abstracts

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### ABSTRACT

All Fellows have an opportunity to organize a day or half-day workshop or mini-conference involving other Fellows, possibly one or two external speakers, and often a number of EUI Faculty and researchers as well. Ideally, workshops should involve Fellows from more than one discipline.

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## Multidisciplinary Workshops Abstracts 2020-2021

### Envisioning the Global South(s)

February-June 2021 - Online (Zoom)

**Organizers:** Roberta Biasillo (MWF RSC), Matteo Capasso (MWF RSC), Wanshu Cong (MWF LAW), Maria Dyveke Styve (MWF HEC), Lillian Frost (MWF RSC), Maria do Mar Gago (MWF HEC)

### Abstract

This multidisciplinary workshop aims at exploring strategies, processes and narratives through which Western gazes have contributed to the creation and making of the Global South.

The workshop critically examines the ways in which knowledge is produced on Asian, African, Middle East and Latin American regions. It does so to look at the social, environmental, political, legal premises and consequences of those views.

The contributors reflect on many of the questionable policies and practices born of these imaginaries and related histories that have been utilized in the regions since the colonial

period. They further reveal how power, in the form of development programs, notions of nationalism, expert knowledge, landscape transformation and human right discourses, for instance, relates to Western and European-originated knowledge production systems.

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## **Pricing Technologies and their Economic and Social Consequences**

25-26 March 2021 - Online (Zoom)

**Organizers:** Arthur Dolgoplov (MWF ECO), Agnieszka Jablonowska (MWF LAW), Francesco Ducci (MWF LAW), Giacomo Tagiuri (MWF LAW)

### **Abstract**

PriTech is a two-day online research workshop that emphasizes technological developments in the way prices are calculated, recorded, and communicated, and the way online services are monetized, as well as the social and economic consequences of such developments that cause concerns from various disciplinary and policy perspectives. It is an interdisciplinary event that is meant to bring together economists, lawyers, sociologists, historians, and industry practitioners. Find more information at this [link](#).

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Some sessions of this workshop were recorded and are available [online](#).

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## **Humanitarian Intervention: the invention of a tradition?**

April-May 2021 - Online (Zoom)

**Organizers:** Josef Ostransky (MWF LAW), Orfeas Chasapis Tassinis (MWF LAW), Andrés Vicent (MWF HEC)

### **Abstract**

What is the ideological background behind the birth of humanitarian interventions? What legal theories have been employed to support it? And how have various political and economic interests interacted with and drawn upon the normatively appealing concepts of humanitarianism? Conversely, how has the notion of humanitarianism been used in resistance to powerful actors?

The aim of the workshop is to explore humanitarian intervention as a key phenomenon in the birth and development of internationalism from diverse disciplinary perspectives. The workshop will critically examine the historical, political, and legal implications of humanitarian interventions from the past to the present.

The workshop is organized as a series of three discussions with renowned speakers who have worked on the topic of humanitarian intervention from different angles with the co-conveners acting as discussants.

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Some sessions of this workshop were video-recorded and are now available [online](#).

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## Causes and consequences of inequality

13 May 2021 - Online (Zoom)

**Organizers:** Weverthon Barbosa Machado (MWF SPS), Balaraju Battu (MWF SPS), Aruni Mitra (MWF ECO), Federica Querin (MWF SPS)

### Abstract

The aim of the workshop is to examine the sources of inequality and policies to tackle it by bringing together academics from different areas of social sciences. The workshop will critically examine data, theory, and policy implications. Focus will be on areas including but not limited to economic redistributive policies with related issues of justice like targeting equality in outcomes versus equality in opportunities, identity-based discrimination like gender and racial inequality in the labour market, intra-household inequality like bargaining power differences between the two spouses, intergenerational transfers, and unequal access to public goods like health and education.

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The two keynote sessions were video-recorded and are now available to be watched [here](#).

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## Turning the Tide: Contemporary Challenges to Health and Healthcare in Europe and Beyond

May-June 2021 - Online, Zoom

**Organizers:** Aline Bertolin (MWF LAW), Katarzyna Doniec (MWF SPS), Alexandru Moise (MWF SPS), Takuya Onoda (MWF SPS), Tamara Popic (MWF SPS), Mirjam Reutter (MWF ECO)

### Abstract

Health and healthcare issues have never been as salient as in the context of the present COVID-19 pandemics. This lecture series addresses the following questions: What are the main challenges facing population health and healthcare policies in the context of the present pandemic in Europe and beyond? How have countries dealt with these challenges? And what are the future prospects of health and healthcare in this pandemic-ridden world? The aim of this lecture series is to explore these questions from diverse disciplinary perspectives. The lectures will cover topics of health inequalities, vaccinations, mental health, EU's health future and healthy ageing.

The event is organized as a series of lectures with renowned speakers who have worked on the topic of health and healthcare from different angles, with the Max Weber Fellows acting as moderators.

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All lectures were video-recorded and are now available to be watched [here](#).

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### **"Mobilities in Early modern and contemporary mediterranean"**

27-28 May 2021 - Refectory, Badia and Online (Zoom)

**Organizers:** Roberta Biasillo (MWF RSC), Maria Vittoria Comacchi (MWF HEC), Lavinia Maddaluno (MWF HEC)

#### **Abstract:**

People move. And so, do objects and knowledge. The 1990s mobility turn in the social sciences and recent migration crisis have increasingly brought to the fore that displacement, travel, and migration are part and parcel of any human society, shaping their social, geographical, environmental settings, as well as processes of knowledge production in significant and multifarious ways. Bringing together scholars working on early modern and modern times, presentations address multiple mobility patterns - from human migrations, to the circulation of ideas and knowledge, from exchanges of practices to transfers of goods - in the expanded space of the Mediterranean. This two-day workshop aims to discuss the Mediterranean area as a space of multilevel connectivity between interrelated regions, like North and Atlantic Africa, Western Asia and Europe; and to reframe the Mediterranean space from the perspectives of the environmental humanities, Mediterranean and African studies, intellectual history, and the history of science.

**On the first day, four thematic panels explore the Mediterranean space as a crossroad between Africa and Europe, different European countries, East and West. On the second day, two roundtables host presentations on ongoing research carried out by early career scholars.**

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### **"Technocracy in Time and Space"**

31 May 2021 - Refectory (Badia) and Zoom

**Organizers:** Adélie Chevée (MWF RSC), Wanshu Cong (MWF LAW), Paul Dermine (MWF LAW), Sebastian Diessner (MWF RSC), Tommaso Milani (MWF HEC), Takuya Onoda (MWF SPS), Giacomo Tagiuri (MWF LAW)

#### **Abstract**

In a modern, complex society, knowledge and expertise are said to serve as an essential tool to tackle varieties of societal problems. The reliance on experts and expertise for governing – often dubbed “technocracy” –, however, is alleged to weaken ties between people and the government, thereby undermining the functioning of democratic politics.

Coming from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, we organise a workshop on "Technocracy in Time and Space" to revisit this alleged tension between technocracy and democracy, broadly conceived, in different historical and geographical settings. Key research questions to be explored throughout the workshop include: To what extent is technocracy compatible with democracy? Is technocracy displacing democracy across societies? To what extent does democracy rely on technocratic means to operate? Paying renewed attention to technocracy and technocratic forms of governance also invites parallel discussions about populism and 'technopopulism' as an alternative form of government. Thus, an inquiry into technocracy can highlight the conditions for, and the viability of, future democracy.

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## "Radical Democracy and Populism"

3 June 2021 - Sala Europa (Vila Schifanoia) and Zoom

**Organizers:** Adélie Chevéé (MWF RSC), Guadalupe Correa Lopera (MWF ECO), Takumi Shibaïke (MWF SPS), Josef Ostransky (MWF LAW)

### Abstract

In her recent book *For a Left Populism* (2018), the political theorist Chantal Mouffe argued that our contemporary 'populist moment' represented an opportunity for democratic reinvigoration through the formation of a 'left populism' in the name of radical democracy. Indeed, in the last ten years, several political parties on the left of the political spectrum but also social movements and organizations across the globe have adopted ideas and practices loosely inspired by populist ideologies, such as the absolute refusal of representatives, or calls for a wider use of the referendum.

**In this workshop, we will discuss the relationship between populism (understood as a broad political ideology opposing the people versus a corrupt elite) and radical democracy, by exploring various empirical cases of elites, social movements, organizations and institutions which used various forms of democratic experimentations and discourses. Rather than focusing on academic 'niche' literature debates, this workshop will include scholars from different disciplinary and empirical backgrounds and aim at fostering a general conversation/reflection on the populist moment and its realization in today's urgent political phenomena.**

**We will start with a roundtable on Mouffe's work and proceed with presentations of ongoing research on empirical cases. We are particularly interested in discussing how ideas of populism and radical democracy differently appear in politics, history, economics, and law. Among other questions, we will ask ourselves: What are the similarities and differences between populism and radical democracy? Can populism and radical democracy cohabit, or are they fundamentally opposed? What are the current theories of populism explaining projects of radical democracy? When and how populist ideology may drive demands for radical democracy? What are the (real and hypothetical) consequences of these demands?**

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## "Jurisdictions"

27 May 2021 - Online (Zoom)

**Organizers:** Alexis Alvarez-Nakagawa (Visiting MWF LAW), Jorge Díaz Ceballos (Alumnus MWF HEC)

### **Abstract:**

The workshop aims to gather academics from different disciplinary backgrounds for a one-day discussion on the topic of jurisdiction, broadly defined as the construction and exercise of political, social or economic power through the law and legal institutions. Our main claim is that jurisdiction is crucial to understand how different forms of power are articulated in our societies and the societies of the past. As Dorsett and McVeigh (2009) have stated, "it is through jurisdiction that a life before the law is instituted, a place is subjected to rule and occupation, and an event is articulated as juridical". The participants of this workshop will debate around the problems of how authority and sovereignty are enacted, debated and contested in historical and present plurijurisdictional scenarios.

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## "Anti Corruption"

14 October | 28 October | 5 November | TBC (2021) - Emeroteca (Badia) and Zoom

**Organizers:** Michele Castiglioni (MWF SPS), Aline Bertolin (MWF LAW)

### **Abstract:**

The Anti-Corruption MWP Multidisciplinary Research Workshop aims at discussing cutting edge research on the topics of corruption measurement, prevention, displacement, and reduction. Policy-oriented research is a central focus of the workshop. The workshop format includes one hour long remote seminars. Where the research methodology employed offers itself a training opportunity, one hour long practical sessions are also be organized.

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## Multidisciplinary Workshops Abstracts 2019-2020

## **One Film - Four Lenses**

**11 February 2020, 18:00-20:30 (Emeroteca, Badia)**

**Organizers:** Johannes Kniess (MWF SPS), Johann Justus Vasel (MWF LAW)

### **Abstract**

A picture is worth a thousand words. How many words then, are moving pictures worth? Important social, political, economic, and legal issues captured and promulgated by movies, this seminar series intends to center an open-floor discussion around a movie that deals with a highly relevant topic related to the four disciplines present at the EUI.

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## **Lifecycle of Intergroup Conflict**

16-17 April 2020 (9.30-13.00) - via Zoom.us

**Organizers:** Viola Müller (MWF HEC), Ester Sigilló (MWF LAW), Judith Spirig (MWF SPS), Annabelle Wittels (MWF SPS), Eva Zschirnt (MWF SPS)

### **Abstract**

Subnational intergroup conflict has become ever more salient in Europe and the world over the last decades: from ethnic, religious, gender, class, ideological, generational differences to territorial disputes and anti-immigrant sentiment—there are various groups along the lines of which distributional conflict has formed. In this workshop, we aim at taking a broader, multidisciplinary perspective on the entire lifecycle of in-out-group relations: How does a group become an out-group? How does conflict between groups develop, manifest itself and abate in different contexts? What increases and reduces prejudice toward other groups? In two mornings, nine presentations and a moderated closing discussion, we shed light on these and more questions, hear about Tunisia, Italy, Turkey, the U.S., Germany, and Switzerland, discuss consequences of out-group status for labor market integration, political attitudes and behavior, and learn about ethnic, racial and immigrant/native conflict.

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## **Labour Market Dynamics, Institutions and their Mutual Linkages:**

Fostering Interdisciplinary Dialogue - 5 May 2020 - via Zoom.us

**Organizers:** Cristina Lafuente (MWF ECO), Marta Lopes (MWF ECO), Arianna Tassinari (MWF SPS)

### **Abstract**

This half-day multi-disciplinary research workshop will open a dialog across disciplines studying the different interactions between institutions and labour market dynamics. The

mutual relationship between *institutions* and *labour market dynamics* has been for decades a key concern of a broad field of scholarship cutting across political economy, economics, labour sociology and labour history. Despite a large (and increasing) academic literature and a high interest from the political sphere, dialogue across disciplines has been scarce. In this workshop we bring together Max Weber Fellows, researchers and academics from across the EU and beyond working from different disciplinary angles on topics concerning the interaction between *institutions*, *regulation* and *labour market dynamics* - from theoretical, historical and empirical perspectives. Together we address how labour market institutions at all levels shape (deliberately or involuntarily) labour market outcomes (unemployment, wage inequality, precarity, labour market segmentation) and how these outcomes feed back into the evolution and adaptation of labour market institutions themselves.

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### **Inequality and Discrimination**

11-12 May 2020 - via Zoom.us

**Organizers:** Balaraju Battu (MWF SPS), Mauricio Bucca (PUC Chile), Nils Grevenbrock (MWF ECO), Fabian Mushövel (MWF SPS), Alessandro Spiganti (MWF ECO), Stylianos Tsiaras (MWF RSCAS), Giulia Tura (MWF ECO), Eva Zschirnt (MWF SPS)

#### **Abstract**

The aim of this workshop is to bring together academics from different areas of social science working on inequality and discrimination. With an emphasis on data, theory, and policy, this workshop will tackle these issues by exploring key questions like: What do the data tell us about causes and consequences of inequality and discrimination? What are the theories needed to understand what has been happening? What are policy ideas and controversies associated with these problems? This workshop embodies the multidisciplinary approach promoted by the Max Weber Programme: we hope that participants to the workshop will appreciate the contributions brought by different disciplines on the topic of inequality and discrimination, and see the potential of an interdisciplinary approach.

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### **Natural and Field Experiments for the Social Sciences**

19-20 May 2020 - 2-3 June 2020 - 4-5 June 2020 - via Zoom.us and Brightspace Forum



**Organizers:** Alexis Alvarez Nakagawa (MWF LAW), Annabelle Wittels (MWF SPS), Xiaoren Wang (MWF LAW), Eleanor Woodhouse (MWF ECO)

### **Abstract**

Causal identification has become increasingly important in the social sciences. Natural and field experiments, due to their use of real life data or realistic environments, are at the forefront of methodologies aimed at establishing causal relationships. These methods are continuously advancing; staying informed about the latest developments in this area is paramount to producing relevant and top quality research. Originating from the Max Weber Interdisciplinary Workshops, a group of EUI fellows with the support of faculty has put together a workshop series targeted at bringing leading causal inference scholars to the EUI to offer methods training to EUI researchers, fellows and faculty.

Each session will comprise of a lecture and a lab exercise using R. Students will be guided through problem sets to help them to implement the methodologies introduced in the lectures in their own research.

The workshops will be offered as a half credit course (10 hours) and are open to all EUI researchers, faculty and fellows to attend.

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## **Migration in Historical and Contemporary Perspectives**

3 June 2020 - via Zoom.us

**Organizers:** Anca Cretu (MWF HEC), Alina Vranceanu (MWF SPS)

### **Abstract**

This one-day multidisciplinary workshop brings together contributions linked broadly to the topic of migration. Since 2015, narratives and imagery of people fleeing conflict in the Middle East and Africa and taking to boats to cross the Mediterranean or Aegean in order to find refuge in Europe have become recurrent news. In North America, the US-Mexico border has become a space of exclusion through the migrants' forced encampment. Furthermore, various international humanitarian organizations have signaled the urgency in addressing forced displacement. However, the incidence of migration is nothing new, as waves and related crises of displacement have been recurrent historical events in times of violence, natural disasters or economic insufficiency. Indeed, contemporary forms of migration and the debates that arise from them are often underscored by historical processes related to race, gender, labor, class, and/or the state. This workshop brings together researchers and academics from across the European University Institute and beyond, working from different disciplinary angles on topics concerning local, national and international governance of migration, the socio-economic integration of migrants, and public opinion about immigration.

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## **The Protean Consumer: Exploring Competing Visions of Consumption and Consumerism**

24 June 2020 - via Zoom.us

**Organizers:** Giacomo Tagiuri (MWF LAW), Viola Müller (MWF HEC), Gasper Jakovac (MWF HEC), Mateusz Grochowski (MWF LAW), Xiaoren Wang (MWF LAW)

### **Abstract**

This workshop draws together scholars from history, law, and the social sciences whose work is linked to the study of consumption from a variety of perspectives. Through theoretical, historical and empirical contributions, the workshop aspires to pluralize consumption, and particularly the consumer, by emphasizing roles and processes that have been relatively marginalized in both academic and popular discourse. The consumer ceases to be understood as either vulnerable or resistant and takes on new roles. The papers in the workshop illuminate the complexity of some of such roles across different historical and geographical contexts, as well as different ideational contexts; from law to economics, from popular culture to the arts. Understanding such roles seems important because different representations of the consumer are mobilized towards different social and political ends. The workshop will be an opportunity for cross-disciplinary training and contamination of perspectives that will enrich individual research agendas as well as point to future opportunities for collaboration.

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## **Multidisciplinary Workshops Abstracts 2018-2019**

### **Picking up after Brexit: Explaining and assessing the British exit from the European Union**

Badia, Emeroteca - 1 March 2018, 14:30-16:30 - 2 March 2018, 9:30-11:30

**Organizers:** Aydin Yildirim (RSC), Robin Markwica (RSC), Marina Henke (SPS)

### **Abstract**

In this workshop, we aim to explain the rationale behind Brexit from different perspectives and explain how the European Union's (EU's) relationship with the United Kingdom (UK) as well as the rest of the world is likely to be affected. We will focus on the two most sensitive areas in which the exclusion of the UK might have serious implications on EU power projection capabilities: international trade and security. Questions we intent to examine are as follows: After Brexit, how will the EU security and defense policy proceed? Will the EU focus more or less on civilian (instead of military) conflict resolution techniques? How will EU defense industrial cooperation advance? Will Brexit affect the EU's normative power? Can we explain the result of the Brexit referendum with insights from the political economy? How will the EU shape its future trade policy vis-à-vis the UK? Under which conditions can both partners continue to have a preferential trade relationship?

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### **'Moving (between) Cultures: Theories and Practices of Transfer'**

6 April 2018, 10:00-19:00 - Badia, Emeroteca

**Organizers:** Matthew Canfield (LAW), Naoko Hosokawa(RSC), Mishka Sinha (HEC), Blake Smith (HEC)

#### **Abstract**

This workshop explores the issue of cultural transfer from a variety of theoretical, methodological, and disciplinary perspectives.

In our globalizing world, ideas, commodities, and individuals are constantly moving from one cultural context to another. Yet, when scrutinising specific cases, scholars of sociology, history, political science and many other disciplines, find that the kinds of cultural transfer happening all around us are anything but straightforward. The normalcy and ubiquity of these movements conceal fraught questions of interpretation and identity.

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### **Multidisciplinary Research Colloquia on Regulatory Governance**

**First session:** [Unilateral Trade Regulation in pursuance of Global Environmental Protection: Legal Perspectives](#)

16 April 2018, 14:00-16:00 - Villa Paola, Seminar Room

**Presenters:** Professor Cedric Ryngaert (Utrecht University); Ioanna Hadjiyianni (MWF-LAW)

**Second session:** [Taking stock of regulatory governance, hierarchical and heterarchical approaches](#)

8 May 2018, 14.00-16.00, Seminar Room (Villa Paola)

**Presenters:** Professor Colin Scott, (University College Dublin), Bernardo Rangoni (MWF-LAW)

**Third session:** ['Legal perspectives on expertise, politics and the quest for accountability'](#)

22 May 2018, 14:00-16:00 - Villa Paola, Seminar Room

**Presenters:** Alessandra Arcuri (Erasmus University Rotterdam); Marta Morvillo, Max Weber Fellow, Department of Law

**Fourth session:** ['Socio-Legal Approaches to Regulatory Governance: Shadows of Power'](#)

31 May 2018, 14.00-16.00 - Villa Paola, Seminar Room

**Presenters:** Amy Cohen (The Ohio State University); Matthew Canfield (Max Weber Fellow, Department of Law)

**Fifth session:** ["The governance of social, investment. Theoretical considerations and empirical findings"](#)

6 June 2018, 14:00-16:00 - Villa Paola, Seminar Room

**Presenters:** Anton Hemerijck (SPS Professor); Gemma Scalise (MWF-SPS)  
Papers to be presented will be circulated to the registered participants.

## **Abstract**

Regulatory governance is a field of scholarship that has attracted considerable attention over the past decade. Not only does it bring together scholars of different disciplines working on regulation and governance to address important social, economic and political problems, it is also open to different theoretical perspectives and to a variety of methodological approaches. The five Max Weber Fellows organizing and participating in the Regulatory Governance Colloquia draw on a range of sub-disciplinary perspectives to examine a variety of substantive policy domains – such as utilities, environment, food, and labour market regulation – across different polities – such as national and European, European Union, global, local.

The Colloquia offer participants the opportunity to be introduced to and learn from different analytical approaches to the study of European and transnational regulation. Each session will include two speakers, an invited scholar and a Max Weber Fellow, who share complementary approaches to the field of inquiry; each will present a twenty minute paper, followed by discussion.

Participants are expected to have read the papers in advance. Papers and background material will be posted in an online Dropbox, to which participants will receive a separate invitation.

**Organisers:** Matthew Canfield (LAW), Ioanna Hadjiyianni (LAW), Marta Morvillo (LAW), Bernardo Rangoni (LAW), Gemma Scalise (SPS)

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## **Trust matters**

20th April 2018, 9:45-17:45 - Badia, Emeroteca

**Organisers:** Raquel Barradas de Freitas (MW Fellow, LAW), Sergio Lo Iacono (MW Fellow, SPS), Marta Morvillo (MW Fellow, LAW), Carolin Schmitz (MW Fellow, HEC)

## **Abstract**

Trust matters in the lives of individuals and political communities. It matters whether or not individuals trust one another. It matters that citizens justifiably trust their democratic representatives, if they do trust them. It matters also, both morally and politically, whether an exercise of authority is based on a genuine claim to trustworthiness.

As we witness a revival of an interest in trust in public life, politics, and the media, this is a particularly good moment for a group of scholars from different academic traditions and research fields to discuss the various dimensions of trust. On the one hand, political theorists and legal philosophers can benefit from drawing on the rich literature on trust in the social, cognitive, and economic sciences. On the other, new dimensions can be added to ongoing work of sociologists, historians, and economists by considering philosophical writings on the attitude of trust. There is much we can learn from each other. The workshop aims to contribute to a better understanding of trust and why it matters in personal relationships, social interactions, and political communities.

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## **European security in an age of American restraint**

2 May 2018, 9:30-16:30 Badia, Emeroteca Organizers: Marina Henke (MWF-SPS), Paul van Hooff (MWF-SPS)

## **Abstract**

This workshop addresses the question of what will become of European security in an age of American restraint?

What are the EU's options if American policy indeed shifts toward retrenchment? Will Europeans try to insist to be kept under the US security umbrella? Or rather, will they strive to take care of their own security?

Are any intermediate policy options possible? What political, societal, economic and military factors will determine this choice? Will the EU be united or divided in this policy decision-making process? Moreover, what military-technological deficiencies does the EU need to address when it tries to decide between possible policy options?

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## **Fears of Trolls and Little Green Men: Does Hybrid Warfare Work, for Whom, and When?**

4 May 2018, 10:00-17:30 - Badia, Emeroteca

**Keynote Speech:** 'Eastern Threats, Western Resilience, and the Cyber Domain' by Brandon Valeriano

(Donald Bren Chair of Armed Politics, Marine Corps University)

**Organisers:** Paul van Hooft (MWP-SPS), Stefano Marcuzzi (MWP- RSC), Akisato Suzuki (MWP-SPS)

### **Abstract:**

Hybrid warfare has become a buzzword for scholars, policymakers, and journalists to describe Russian intervention in Ukraine.

The use of online misinformation, cyberattacks on infrastructure, the covert insertion of forces, and so on, seemed highly successful tactics to accomplish Russian goals of destabilization. Given that new prominence, scholars and policy analysts have hotly debated how we can define hybrid warfare to establish the analytical leverage of the concept, or whether hybrid warfare is new after all (Giles 2016; Renz and Smith 2016).

However, little has been discussed so far regarding whether hybrid warfare, understood as the blend of multiple conventional and unconventional methods to fight, is in fact an effective strategy and, if so, for whom and at which level.

Can states accomplish more than short-term gains, such as undermining the legitimacy and cohesion of adversaries, or conversely strengthening domestic support (Chiozza and Goemans 2011)? Or is possible to achieve long-term strategic goals? In short, how much should we fear online trolls and little green men? Understanding what goals hybrid warfare can effectively achieve is therefore crucial. This workshop brings expertise in warfare and security studies with multidisciplinary perspectives, including strategic studies, military history, and political science, thereby shedding new light on the hotly topic of hybrid warfare with analytical and empirical rigor.

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## "Modern Readings of Epicureanism: Political Receptions and the Politics of Reception"

4 May 2018, 9:30-16:30 - Badia, Theatre

**Organisers:** Federico Testa (AEUIFAI Postgraduate Fellow - EUI; PhD candidate at The University of Warwick & Monash University); Jared Holley (MWF - EUI)  
With the support/collaboration of the Intellectual History Working Group (HEC/EUI).  
Liaison: Juha Haavisto (HEC - EUI)

### Abstract

This one-day workshop is dedicated to modern receptions and readings of the Epicurean tradition (and its relations to Classic and Hellenistic philosophies). From the materialists and *moralists* in theological debates in England (17th century), to the French libertines and free-spirits, passing through Hobbes, Spinoza and Rousseau and, finally Marx, Guyau and Nietzsche (in the 19th century), the workshop investigates the continuity of Epicurean themes in Western thought, emphasising its social and political implications. Traditionally considered as a form of withdrawal from political arena, Epicureanism has been characterised as the apolitical doctrine *par excellence*.

However, the hegemony of this view has become target of careful historical and philosophical criticism, one that shows the political aspects of Epicurus' philosophy. If, on the one hand, the Stoics developed a reflection on politics beyond the limits of the *polis* (extending it to the *cosmos*), playing a central role in the modern discussion on social duties and natural law; on the other, Epicureans dedicated their attention to smaller, subtler forms of association, such as friendship, below the level of the city laws and walls.

The Epicurean tradition played a central role in the modern discussion on the conventionality of law and justice, the notion of social contract, and on the idea of social progress. Notions such as friendship, conventional justice, social contract, utility, and the passions mark the modern engagement with the work of Epicurus, Lucretius and the Epicurean school.

The workshop will be interdisciplinary, situating itself in the intersection between philosophy, intellectual history, history of political thought and political theory, bringing together researchers concerned with modern Epicureanism, especially its repercussion in politics, social theory, ethics and moral philosophy.

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### 'What is corruption?'

Badia, Seminar Room 4 - 24 May 2018, 9:30-18:30

**Organizers:** Chiara Destri (MWF-SPS), Tatyana Zhuravleva (MWF-ECO)

### Abstract

The aim of this workshop is twofold. On one hand, we plan to address the overarching definitional question of what corruption is and how we identify it.

To this end, the first session hosts a book symposium of a recent comprehensive work on corruption, *Making Sense of Corruption*, by Bo Rothstein and Aiysha Varraich (Cambridge University Press 2017), and a hands-on presentation on corruption and clientelism in the Lebanese context.

On the other hand, we intend to focus on the origins of corruptive human behaviour. Why do people behave corruptly in general? Why are some people ready to cooperate in order to increase their wealth at the expense of a third party? Why are some others willing to make efforts in order to punish corrupt behaviour?

The second session of the workshop is dedicated to the understanding of corruption as a social norm and it aims to explore the issue from the perspective of experimentalist economics.

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### **Taxation and Fiscal Policy**

28 May 2018 09.30 - 17.30 - Badia, Emeroteca

**Organisers:** Per Andersson (MW Fellow, SPS), Alexandra Fotiou (MW Fellow, ECO), Hanna Kleider (MW Fellow, SPS), Andrea Papadia (MW Fellow, RSC), Zbigniew Truchlewski (MW Fellow, SPS), Tomasz Zawisza (MW Fellow, ECO)

#### **Abstract**

The recent crisis has put taxation and fiscal policy at the centre-stage of academic and policy debates. The limits of monetary policy acting on its own, the debt troubles of European countries and the difficulties in implementing effective and coordinated policies to fight the crisis have raised numerous questions on how to conduct fiscal policy at both the national and international level. Independentist movements in a number of European countries have also brought attention back to the issue of the relationship between local and central governments in the fiscal, as well as other, realms.

Much remains to be learned regarding the effectiveness and optimal design of fiscal policy and, more broadly, the way states tax, borrow and spend public funds. Politics, economics, history and myriad other factors intertwine to determine the policy options available to states, the obstacles they face, and the practical implementation of policies. While an interdisciplinary approach to these questions is desirable, it is also clearly underutilized. Today scholars are scattered between social science disciplines. Because of this organizational fragmentation there is need to create opportunities for scholars working on taxation and public finance to meet and exchange ideas. We believe that this workshop can be a first step towards this direction.

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### **Peace from locals**

1 June 2018, 10:15-17:00 - Badia, Emeroteca

**Keynote speaker:** Neophytos Loizides (University of Kent)

**Organizers:** Tine Gade (MW Fellow, RSC), Vivian Gerrand (MW Fellow, RSC), Akisato Suzuki (MW Fellow, SPS)

## **Abstract**

In the major conflict research, the causes of conflict and conditions for peace have usually been sought in institutions, socio-economic factors, and politically active actors. What has been largely missing so far is the role of local actors such as ordinary people in allowing or preventing conflict. This workshop aims to fill this gap, thereby contributing to developing peace and conflict research from a local perspective. The workshop will be concluded with a keynote speech, "Resurgent Nationalism? Local Peacebuilding and the Future of Ethnopolitics in the 21st century,"

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## **Challenges To EU Law And Governance In The Member States**

8 June 2018, 8:30-18:00 - Badia, Emeroteca

**Organizers:** Anna Wallerman (MWF-LAW), Clara Rauchegger (MWF-LAW)

## **Abstract**

Eurosceptic and nationalist forces have been gaining ground in many Member States. The ideal of an ever closer union, built on fundamental freedoms and the rule of law, has been shaken by the UK's decision to leave the EU and by illiberal democratic developments in Hungary and Poland. The free movement of citizens, economic migration and the influx of third-country refugees tend to be particularly controversial in the Member States.

Against this backdrop, the conference will examine to what extent the EU is being politicised and its law challenged in the Member States. The focus will not only be on Member States that are known to be highly critical of the EU; for a complete picture, the aim is rather to find out whether challenges to EU law and governance are frequent occurrences or merely highly visible exceptions.

The conference has two objectives. The first is to establish whether Euroscepticism takes the form of specific criticism of EU legislation and case law. Do governments and/or political parties criticise particular pieces of EU law and policy, and do they propose, or take, initiatives that are incompatible with those of the Union? Second, the conference will explore to what extent criticism of the EU is translated into actual changes in national law. Is Eurosceptic rhetoric made manifest in the domestic legislation or case law of the Member States?

The conference will be held on 8 June 2018 at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy under the auspices of the Max Weber Programme.

## **Keynote speaker**

The keynote address will be delivered by [Michal Bobek](#), Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the EU and author of numerous works on the interaction of EU law and national legal systems. He was previously Professor of European Law at the College of Europe, Research Fellow at the Institute of European and Comparative Law of the University of Oxford as well as legal secretary to the Chief Justice and head of the Research and Documentation Department at the Supreme Administrative Court of the Czech Republic.

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## National Political Communities and International Institutions

11 June, 14:00-19:30, 12 June, 10:00-17:30 - Badia, Emeroteca

**Organizers:** Angelo Caglioti (MWF-HEC), Leon Castellanos (MWF-LAW), Madeleine Dungy (MWF-HEC)

### 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 organizations 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*.

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## 'The Role of Image-Making in the Prevention of Violence'

5 July 2018 - Badia, Emeroteca

**Organizers:** Vivien Gerrard (RSC), Saeed Bagheri (SPS)

### Abstract

This workshop welcomes multidisciplinary perspectives in order to generate new insights into the potential role of image-making practices in the prevention of violence, broadly defined, and the specific question of violent extremism. The workshop therefore includes speakers from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines, who have particular concern with image-making and representation, and the intersection of this with violence and violent extremism.

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## Multidisciplinary Workshops Abstracts 2017-2018

### Citizens, Democracy, and Global Responsibility

Friday 9 December 2016, 11:15-17:30 - Emeroteca, Badia

**Organizers:** Christine Hobden (SPS), Stefanie Reher (SPS), Akisato Suzuki (SPS)

#### **Abstract:**

This workshop aims to discuss the actual or potential responsibility of citizens for democratic values and politics at the global scale.

Contemporary politics is inevitably transnational. International relations require pressing attention and careful navigation, but to what extent, if at all, is this the responsibility of citizens? What kind of responsibility do they owe, and to whom? Moreover, how should states balance their responsibilities towards other states and people with their need to be responsive to their own citizens?

Despite often competing interests, coordination and compliance are required to effectively respond to collective challenges such as climate change, refugee crises, and terrorism. Brexit has rekindled a fierce debate between the advocates of national sovereignty and proponents of European integration, and despite impressive progress toward a more peaceful international regime several inter-state relations remain hostile, unstable, or precarious. At the same time, coordination is increasing with far-reaching trade agreements such as TTIP.

Some citizens actively contest the terms of such agreements and campaign, for example, against multinational companies accused of labour exploitation and tax avoidance in developing countries. Yet, where citizens' interests and global responsibilities diverge, a tension can arise.

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### Critical Reflections on Asylum, Migration, and Xenophobia in Europe

24 January 2017, 10:00-17:00 - Badia, Emeroteca

**Organizers:** Eva-Maria Muschik (HEC), Evangelia (Lilian) Tsourdi (LAW) and Ioannis Galariotis (SPS)

#### **Abstract**

The European Union (EU) finds itself in the midst of a 'refugee crisis.' The arrival of increased numbers of asylum seekers raises moral, political, cultural, and institutional challenges.

EU member states have not been able to formulate a joint response. While member states at the fringe of the union raised physical barriers in the hope of curbing the refugee influx, others reinstated border controls, thus eroding the Schengen *acquis*.

Most importantly, refugees are risking their lives to reach EU territory and, once they arrive, often face deplorable conditions that barely meet their basic needs.

This situation has prompted much debate on how the EU should respond to the current challenge, and reap the opportunities that migration presents. Bringing together historians, legal scholars and political scientists, the aim of the workshop was to showcase new research related to the crisis to facilitate a better-informed public debate. Contributions ranged from analyses of xenophobia in Europe, to a review of migrants' perceptions of the EU, and from investigations of current EU asylum policy, to an examination of international responses to the European refugee crisis at the end of World War II.

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### **Survey Experiments** with Thomas J. Leeper (LSE)

18th January 2017, 9:00-16:00 - Badia, Emeroteca

**Organizers:** Andrei Poama (SPS) and Paul Bauer (SPS).

#### **Abstract**

Survey experiments have emerged as one of the most powerful methodological tools in the social sciences. By combining experimental design that provides clear causal inference with the flexibility of the survey context as a site for behavioral research, survey experiments can be used in almost any field to study almost any question.

Conducting survey experiments can appear fairly simple but doing them well is hard.

This workshop introduced the logic of survey experimentation, introduced common survey-experimental "paradigms" that are widely used across the social sciences, explained how to connect social science theories to the design of experiments, addressed practical and inferential challenges, and included time for participants to discuss and receive feedback on their own planned or completed experiments.

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### **Persistent Inequalities: Studying Gender in the 21st Century**

14 March 2017, 10:00-17-30 - Badia, Sala del Capitolo

**Organizers:** Ines Berniell (ECO), Pablo Gracia (SPS), Steven Klein (SPS), Nevena Kulic (SPS),

#### **Abstract:**

Even as more and more countries make gender equality a goal of public policy, gender hierarchies persevere across a range of contexts and metrics.

What explains the persistence of gender inequalities? What are the mechanisms that reproduce these inequalities? What public policies and political approaches have the best ability to overcome gender hierarchy? Finally, how is gender (in)equality at the societal level

linked to within-household inequalities? To what extent does gender inequality emerge within families? How much of it is a by-product of a wider societal system?

Bringing together the approaches of scholars in sociology, political theory, and economics, this day-long multidisciplinary workshop will feature innovative research that examines, from a variety of methodological and thematic perspectives, the persistence of gender inequality.

The workshop will feature three panels as well as two keynote speakers. Each panel will focus on a different aspect of gender inequality: (1) Social Policy and the Welfare State; (2) Labor Markets; and (3) Household Inequality.

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### **When Institutions Fail: An Interdisciplinary Perspective on Institutional Change, Outcome Diversity and Unintended Consequences**

15 March 2017, 09:00-18:30 - Badia, Emeroteca

**Organizer:** Aris Trantidis (SPS)

#### **Abstract:**

Institutions play a key role in reducing uncertainty, supposedly contributing to more predictable behavioural patterns and leading to path-dependent developments in society, politics and the economy. Yet institutions evolve in dynamic and unexpected ways. While human action is constrained by the normative and institutional environment in which it unfolds, social actors largely shape and modify environmental factors, prompting institutional change. Nothing is static. The interaction between human action and the institutional environment (broadly stated, between agency and structure) generates change, diversity of outcomes and, quite frequently if not always - unanticipated and/or unintended effects. Institutional theory tends to see these outcomes either as resulting from re-alignments in the strategic moves of rational actors or from an exogenous shock that disturbs existing institutional arrangements.

The workshop's presentations emphasize that unintended consequences and the diversity of outcomes have origins in the adaptive behavioural capacity of social actors and the network-like structure of interactions. The behaviour of one agent affects the behaviour of another, and the resulting dynamics produce novel and powerful self-organizing patterns. The purpose of the workshop is to prompt a critical exploration of the complex processes by which institutions evolve from an interdisciplinary perspective which involves political science, political economy, law, legal and political theory and historiography.

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## All for one and one for all? Coalitions in the fight against terrorism

17 March 2017, 10:00-13:00 - Badia, Emeroteca

**Organisers:** Matteo Faini (RSC), Tine Gade (RSC), Stefano Marcuzzi (RSC)

### Abstract

Like the mythological Hydra, multilateral coalitions have many heads and the potential to be extremely effective. Unlike the Hydra, however, the coalition's heads often go their own way, following their own strategy even when it is at odds with the overall goal of the coalition. Managing these coalitions is an extenuating and yet vital task in the fight against terrorism. The workshop aims to explore the formation of multilateral coalitions, the way they fight, the dilemmas and trade-offs they face and to identify best practices in coalition management. For instance, what lessons can be drawn from the multilateral operations against the Islamic State in Mosul? How can multilateral coalitions share the intelligence their partners possess without compromising that intelligence? How have the EU and NATO fared in its fight against terrorism? The workshop brings together academics and practitioners, with keynote speeches by Ambassador Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo, former Deputy Secretary General of NATO, and Prof. Olivier Roy

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## European Hobbes Society Workshop

27 April (9:30-17:00)- 28 April (10:00-18:00) 2017 - Badia, Emeroteca

**Organizer:** Alexandra Chadwick (HEC)

### Abstract

This two-day workshop is organised under the aegis of the European Hobbes Society and supported by the Max Weber Programme and the Department of History and Civilization. The workshop provides the opportunity for in-depth discussion of new work on the philosophy of Thomas Hobbes. Papers will be pre-circulated to registered participants. An hour is allocated to the discussion of each paper, divided as follows:

- Brief introduction from the author. It is assumed that those attending have read the paper in advance.
- A short response from an invited respondent.
- Opportunity for the author to reply.
- Questions and discussion.

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## Evolution of Capitalism

5 May 2017, 10:00-16:30 - Villa Paola, Seminar Room

**Organizers:** Marta Musso (HEC), Mate Rigo (HEC)

### Abstract

How can historical research on economies, economists, and economic policies enrich and reinvigorate the study of the mainstream of modern history, centred on the investigation of ethnicity, nationalism, and political history?

This workshop, showcases the possible contributions that the study of 19th and 20th century “histories of capitalism” can bring to the field of modern US, European and world history. At the same time, presenters will also point to the contributions that the study of history of capitalism can contribute to current debates on oil, colonialism, and trade liberalization. Presenters will draw on case studies to address issues also relevant to global history as well as business history and transnational history. Some of the themes explored will include business networks, global development, property and expropriation, and relations between “centres” and “peripheries.”

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## Translation in transit: Interpreting culture in the modern world

17 May 2017, 11:00-18:30 - Badia, Emeroteca

**Organizers:** Jonathan Greenwood(HEC), Katalin Straner (HEC)

### Abstract

At the heart of every discipline is translation, the mediation between ideas fraught with problems due to discrepancies in language and interpretation. But how was this cognitive dissonance remedied in the modern world, a period that starts with the advent of print in 1450?

By treating translation in the broadest sense, this multidisciplinary workshop provides provisional answers to this thorny question by exploring the adaptation of European culture within the continent and the wider world.

Translation, a concept so rich, yet deeply problematic, compels a multivalent analytical methodology only possible with the aid of several disciplines from the social sciences and the humanities.

Among the topics to be explored in this workshop are the translation of science, law, politics,

religion as well as literature and art from the sixteenth into the twenty-first centuries and from global, transregional, and transnational perspectives.

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### **The return of economic nationalism?**

22-23 May 2017 - Badia, Seminar Room 2

**Organizers:** Prof. Dorothee Bhole (SPS), MW Fellows Vera Scepanovic (SPS), Line Rennwald (SPS)

#### **Abstract**

To judge by the headlines, the age of liberal economic integration is over. From the UK's decision to leave the EU to surprise re-nationalizations of key services in some of its new member states, from the US Republicans' demands for greater isolation to the protests against the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership on both sides of the Atlantic, the calls to protect national economic interest are making a grand comeback.

This workshop will explore the origins and consequences of this return of the nationalist discourse in economic policy-making. Championed mostly from the far right, the mix of appeals for greater economic autonomy, sovereignty from the transnational capital and social justice has raised a daunting challenge not only to the liberals but also to the left. To what extent are these representative of broader political realignments? Which legal and political claims are being marshalled to legitimate certain interests over others? What are the forces and the coalitions that are behind the new turn to economic nationalism? And most importantly, to what extent have they actually challenged the current liberal regime governing the exchange of goods and capital?

The issues outlined above lie at the intersection of political science, economic sociology, and law, and to address them this workshop proposes to bring together researchers from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds. In addition to contributions dealing with the current wave of economic nationalism, we also welcome participants who can add a historical dimension to our understanding of this problem.

SPS researchers can gain 10 credits by presenting ongoing research on one of the panels, acting as panel discussant, or submitting a paper on the topic and questions raised at the workshop.

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**Bayesian Statistics: Concept and Practice with Johan A. Elkink** (University College Dublin)

Monday 5 June 2017, 9:30-17:30 - Badia, Emeroteca

**Organizers:** Akisato Suzuki (SPS), Amuitz Garmendia Madariaga (SPS), Paul Bauer (SPS) under the initiative of the Quantitative Methods Working Group.

**Abstract**

This workshop introduces the concept and practice of Bayesian statistical inference. Bayesian statistics has gained more recognition than ever in the field of social sciences. The workshop deals with the fundamental differences between Bayesian and more conventional frequentist statistics and introduces the basic logic of Bayesian inference. It then focuses primarily on computational methods in Bayesian inference, which allow for a high level of flexibility in statistical modelling.

Participants will not only learn the concept of Bayesian statistics but also practice computational Bayesian inference in lab sessions using Stan implemented in R.

Reducing migration flows by involvement in countries of origin: Assessment of EU and national policy

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**Emeroteca, Badia Fiesolana**

11 September 2017, 14:00-18:15

**Organizers:** Mauro Lanati (RSC 2016-17), Tine Gade (RSC 2016-18)

**Abstract:**

The EU is facing an unprecedented inflows of immigrants from the southern Mediterranean and there's a growing pressure on the European institutions to find an effective way to manage (and arrest) the migration flows in the short-medium term. A number of measures have already been adopted such as the so-called migration compacts (the Jordan compact and the ones for the transit countries), whose effectiveness is questioned by several analysts. The current debate at the EU Commission is about finding a proper mix between humanitarian and pro-development assistance to the countries of origin, with specific focus on countries that are hosting the majority of refugees such as Lebanon, Libya, Jordan and Turkey.

The workshop brings together researchers from different areas to discuss the effectiveness of these policies in the countries of origin, particularly in the south med area. More precisely, how the EU assistance is responding to the migration crises (especially to the countries that are hosting the majority of refugees), how and to what extent these measures can affect the decision to migrate, and how can cooperation between EU and countries of origin can be further developed.

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## Multidisciplinary Workshops Abstracts 2015-2016

### Running Online Surveys with Nonprobability Samples

A workshop with Thomas Leeper (LSE)

10 December 2015, 10:00-18:00 - Emeroteca

#### Abstract

The workshop provides an introduction to online surveys and experiments, including discussion of:

- how to build questionnaires on three platforms;
- methods of recruiting participants,
- issues of reproducibility and transparency, and
- future opportunities and challenges in web surveys.

A fuller description of the workshop content is available at <http://thomasleeper.com/websurveycourse/>.

**Organizers:** Paul Bauer (SPS), Maria Ines Berniell (ECO), Jonathan Chapman (ECO), Stefanie Reher (SPS)

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### Alan Steele Milward: Historian, Economist and Political Theorist

16 December 2015, 17:00-19:00 - MW Common Room

In collaboration with the Alcide De Gasperi Research Centre

#### Abstract

This workshop is addressed to the whole EUI community and intends to improve our understanding of key social science issues and methods through better knowledge of the work of Alan S. Milward (1935-2010).

Considering that we can hardly learn from our predecessors, because the issues we research and the methods we use are changing fast, is widespread, but misleading. The most important issues and methods at the centre of the social science remain the same and observing how scholars were able to combine perspectives and methods across disciplines still remains helpful in developing our own ability to do the same.

Alan S. Milward spanned several social science disciplines throughout his career, acting successively as Associate Professor of Economics at Stanford University, Professor of European Integration History at the European University Institute (1983-86 and 1996-2002), and Professor of Economic History at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

In his research Alan Milward dealt with a variety of problems at the core of the social science: What is the role of economic forces in wars? Do conquests pay? What are the drivers of economic development? What are the drivers of regional integration? The work of Alan Milward can thus help us to tackle issues of interest across disciplinary boundaries. He was able to tackle such problems by studying the modern history of Europe from World War II, but also the Industrial Revolution in nineteenth-century Europe. Using mainly the methods of historians, his studies were based on archival material. He achieved accurate descriptions of economic realities in spite of the less developed means available in his time. Furthermore, he designed his historical research in a dialogue with political

theories, eager to use existing theories, but also to develop theories of his own, drawn from his understanding of history.

**Organizers:** Luc-André Brunet (HEC), Emmanuel Comte (RSCAS), Ricardo Estrada (ECO)

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### **Interrogating the Idea of Europe: Views From North Africa. Workshop 1: Circulation, Contact and Conflict from 16th-19th Century**

21 January 2016, 13:00-16:30 - Badia, Emeroteca

#### **Abstract**

From the sixteenth century, when Algiers was used by the Ottoman Empire to conduct warfare in the Western Mediterranean, North Africa has been at the heart of various attempts to define European identity. This workshop will explore how North African interactions with European powers can shed light on understandings of empire as well as nationality. Rather than taking for granted that North Africa served as an “Other” of Europe, these papers reconstitute the relationships and structures that fashioned a multi-layered conception of Mediterranean space. Some of the themes that will be discussed include: What strategies did North African actors use in asserting their influence among European powers? How did they understand religious difference as well as the construction of nationalities and empires in which they were to be (unevenly) included?

**Organizer:** Muriam Haleh Davis (HEC)

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### **Experiments on Ethical Decision-Making**

28 January 2016, 10:00-13:00 - Badia, MW Common Room

#### **Abstracts**

David Hugh-Jones: *Honesty and Beliefs about Honesty in 15 Countries*

The honesty of resident nationals of 15 countries was measured in two experiments: reporting a coin flip with a reward for “heads”, and an online quiz with the possibility of cheating. There are large differences in honesty across countries. Average honesty is positively correlated with per capita GDP: this is driven mostly by GDP differences arising before 1950, rather than by GDP growth since 1950, suggesting that the growth-honesty relationship was more important in earlier periods than today. A country’s average honesty correlates with the proportion of its population that is Protestant. The experiment also elicited participants’ expectations about different countries’ levels of honesty. Expectations were not correlated with reality. Instead they appear to be driven by cognitive biases, including self-projection.

Nastassia Leszczynski (with Lena Epp): *Fairness concerns and corrupt decisions: an experimental approach*

When analyzing economic behaviour, other-regarding preferences in general, and fairness in particular, are crucial elements of an individual’s choice. Corruption is often associated with unfairness and implies negative externalities for society as a whole. We investigate the impact of fairness concerns on corrupt behaviour. To this end, we conduct a context-free one-shot game based on a modification of the real effort slider task by Gill and Prowse

(2011), and competition for access to the real effort task. There are two types of players participating to the experiment: A and B. A-type players are randomly assigned to a poor/rich initial situation and have to carry out a real-effort task after acquiring sliders. B-type players have to distribute a limited amount of sliders to A-players. A-type players may bribe B-type players to get more sliders, and hence have the opportunity to increase their earnings with the real-effort task.

The research question focuses on the behaviour of B-type players in their attitude towards bribery attempts and voucher allocation to A-type players, i.e., do fairness concerns affect corrupt decision-making.

**Organizer:** Nan Zhang (SPS)

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**Feminist Thought and Socialism in Eastern Europe between 1945-1989: a Global Perspective** In cooperation with HEC and the CEU Pastis, Inc. Centre for Historical Studies Badia, MW Common Room, - 11-13 February 2016

**Abstract**

The main focus of the workshop is how feminist thought under state socialism in East Central Europe can be assessed from an intellectual, historical perspective. This workshop prepares a potential collaborative research project with the aim of showing through a collection of texts and their analysis how feminism as political thought or ideology is shaped and organised in the region in different historical eras, including that of state socialism. These texts can vary from political treatise, philosophy to literary works, even films and the visual arts, with the unavoidable and inherently necessary incorporation of the personal and the private. Women's political rights, the right to education, women's role in nation-building, women and war – and especially women and peace – are just as valid themes as the gendered division of labour, violence against women, the body and reproduction.

Organizers: Zsófia Lóránd (HEC), Molly Pucci (HEC), Julija Sardelić (SPS)

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**Challenging Injustice: The Ethics and Modalities of Political Engagement**

15 February 2016, 9:30-17:00 - Max Weber Common Room

**Abstract**

Political agents are subject to, participate in, and witness, severe injustice within their states and across borders. This workshop will explore the ethics and modalities of political engagement directed against injustice. The aim is to look beyond voting, elections and the formal avenues of redress to address oppositional forms of political engagement undertaken by citizens and non-citizen residents. In bringing together the tools and methods of political science, political theory and history, this workshop will explore how different approaches can inform and support one another in their analysis of the same questions and controversies.

**Organizers:** Simon Murray Stevens, Christine Louise Hobden, Cynthia Salloum, Guy Aitchison Cornish.

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## **Interrogating the Idea of Europe: Views from North Africa. Decolonization, Development, and European Integration**

Co-organized with the De Gasperi Centre - 24 february 2016, 13:30-17:00 - Sala Europa, Villa Schifanoia

### **Abstract**

This workshop will explore how economic development influenced the twin trajectories of European integration and decolonization in the postwar period. It focuses on North Africa as a prism for understanding the relationship between strategies to create a supranational structure in Europe, on the one hand, and attempts to socially and economically develop North Africa, on the other. Rather than studying colonial development and European reconstruction as separate phenomena, this workshop analyzes how modernization projects fashioned tools of expertise that were applied on both sides of the Mediterranean. At the same time, it interrogates the ways in which European integration informed the policies adopted by the newly independent nation-states in North Africa. By studying Europe and the Maghreb in a single analytical frame, the panel will shed light on the processes of decolonization and European integration as well as their role in shaping the subsequent Euro-Mediterranean partnership.

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**Organizer:** Muriam Haleh Davis (HEC)

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## **Global Leadership in Hard Times: Evidence from The Great Depression and the Great Recession**

3 March 2016, 9:00-18:00 - Badia, Emeroteca

### **Abstract**

It is often remarked that the Great Recession is the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression. It is also conventional wisdom that leaders' responses were very different this time around, precisely because policymakers knew the history of the 1930s. Yet, at the same time, the widespread opinion is that global leaders are floundering. How can these conclusions coexist? Have more sustainable solutions to global financial instability been found this time? What really conditioned the responses of central bankers and finance officials then and now? How can we best understand the position and power of leaders facing crises? This conference brings together leading scholars and practitioners to explore the important and contested contours and concepts of global leadership in periods of financial meltdown.

The conference will include two keynote talks: one by Professor Patricia Clavin, titled "Central Bankers' Subjectivities in the Inter-war Period" and one by Dr. David Wright titled "Are the Institutional Structures of the Global Financial Regulatory Bodies Fit For Purpose? What to Do?", complemented by presentations and discussions by researchers at the EUI. Professor Clavin is Fellow and Tutor in History and Professor of International History at Jesus College Oxford. She is author of *Securing the World Economy. The Reinvention of the League of Nations, 1920-1946* (OUP, 2013). She was awarded a British Academy Medal for the book in 2015. David Wright has been working at the coalface of global financial regulation for most of his professional life. Most recently, he has been located in Madrid as the Secretary General of the International Organization of Securities Commissions. Prior to that appointment, he was the Deputy Director-General for Securities and Financial Markets at the European Commission, where he was responsible for European financial markets regulation.

Whether you are a philosopher, lawyer, political scientist, sociologist or economist, we invite you to this workshop, which brings together scholars from a range of disciplines and practitioners to explore these crucial questions.

**Organizers:** Martina Bozzola (RSCAS). Anastasia Poulou (LAW), Jack Seddon (SPS)

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**Visualizing Data and Statistical Models** with Richard Traunmüller (University of Frankfurt)  
17 March 2016, 10:00-18:00 - Badia, Emeroteca

**Abstract**

Data visualization is one of the most powerful tools for detecting, understanding, and communicating patterns in quantitative data. In addition to the compelling presentation of statistical results, graphs can be used as analytic tools for various purposes and at various stages of the data analysis process.

Visual methods can act as informal precursors to more complex models in the initial model-building process. But they are also useful for evaluating model fit and checking model assumptions, for selecting the best possible model, or as a substitute or complement to statistical models. At the same time, good data visualization is surprisingly difficult and demands three quite different skills: substantive knowledge, statistical skills, and artistic sense.

The workshop is intended to introduce participants to the most important principles, useful methods, and new developments of data visualization in the social sciences.

**Organizers:** Paul Bauer (SPS), Maria Ines Berniell (ECO), Jonathan Chapman (ECO), Stefanie Reher (SPS)

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**The Changing Role of Sanctions: History and Current Practice**

14 April, 9:15-12:30 - Badia, MWP Common Room

**Abstract**

National governments and international organisations have come to rely increasingly heavily on economic sanctions as a tool of statecraft during the past three decades.

Indeed, many current international issues, including Russia's intervention in Ukraine, the war in Syria, and the Iranian nuclear programme, have been addressed in part through the use of economic sanctions, directed at states, non-governmental bodies, and individuals.

This workshop aims to bring together scholars and practitioners working in different fields – from law, political science, economics, and history – to address the role that sanctions have played as states and international organisations develop new strategies to combat current threats and respond to political crises.

**Organizers:** Sylvanus Afesorgbor (RSCAS), Jed Odermatt (LAW), Simon Stevens (HEC)

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**Beyond Freedom and Democracy. Ideals of Europe Seen from the Contentious Mediterranean (1980s-2010s)** 3rd workshop in the series: "Interrogating the Idea of Europe"  
Co-organized with the De Gasperi Centre  
27 April 2016, 15:00-18:00 - Badia, Emeroteca

### **Abstract**

This workshop is the third part of the series "Interrogating the Idea of Europe: Views from North Africa." It will explore the construction of political narratives regarding Europe on the Southern shore of the Mediterranean. By decentering the dominant perspective, the panel will provide a critical understanding of Europe as a space of cultural diversity and material opportunity. At the same time, it will also interrogate the role of the European Union after the Arab uprisings of 2010-2011, and try to understand the contradictions that characterize its action in favor of democracy and peace-making. Finally, this workshop will shed light on the transnational dynamics and strategies that shape the Euro-Mediterranean relationship, and show how the EU's normative claims have been produced, transferred, contested or reinterpreted with the active participation of the Southern neighborhood.

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Organizer: [Muriam Haleh Davis](#) (HEC)

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**Field and Lab Experiments in Climate Policy - Max Weber Programme Multidisciplinary Workshop in Collaboration with FSR Climate (RSCAS)**  
Tuesday, 10 May 2016, 14:00 -18:45 - Badia Fiesolana, Emeroteca

### **Abstract**

Climate change presents unique challenges to the social sciences. Reaching beyond the bounds of the natural sciences, climate change has profound implications for whole societies that necessitate interdisciplinary inquiry.

This workshop deals with the analysis of various behavioural issues in climate change policy. In Autumn 2015, two leading figures in the field of climate change economics and policy, Prof. Martin Weitzman and Lord Nicholas Stern delivered public lectures at the EUI. Both stressed the uniqueness and the unprecedented scale of the challenge posed by climate change to humanity. A challenge that calls for enhanced investment in innovative methods for social analysis. The tools and techniques of economics need to be complemented by methods adopted in political science, sociology and psychology to better understand human behaviour and decision-making processes.

Experimental methods have recently attracted a great deal of interest. Expectations for the evidence they may be able to uncover suggest that they may help inform more effective climate policy.

Last December, leaders from around the globe met in Paris for the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP21) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. COP21 is a long waited step towards tackling climate change. However, many voices raised the idea that such an agreement will pass into history as mere play to the gallery, because it is full of (nationally determined) good intentions and empty of real binding commitments. What are the prospects for effectively implementing such an agreement?

**Organizers:** Martina Bozzola (RSCAS), Maria Ines Berniell (ECO), Jordi Teixido (RSCAS), Jack Seddon (SPS).

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## **Data Privacy Advocacy: From Safe Harbour to the Privacy Shield A Round Table**

co-organized by the Max Weber Programme, the EUI Centre for Judicial Cooperation and the FIZ Karlsruhe-Leibniz Institute for Information Infrastructure  
13 May 2016, 14:00-18:00

### **Abstract**

Privacy advocates – the people and organisations that challenge the development of increasingly intrusive ways in which personal information is collected, processed and disseminated – have been behind many of the recent developments in the field of privacy and data protection regulation in the European Union and beyond.

After almost five years and nearly 4000 amendments, the new General Data Protection Regulation has been approved by the European Parliament. The judgments of the European Court of Justice (ECJ) in *Digital Rights Ireland*, *Google Spain* and *Schrems* have placed the EU rights to privacy and data protection centre stage. Additionally, the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) has recently taken a strong stance against unlimited government surveillance, for example in *Zakharov v Russia* and *Szabó and Vissy v Hungary*, while several surveillance complaints against the UK are currently pending before that court. The case law of these two European Courts also has transatlantic implications as the invalidation of the Safe Harbour decision of the European Commission showed. However, in the wake of recent negotiations on new bilateral agreements with the US (the Privacy Shield and the Umbrella Agreement), many are asking whether the fundamental rights claims in Europe remain merely rhetorical. Ultimately, how do all these cases, laws and bilateral agreements relate to one another?

Organizers: Guy Aitchison (SPS), Anna Beckers (LAW), Jed Odermatt (LAW), Bilyana Petkova (LAW)

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## **The Power of Narratives: Demarcating Belonging with New Approaches**

co-sponsored with the Global Governance Programme (RSCAS)  
16-17 May 2016 - Villa La Fonte, Conference Room

### **Abstract**

"Stories are wondrous things. They can also be dangerous" said Cherokee-Greek-American writer Thomas King in his renowned Massey Lectures 'The Truth about Stories: A Native Narrative'.

This workshop explores how narratives are constructed, contested, shaped, and reshaped; how some narratives become hegemonic while others are abandoned and eventually forgotten. Narratives can be especially decisive when they contribute to demarcating who belongs to a certain community and who is excluded from it. This workshop looks at case studies in Europe, North America and the Middle East and focuses on how new narratives of belonging transform and define the boundaries between those included and excluded. It explores to which extent new narratives are being used to reinforce old exclusions and whether new narratives are creating cleavages in societies that hitherto did not experience them.

New discourses appealing to gender equality and the rights of sexual minorities, as well as to the overall discourse on human rights, are increasingly being used, or rather misused, to

label and stigmatize certain marginalized minorities and migrants, such as those belonging to Muslim and Roma minorities. Concepts such as nativism and autochthony are increasingly being used to explain transformations in the contours of belonging in Europe and beyond.

The workshop starts with a critical analysis of how new xenophobic discourses addressing particularly Muslims, but also other migrants whether from within or outside the European Union. It continues with a focus on narratives mobilised to make sense of the refugee crisis in the former Yugoslav countries and in the Middle East. It concludes with a focus on the counter-hegemonic narratives of minority actors themselves and how they try to construct different narratives to make sense of the migration phenomenon.

The workshop includes papers on changing narratives of 'belonging' and how they re-define outsiders and recreate the community of 'We'.

Organizers: Aitana Guia (RSCAS) and Julija Sardelic (SPS)

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### **Still Exceptional? Nordic Countries Constitutional Tradition in the 21st Century**

16-17 May 2016 - Badia, MW Common Room

#### **Abstract**

An established wisdom in the field of comparative constitutional law is that Nordic constitutionalism has always been exceptional. According to this truism, this family of countries – consisting by most accounts of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden – has traditionally exhibited different properties than the other Western traditions of constitutional law.

In a nutshell, constitutional law and courts have been less central to the public life in these countries and the constitutional "language" was understood as more akin to a professional language than as part of the political discourse. Yet, recent developments both in the legal realm (such as the rise of influence of the CJEU and the ECtHR) and outside of it (the growing number of immigrants and refugees) are presenting new challenges to Nordic countries' place as an exceptional constitutional law tradition.

The conference aims to examine whether in reacting to these developments, Nordic constitutionalism has lost its exceptional character. If Nordic countries still maintain a unique tradition of constitutional law, the conference will aim to examine whether other countries facing similar challenges can learn from the Nordic exceptional tradition.

**Organizers:** Or Bassok (LAW), Ida Ilmatar Koivisto (LAW)

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### **The Rise of International Courts: Normative and Sociological Approaches**

17 May 2016, 8:45-18:00 - Badia, Theatre

#### **Abstract**

This multidisciplinary workshop examines the rise of international courts and tribunals (ICs) and the underlying international legal system from a normative and sociological standpoint. The workshop centers around the question of what makes, if anything, the ICs and the international legal system legitimate. Normative and sociological theory scholars offer different responses to this question, but hardly discuss it together. However, a number of



normative theorists interested in the legitimacy of ICs tend to assume that not all ICs can be assessed with the same overarching normative theory. The assumption alone, in the vein of the "turn to practice" in political theory, depends on both legal and sociological considerations. Therefore, normative theorists cannot roll over contextualization and may in fact benefit from sociological approaches for their own prescriptive endeavors. Conversely, sociological approaches to international law shed light on the specific and embedded rationalities at play in the work and around the ICs. As such, they are reluctant to idealizing their analysis of the ICs in the vein of political theory. However, pointing to internalized norms and various forms of conflict, power and domination in and around ICs itself presupposes a normative framework in virtue of which those patterns can be identified. Yet sociologists often resist making their normative framework explicit, whereas normative theorists make it their top priority. The workshop therefore aims at exploring how both disciplinary perspectives can mutually inform each other in assessing the same and rapidly evolving object of study. It welcomes both abstract and more applied papers on the role of ICs and the nature and structure of the international legal system.

**Organizers:** Guy Aitchison (MWF, SPS) Sabine Mair (Researcher, Law) Bilyana Petkova (MWF, Law) Alain Zysset (MWF, Law)

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### **Transformation of Europe, 25 years after - A Conversation between Prof. M. Wind, University of Copenhagen and President Joseph Weiler**

18 May 2016, 11:00-13:00 - Badia, Theatre

#### **Abstract**

In 1991, Joseph Weiler, then a Professor at Michigan Law School, published an article in Yale Law Journal titled "The Transformation of Europe." This Article became one of the cornerstones for discussions on the EU.

In 2011, twenty years after the article was published, several prominent scholars have gathered to assess the article's insights in view of the changes that have occurred since its publication. Their contributions are forthcoming in a book edited by Marlene Wind and Miguel Maduro. Twenty five years after the publication of the Article, the conversation between Wind and Weiler will focus on two main themes. First, we will discuss the Article's main contributions to current debates as well as examine which insights that it offered stood the test of time and which did not. Second, political scientists offered a somewhat different perspective on the transformation of Europe and through examining Wind's extensive work on the EU we will attempt to shed a different light on current debates.

Both speakers will also offer their insights as to what makes a scholarly contribution stand the test of time. The conversation will be moderated by Bruno de Witte and will be followed by a Q & A from the audience.

**Organizer:** Or Bassok (LAW)

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## The Forgotten Legal Realists: Alf Ross and Scandinavian Legal Realism

Co-organized with the Legal Theory Forum (LAW)

18 May 2016, 14:00-16:00 - Villa Schifanoia, Sala Triaria

### Abstract

Contrary to their American "cousins," Scandinavian legal realism has been relatively forgotten. Alf Ross's work – one of the leaders of this movement – is almost completely ignored.

In a typical class on jurisprudence, Ross's work is rarely discussed while American legal realism is usually very much at the centre of discussion. Yet, in recent years, a renewed interest in his work has risen. In view of this interest, a new translation of Ross's most famous book *On Law and Justice* is forthcoming as part of the Oxford University Press Series of legal classics.

Professor Jakob v. H. Holtermann, who wrote the analytical introduction to this new translation, will offer a workshop on Ross and Scandinavian legal realism and its relationship to American legal realism. Holtermann will also discuss his forthcoming article *Getting Real or Staying Positive: Legal Realism(s), Legal Positivism and the Prospects of Naturalism in Jurisprudence*.

**Organizers:** Or Bassok (MWF Law), Marcin Baranski (LAW Researcher)

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## Introduction to Text Analysis - Workshop organized by the Quantitative Methods Working Group

19 May 2016, 10:00-18:00 - Badia, Seminar Room 4

### Abstract

The popularity of text as data is increasing rapidly within the social sciences. "Scholars have long recognized this, but the massive costs of analyzing even moderately sized collections of texts have hindered their use in political science research" (Grimmer and Stewart 2013) and elsewhere in the social sciences. This situation has changed with increasing computing power and more capable computing tools. In the coming years, the relevance of text data will further increase as more and more human communication is recorded online.

This workshop provides an introduction to text analysis using R. We will cover methods to conduct quantitative analysis of textual and web data, with an emphasis on social media data, applied to the study of social science questions. The workshop is made up of three "modules", each consisting of an introduction to a topic followed by examples and applications using R. The first module will cover how to format and input source texts, how to prepare the data for analysis, and how to extract descriptive statistics. The second module will discuss automated classification of text sources into categories using dictionary methods and supervised learning. Finally, the third module will discuss unsupervised classification of text into categories using topic modeling.

This workshop will be led by Pablo Barberá. He is currently a Moore-Sloan Fellow at New York University and will join the University of Southern California as Assistant Professor in July. His primary research interests include social media and politics, quantitative political methodology, electoral behavior, and political representation. Pablo Barberá is the author of several R packages to collect and analyze social media data using R, regularly analyzes text for his research, and has taught a number of courses in this area.

**Organizers:** Paul Bauer (SPS), Maria Ines Berniell (ECO), Jonathan Chapman (ECO), Stefanie Reher (SPS)

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### **The Political Economy of Regulation**

20 May 2016, 9:00-18:00 - Badia, MW Common Room

#### **Abstract**

The global financial crisis has called into question the suitability of pre-crisis modes of financial regulation and raised broader concerns over the political considerations underlying government support for the financial system. The near collapse of a number of prominent international financial institutions, the economic downturn that followed, and the use of public funds to bail out bankrupt banks has prompted widespread demands for 'better' market regulation. New regimes of regulation for financial markets have been developed that seek to tackle systemic risk, to constrain financial excesses, and to ensure stability and ongoing profitability in global financial markets.

Yet the regulation of markets and of the economy more broadly is much more diverse, much more subtle, and much more complex than popular debate over post-crisis reform might suggest. In this workshop, we will examine some ideas and practices of market regulation, both historical and contemporary, from a number of different disciplinary perspectives. Regulation is considered in the broadest possible sense, encompassing an array of different forms of government activity including economic and monetary policy, institutional structures, the use of self-regulation in banks and hedge funds, and the design of legal regimes, national, international and transnational.

**Organizers:** Jonathan Chapman (SPS), Silvia Calo (RSCAS)

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### **Computational Social Sciences (CSS): New Frontiers of Collaboration?**

25 May 2016, 15:00-18:00 - MW Common Room

#### **Abstract**

How can we develop innovative and robust methodological frameworks in order to understand complex social phenomena? Recent developments in the field of computational social science (CSS) approaches substantially enlarge the existing methodological techniques for the establishment of causality and, consequently, for the better understanding of our social world. CSS approaches can help vastly expand the span of our research inquiries. There is a growing need to analyse the increasing number of digitally available text collections.

This workshop's aim is to bring together CSS experts and social scientists to improve the dialog between the two communities. Social scientists have questioned the applicability of CSS methods to explain social phenomena. It is important to make clear that CSS approaches do not comprise alternative methodologies. Rather they are complementary with the ones currently used in social science research. They aid researchers in the social science fields to improve and reinforce their methodological arsenal. This workshop's ambition is to inform social scientists about the new opportunities offered by CSS techniques, and CSS experts of the needs and challenges of social scientists. This dialog

can help the formation of robust methodological frameworks and the improvement of theoretical building.

**Organizers:** Guillemette Crouzet (HEC), Ioannis Galariotis (SPS), Olivia Nicol (SPS)

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### **Designing Legitimacy in International Organisations**

7 June 2016, 9:00-18:00 - Badia, MW Common Room

#### **Abstract**

This workshop aims to bring into conversation political science and legal perspectives on the design of legitimacy in international organizations.

Our point of departure is the observation that the literatures on the (rational) design of international institutions and on institutional legitimacy have much to offer each other but rarely interact directly. While the rational institutionalist research program has much to say about institutional design, it implicitly reduces legitimacy to institutional effectiveness and so forgoes interesting avenues of research opened up by the institutional legitimacy literature. Scholarship on legitimacy, in contrast, questions the relative importance of output (institutional effectiveness) vs. input or procedural fairness as sources of legitimacy.

However, the institutional legitimacy literature is ambivalent about how legitimacy can best be designed and whether, empirically, legitimacy is primarily a matter of input, throughput, or output factors.

Against this background, the workshop aims to explore, from different disciplinary perspectives, how insights from (rational) institutional design and institutional legitimacy can be combined to enhance our understanding of international organizations.

**Organizers:** Gisela Hirschmann (SPS), Tobias lenz (RSCAS), Ida Koivisto (LAW), Lora Viola, Jean Monnet fellow, EUI

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### **Foreigners, Frontiers and Legal Frameworks**

21 June, 9:00-17:30 - Badia, MW Common Room

#### **Abstract**

This multidisciplinary workshop project seeks to contribute to ongoing debates about frontiers, migration, and legal frameworks by bringing together expertise and research interests from across the Max Weber Programme and beyond. Given the current relevance of this theme, we aim to draw on historical, legal and social science approaches in order to stimulate a conversation across academic disciplines, which have often tended to consider these questions in isolation.

**Organizers:** Adele Carrai (LAW), Simon MacDonald (HEC), Cynthia Salloum (SPS), Peter Daniel Szygeti (LAW), Cecilia Tarruell (HEC)

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## Multidisciplinary Workshops Abstracts 2014-2015

### Poverty Research Workshop

5 December 2014, 9:15-17:00 - MWP Common Room

**Organizer:** Julia McClure (HEC MW Fellow)

**Abstract:**

The “Poverty Research Workshop” aims to establish an inter-disciplinary discussion on poverty research, the future directions and uses of a poverty research network, and ways in which academic practice can be linked to society today.

A number of speakers from a range of disciplines from inside and outside the EUI, and a roundtable discussing setting up a poverty research network focused on poverty and its many facets.

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### European Security: A Talk with Baroness Pauline Neville Jones

10 February 2015, 17:00-19:00 - Sala Europa, Villa Schifanoia

**Organizers:** Damien Gerard (LAW), Thomas Raineau (HEC), Garvan Walshe (SPS)

**Abstract:**

Baroness Neville Jones of Hutton Roof has been National Security Adviser to David Cameron, and Security Minister in Her Majesty’s Government.

Formerly Chairman of the UK’s Joint Intelligence Committee, Lady Neville Jones has also been Political Director at the Foreign Office and a governor of the BBC. She was Britain’s chief negotiator at the Dayton Accords which brought an end to the Bosnian War. Earlier in her career she was deputy chef de cabinet to Commissioner Christopher Tugendhat and served the Foreign Office in Singapore and Bonn.

She will deliver her address at a time when dangers to European security are particularly acute. In particular:

- The recent terrorist attacks in France have raised again the question of a more ambitious anti-terrorist policy at EU level.
  - Russia’s actions in Ukraine present the EU with a further set of serious security challenges.
  - Some European states, and the EU itself, are engaged militarily on different fronts beyond the EU, from Mali to ISIS.
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## **Diversities and Inequalities: Multiculturalism vs Interculturalism Debate**

11 February 2015, 16:00-19:00 - Badia, MWP Common Room

Organizer: Julija Sardelic (SPS)

### **Abstract:**

According to many scholars contemporary society is becoming increasingly diverse, especially in the age of global migration. People with different (often externally ascribed) identities, backgrounds and statuses are living in a common space co-creating the pluralistic society with their own experience as well as engagement. However, at the same time, many academics have argued that diversities are necessarily interrelated with certain societal hierarchies, which go hand-in-hand with the production of an individual's social inequalities. Throughout history as well as in the present, members of pluralistic societies have developed various measures to 'manage' their diversities and hence also address inequalities (even in cases where this produced even deeper exclusion of certain populations, such as migrants and minorities). The question of managing diversity and addressing inequalities is also currently in the spotlight because of the on-going economic crisis and, to certain extent, the decline of the welfare state as well as growing intolerance towards marginalized populations. This workshop will compare and critically evaluate two theoretical approaches (as well as their implementation in practice) that address these challenges: multiculturalism and interculturalism.

The keynote speaker will be Professor [Will Kymlicka](#) (Queens University at Kingston), who will present his view on the multiculturalism versus interculturalism debate. His presentation will be followed by a round table with Max Weber Fellows and open discussion.

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## **Law and War: An Uneasy Relationship**

12 March 2015, 11:00-13:00 - Sala del Capitolo

**Organizers:** Or Bassok (LAW Fellow), Pablo Kalmanovitz (LAW Fellow), Michal Onderco (SPS Fellow)

### **Abstract:**

- Are so-called killer robots – machines that can decide autonomously on the use of lethal force – inherently unlawful?
- Labeling states as "rogue" does not lead to change of their behavior. But what if there is a different point in such labeling?
- If combatants follow orders approved by military lawyers, can they still refuse to obey these orders if they find them manifestly unlawful?
- Are crimes against humanity an extension of war crimes or is it a distinct moral and legal category in the context of international criminal law?

These and other questions will be discussed in the "Law and War" workshop.

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## **Mapping Mutual Trust**

13 March 2015, 9:00-18:00 - MWP Common Room

**Organizers:** Megan Andrew (SPS Fellow), Franz L. Fillafer (HEC Fellow), Damien Gerard (LAW Fellow)

**Abstract:**

While mutual trust has been brought up with increased frequency in the European political/legal debate over recent years, the literature has repeatedly pointed to a lack of conceptualization of mutual trust as a significant lacuna.

That lacuna reflects a difficulty, that of circumscribing a notion that appears to defy easy categorization. As a result, discussions of mutual trust in the current EU context tend to refrain from defining trust and rather focus on its apparent manifestations.

The lack of conceptualization of mutual trust is problematic because it prevents a systematic discussion of the significance and limits of that notion, whereas the Union is keen to incorporate within its regulatory mechanisms a conclusive presumption of mutual trust between Member States and mutual trust has been hailed by the EU Court of Justice as nothing else than a “*raison d’être of the European Union*” (Case C-411/10, *N.S.*, para. 83). The workshop intends to engage in a process of “mapping mutual trust” in order to inform ultimately a possible rationalization of that notion in the current EU context.

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**Parliaments and Parliamentary Elections in Europe** - MWP-RSCAS joint conference  
Tuesday 24 March 2015, 9:00-18:00 - Villa La Fonte, Sala delle Conference

**Organized by:** Cristina Fasone (LAW Fellow), Diane Fromage (LAW Fellow), Zoe Lefkofridi (MW-JM Fellow and University of Salzburg)

**Abstract:**

How has the role of Parliaments - the European Parliament (EP) and the national parliaments- evolved since the beginning of the European integration process? What is the current state of the art in terms of functions performed and powers and of their democratic elections? In pursuit of these questions, this Joint MWP/RSCAS Conference brings together scholars from different disciplines – history, law, and political science.

Such an interdisciplinary reflection is particularly necessary now given the tensions to which Parliaments in Europe are currently subject: more and more complex decision-making processes between the European and the national level; increasing rule-making powers of the executives and administrations; the powers of national parliaments under the Treaty of Lisbon; the judicialization of politics; the populist challenge and the role of media; channels of direct and of participatory democracy; low voter turnout and political disaffection. Issues that will be addressed during the

**conference will be:**

- Parliamentary accountability and its crisis in Europe
- Democratic elections: making sense of the parliamentary mandate
- Parliamentary functions
- The inter-institutional balance in trouble
- Political constitutionalism in the EU
- Parliaments and the control of compliance with the principle of subsidiarity

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## Urban Politics, Migration, Diversity

Friday 24 April 2015, 9:30-17:30 - MWP Common Room

MPI-MMG, Göttingen – MWP, Florence - joint Multidisciplinary Researcher Workshop

### Abstract:

Cities are hubs in global migration patterns and arguable the place where the most mobile populations meet the least mobile ones.

This graduate workshop aims to bring together researchers who are working on issues linked to the city, migration or both.

The focus of the workshop will be on issues related to urban diversity. Understanding urban migration driven diversity calls for dynamic analysis of the issues involved. While some headway has been made with a recent diversity turn in the migration literature there is ample room to further our understanding of the migration-city nexus.

Particularly we face some conceptual and empirical hurdles in starting to think urban politics in more complex ways.

**Keynote speaker:** [Fran Tonkiss](#) (London School of Economics, Director of the Cities Programme)

**Organizer:** Fran Meissner (SPS)

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## Constitutions: How They Change and Evolve through Institutional Practice

8 May 2015, 14:00-16:00 - Seminar Room 2

### Abstract:

What role do Constitutions play in national and supranational polities? How do they evolve over time? This workshop aims to discuss issues like the legitimacy of constitutional amendments and their limits, the actors who drive constitutional change, the constitutional nature of conventions, the relationship between politics and Constitutions and the actual functioning of institutions despite formal rules, within a comparative and EU perspective.

Speakers: Richard Albert (Boston College Law School) and former MW Fellow Thomas Beukers (Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and EUI Law Department)

**Organizer:** Cristina Fasone (LAW)

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## The Politics of Law and Behavioural Sciences. Historical Contexts and Conceptual Sources

13 May 2015, 9:00-18:00 - Badia, Sala del Capitolo

### Abstract:



The aim of this workshop is to study the relationship between legal norms and the laws of nature. Intellectual historians, lawyers, legal historians, philosophers and political theorists will look at the historical and contemporary dimensions of this relationship.

Today 'behavioural regularities', mainly based on the 'discoveries' of the cognitive sciences, loom large in both policy- and lawmaking. They lend legitimacy to legislation and serve as a conceptual resource that permits governments to fine-tune their policing of society by adjusting it to citizens' ostensible behavioural patterns and routines.

The contributions to our workshop will retrieve the recurrent tropes, schemes, and modes employed in the modeling of the relationship between law and the study of nature since the early modern times. This historical reconstruction of the ties between legal norms and the laws of nature will enable us to view afresh the contemporary dilemmas caused by the reliance on cognitive and behavioral studies.

**Organizers:** MW Fellows Magdalena Malecka (LAW) and Franz Leander Fillafer (HEC)

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### **The Aesthetics of Academic Practice**

May 27th, 10:00 - 13:00 - MWP Common Room, Badia

#### **Abstract:**

In this workshop we will investigate the many ways in which aesthetics are important to us in our work and in the way we fashion ourselves as academics, both at the individual and institutional levels. The goal of the workshop is to use the idea of aesthetics as a means to question what it is we do in society as academics and academic institutions. We also want to historicize the aesthetic norms that have become entrenched in our practice and question their validity.

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**Organizer:** Meha Priyadarshini (HEC)

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### **The Future of Basic Income Research**

26-27 June 2015 - Badia Fiesolana

#### **Abstract:**

The past three decades have seen the elaboration of a vast body of literature on universal basic income – a policy proposal Philippe Van Parijs referred to as a “disarmingly simple idea”. It consists of a monthly cash allowance given to all citizens, regardless of personal desert and without means-test. Basic income studies are an example of successful interdisciplinary research, involving philosophers, political scientists, economists and sociologists, among many others. Basic income proponents have identified, evaluated and deconstructed many potential and actual objections against this radical proposal.

The one day conference on 26th June is the result of a competitive call for abstracts that yielded twenty-two new contributions to discuss the philosophical, economic and political aspects of the basic income proposals. By pulling together academics, activists and critics, we aim to identify what should be on the agenda for the future of Basic Income research. On 27th June the conference will be complemented by a workshop discussing the new book on basic income by Philippe Van Parijs and Yannick Vanderborght (under contract with

Harvard University Press).

The event is generously sponsored by a Young Scholar Event Grant of the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET), as well as by the Max Weber Programme at the EUI, The Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies and Prof. Rainer Bauböck (SPS), Prof. Arpad Abraham (ECO), Prof. Fabrizio Bernardi (SPS), Prof. Hans W. Micklitz (LAW) and Prof. Robert Hoekman (RSC).

**Organizers:** Juliana Bidadanure (SPS), Robert Lepenies (LAW)

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## Multidisciplinary Workshops Abstracts 2013-2014

The aim of the Multidisciplinary Research Workshops (MRW) is to enhance multidisciplinary understanding between the disciplines present in the programme through participative workshops showing either how some new advances in a particular discipline can be of interest to other social sciences of humanities, or how different disciplines contribute to a better understanding of relevant issue.

The workshops are organized by MWP in the 1st term and each Academic Practice Group will be responsible for one MRW during the 2nd and 3rd term. The sessions are based on input from an outside speaker, fellow or EUI faculty.

These normally two-hour sessions are open to the EUI community.

MRWs are hold on the 1st Wednesday of the month usually between 11.00-13.00, in the MWP Common Room, Badia Fiesolana

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### "Financial Stability in Europe"

30 April 2014, 10.00-13.00 - MWP Common Room, Badia Fiesolana

In the aftermath of the financial crisis, the European System of Financial Supervision (ESFS) was implemented as the institutional framework of European financial supervision trying to regain and ensure financial stability in achieving the common internal market.

The European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs), constituting the European Banking Authority (EBA), the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) and a European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) were given the authority to converge the different supervisory and regulatory approaches to financial institutions of the EU member states. The European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB) under the responsibility of the European Central Bank (ECB) complements the framework.

The framework was further developed with the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM) whereas the ECB assumes responsibility for specific supervisory and regulatory tasks for SIFIs in the EU to establish an integrated banking union with a "single rulebook in the form of capital requirements,...harmonised deposit protection schemes...and a single European recovery and resolution framework."

The transfer of member states' competence and discretion in supervising and regulating financial institutions to a European Authority could be problematic, not only in legal terms but also politically. The supervisory and regulatory activity of the EU in harmonising national laws and limiting fragmentation of financial markets could expose a further risk, deepening the Eurozone crisis even more in the case the new regulatory structure is not flexible enough to adapt and implement economic policy measures to the constantly changing environment.

The aim of this workshop would be to shed greater light on the likely consequences and possible disputes between member states that the new European regulatory and supervisory authorities could bring.

**Speakers include** Tim Thompson (Partner, Deloitte, UK), Prof. [Ignacio Tirado](#) (University of Madrid/Worldbank), Prof. Adrienne Heritier (EUI) and Prof. Youssef Cassis (EUI).

**Organizer:** LAW Academic Practice Group

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## All Multidisciplinary Research Workshops 2013-2014:

### "Methodologies of Norms, Norms of Methodologies"

**Organizers:** Gregorio Bettiza (SPS), Thomas Beukers (LAW), Jesper Rüdiger (ECO)

### "Income Tax: a Multidisciplinary Perspective on the Politics of Representation"

**Organizers:** Charles Brendon (MWF), Michael Donnelly (MWF), Simon Jackson (JMF)

### "Methods in the Social Sciences"

**Organizer:** Martin Dumav (ECO)

### "Wars, War Crimes, and Their Consequences"

**Organizers:** HEC Academic Practice Group. Contact: Ludivine Broch (HEC)

### "Lost in a Sea of White Male Faces': A Round Table on the Glass Ceiling in Academia"

Joint Workshop MWP, HEC Department, GRaSe Working Group, Law, RSCAS

### "Financial Stability in Europe"

**Organizer:** LAW Academic Practice Group, Contact: Annika Wolf

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## Multidisciplinary Workshops Abstracts 2012-2013

### "History and the Social Sciences: Still a Dialogue of the Deaf?"

29 May 2013, 11.00-13.00, Villa La Fonte, Conference Room

#### **Abstract:**

It has often been lamented that history and the social sciences have long parted ways into separate disciplines. So much so that Fernand Braudel once quipped that conversations between historians and social theorists had become akin to a 'dialogue of the deaf'. Braudel, however, was one among the growing number of scholars and intellectuals who over the past half-century have incessantly sought to bridge the growing gap between historical and

social scientific disciplines. This effort has led to the growth and expansion of, among others, fields of inquiry such as historical sociology, social science history and social history. Both research itself and professional associations bringing historians and social theorists together, have proliferated over the recent decades and their growth does not seem to abate.

The workshop asks whether Braudel's lament still stands today. Is there still a 'dialogue of the deaf' between history and social science? If genuine dialogue has increasingly taken place, what has been learned? Has it simply generated further specialized and isolated sub-disciplines, for instance those of 'historical sociology' and 'historical economics'? Or has it been more broad-based, and hence is it time do away with stereotypes that see historians as overwhelmingly concerned with the particular, change and narrative, while the social scientist with generalization, patterns, and theory?

In an effort to address some of these questions, the workshop brings together junior and senior scholars from across disciplines that have an interest in understanding the relationship between history and social sciences. Scholars will reflect upon the challenges and opportunities that they have encountered when drawing together epistemologies and research methodologies which are generally thought of as belonging either to history or to the social sciences.

**Speakers:** Professor Peter Mandler (Cambridge University, U.K.), [Professor Jacques Revel](#) (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales), Professor Donatella Della Porta (EUI), Dr. Philip Balsiger (MWF/SPS), Dr. Gregorio Bettiza (MWF/SPS), Dr. David Pretel (MWF/HEC)

**Organizers:** SPS Fellows, APG, Contacts: David Pretel and [Gregorio Bettiza](#), MWFs

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### "Contemporary Approaches to Studying Norms across Disciplines"

22 May 2013, 11.00-13.00, Villa La Fonte, Conference Room

#### **Abstract:**

Norms are generally understood to be ubiquitous in human societies. Scholarship in diverse fields such as law, economics, politics and sociology has consequently dedicated considerable attention to the meaning and function of norms in ordering various kinds of interactions. Yet these disciplines approach the subject matter very differently in both philosophical and methodological terms, and so there is perhaps less understanding between academic fields than is the case with other subjects.

With this in mind, during this Multidisciplinary Research Workshop two prominent scholars will address fundamental questions about, for example, the distinction between different types of norms, their emergence and the various explanations of compliance with norms. Cristina Bicchieri (University of Pennsylvania) will give a keynote speech about her theory of social norms and some of her more recent empirical work.

Giulia Andrighetto (Institute for Cognitive Sciences and Technologies, Rome) will analyse the role of punishment in the enforcement of norms, combining agent based models and experiments.

These presentations will be followed by a discussion in which Max Weber Fellows from different social science disciplines will link the presentations by the invited speakers to relevant work within their own field, encouraging a multidisciplinary debate.

[Programme \(pdf\)](#)

**Organizers:** Julia Cordero Coma and Thomas Beukers, MWFs

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## **"Multi-, cross-, inter- transdisciplinary research in disciplinary and disciplined universities"**

15 May 2013, 12.00-13.00, Villa La Fonte, Conference Room

### **Abstract:**

Our world does not come to us divided in natural, human and social aspects, with the special divided from micro level psychology via meso sociology-politology-economics to macro IR with the global level missing. All of the above combined. Health science being a good example, development, peace and environment studies being others. The contradiction indicated in the title has not been solved so that type of research tends to go outside, to think tanks etc., to the great loss of universities. Max Weber's "Wertfreiheit" plays a role here. The talk will cover some of the experiences of somebody dubbed the "father of peace studies".

**Speaker:** Johan Galtung

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## **"The Radical New World of Central Banking"**

6 February 2013, 11.00-13.00, Villa La Fonte, Conference Room

### **Abstract:**

The aim of this interdisciplinary workshop is to explore the shifting role of central banks in developed economies, and in particular the ways in which financial crises – both current and past – have affected their scope for independent policymaking.

Since 2007 the manner in which central banks interact with the wider economy has changed almost beyond recognition. The short-term nominal interest rate, previously the main monetary policy instrument, has been pushed to its effective floor of zero in a large number of developed countries, yet a satisfactory recovery in economic conditions has remained elusive. The result has been a growing willingness on the part of these institutions to experiment with alternative measures – in particular the large-scale purchase of privately-held debt from financial markets, known as 'Quantitative Easing'. At the same time the European Central Bank has played an active and pivotal role in managing the Eurozone sovereign debt crisis, through a combination of actual and promised interventions in markets for government securities.

These developments raise a number of important questions. Some relate to quite practical uncertainties: for instance, how much do we understand about the likely effects of the new policies? And how soon, if ever, might we return to the familiar landscape of the past?

Others are more normative: How much freedom should central banks have to innovate in this manner? Is there a case for greater democratic scrutiny of their decisions?

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**Organisers:** Charles Brendon (Eco), Thomas Beukers (Law) and Stefan Link (Hec)

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## **"Interrogating Interdisciplinarity"**

30 January 2013, 11.00-13.00, Villa La Fonte, Conference Room

### **Abstract:**

The goal of this multidisciplinary workshop is to encourage reflection upon the challenges of communication and collaboration across the disciplinary boundaries of the Max Weber Programme. The basic assumptions, foundations, methodologies, academic practices, forms of engagement, and final measures of achievement of each of our disciplines often diverge in ways that are impossible to ignore. In addition, as interdisciplinarity is currently in vogue, this workshop will address how we actually engage in such interdisciplinary scholarship and collaboration. What can we *really* learn from one another?

The first part of this workshop will address the important foundations and epistemological assumptions of each of our disciplines – Law, Social and Political Sciences, History and Civilization, and Economics.

The second part of the workshop will focus on one issue – labor – and explore the differing potential starting points and approaches each discipline make take to tackling this subject. Most importantly, this workshop will provide an opportunity for frank and open discussion among Max Weber fellows across disciplines about our different approaches.

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**Organizers:** Gabrielle Clark (LAW), Jean Beaman (SPS), Stefan Link (HEC), Konrad Lawson (HEC), Max Weber Fellows

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### "Identity and Citizenship in the new Arab World"

14 November 2012, 11.00-12.30, Villa La Fonte, Conference Room

#### **Abstract:**

The wide-scale protests that erupted in several Arab countries in 2011 and eventually led to regime change in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya have come to contradict the idea that the "Arab street" was apathetic. In those countries / like in Yemen, Bahrain and Syria / there have been attempts, sometimes marred with extreme violence, to reshape the relationship between the state and citizens.

Protest movements, elections, constitution-drafting are some of the means through which change has been taking place. In this process, tensions have often surfaced between a concept of citizenship that shall put the individual in the first place, and diverse identities (religious, ethnic, tribal and familial) that sometimes interfere / or even take precedence / in the expectedly direct relationship between the citizen and the state.

Through a few case studies and in a historical perspective, this workshop aims at discussing what has changed in Arab polities and what is at stake in process of change that is currently taking place.

**Organizers:** Virginie Collombier, MWF, & Oliver Roy, RSCAS

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### "Exiting the Euro Crisis?"

17 October, 11.00-13.00, Villa La Fonte, Conference room

*Joint workshop by the Max Weber Programme & Pierre Werner Chair of RSCAS - Keynote by Tom Cooley, NYU*

#### **Abstract:**

At the coming 18-19 October European Council meeting an interim report will be presented by the EU's "Four Presidents" (Herman Van Rompuy, Manuel Barroso, Mario Draghi and Jean-Claude Juncker) with a roadmap for the achievement of a genuine Economic and

Monetary Union. It will focus on the four earlier identified essential building blocks for the future of EMU: an integrated financial, budgetary and economic framework and strengthened democratic legitimacy and accountability. It is yet another step in the difficult political process to overcome the sovereign and banking debt crisis that has afflicted the Eurozone since 2009.

This multidisciplinary research workshop will discuss the political and policy consequences of the Eurozone crisis. It will examine both the short-term solutions that have been proposed to solve the crisis (ECB intervention in bond markets, new rules on fiscal discipline and the establishment of a permanent financial mechanism for distressed member-states) and proposals for a long-term fiscal federal union (e.g. a banking union and a central budget). The issues dealt with range from lessons to be learned from the US historical experience to the impact of austerity driven reforms in individual member states.

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**Organisers:** Ramon Marimon (Director MWP, EUI), Thomas Beukers, Aidan Regan and Charles Brendon (MWP Fellows, EUI)

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### **"Frontiers in Intellectual Property Law: Ethical, Legal & Economic Boundaries of IP Protection"**

10 October, 11.00-13.00, Villa La Fonte, Conference room

#### **Abstract:**

The workshop aims to discuss the ethical, legal and economic boundaries of IP protection and to expose conflicting views on the granting of property rights for inventions and innovation.

The first session of the workshop revolves around patentability, with a focus on the well-known *Brüstle* case as decided in October 2011 by the Court of Justice of the European Union (Case C-34/10 *Oliver Brüstle v Greenpeace e.V.*). In adopting a broad view on the notion of 'human embryo', the Court negated the patentability of a particular type of cells, developed in vitro from human embryonic stem cells and used for scientific research. The controversial judgment has been discussed both in academia and industry circles: it was argued that it has the potential of hampering the development of potentially life-saving medical treatment.

The second part of the workshop adopts an economic perspective on the interrelationship between IP protection and innovation. Particular emphasis will be put on weak IP rights, research spill-overs and the incentive to innovate. Building upon the *Brüstle* case, the session investigates the conditions for the desirability of exclusive IP rights for innovators, as opposed to weak rights allowing for some degree of imitation and ex-post competition. The conclusions will focus on the economic dimension of IP protection and innovation interrelationship. Ultimately, the workshop aims to discuss the far-reaching ethical, economic and societal implications of the design of IP protection.

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**Organizers:** Luana Joppert Swensson, Sofia Moratti, Andrea Wechsler, Yane Svetiev, Michael Rousakis & David Pretel, MWF

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## Multidisciplinary Workshops Abstracts 2011-2012

### Legislative Behaviour in the EU Parliament

30 May 2012, 11.15-12.45, Villa La Fonte, Conference Room

With [Gerard Roland](#), University of California, Berkely, Visiting Professor, EUI

Do procedural rules influence the behavior of legislators in the European Parliament? Do they affect voting outcomes? How does the observability (roll call votes) of the legislators' behavior affects party discipline? And accountability?

In this workshop, Professor Gerard Roland investigates some of these questions, and explores whether there is a selection bias in the Roll Call votes in the European Parliament. Katrin Huber, a former European Parliament insider, will discuss Professor Roland's paper from a practitioner's viewpoint, and Pedro Riera (researcher SPS) will comment on the paper's analysis. Statistical analysis of roll call votes has been increasingly used to analyze voting behavior in democratic legislatures.

[Programme \(pdf\)](#)

**Organizers:** Agustin Casas, Justin Valasek, and Tomás Rodríguez Barraquer, Max Weber Fellows

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### "The Evolution of Social Norms"

23 May 2012, 10.00-12.15, Villa La Fonte, Conference Room

with [Ken Binmore](#), ESRC Centre for Economic Learning and Social Evolution, University College London, and [Giulia Andrighetto](#), CNR, Rome

How are humans able to cooperate and how has their ability to do so evolved over time? There is a growing inter-disciplinary literature that attempts to understand the foundations of human cooperation and the ways in which these have been shaped by evolutionary processes. This workshop seeks to provide an introduction to this rich field of inter-disciplinary research by relying on lectures by two scholars that approach it from quite different angles.

Giulia Andrighetto is a philosopher working at the Institute of Cognitive Science and Technologies at the Italian National Research Council in Rome and was a Max Weber Fellow in 2010-2011. She specializes in the philosophy of mind, social and cognitive psychology and cultural evolution. Using agent based social simulations she has concentrated her research efforts on understanding how social norms and conventions work and on how they emerge. She will be talking to us on how actually talking about norms may lead us to be more compliant.

Kenneth Binmore Professor emeritus of the University of London is a mathematician and economist specialized in game theory and in experimental economics. Throughout his very prolific career Binmore has made seminal contributions to a variety of areas, including auction theory (he designed the UK's 3G telecommunications auctions), bargaining theory and political and moral philosophy. He is one of the founding members of the University College based interdisciplinary center ELSE (Centre for Economic Learning and Social Evolution). He will talk to us about the evolution of fairness norms.

[Programme \(pdf\)](#)



**Organizers:** ECO Academic Practice Group, Tomás Rodríguez Barraquer, Agustín Casas, Justin Valasek, Yane Svetiev, Max Weber Fellows

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### **“Changing Industrial Relations: Societal Responses to Market Expansion at Multiple Levels?”**

16 May 2012, 11.00-13.00, Villa La Fonte, Conference Room

Over recent decades, labour markets and their regulatory institutions in Europe have undergone profound changes.

This multidisciplinary workshop addresses the broad question of the relationship between the economy and society by looking at collective regulation of labour markets.

As we observe an intensification of political struggles accompanying the commodification and de-commodification of labour at various societal levels – supranational, transnational, national, and sectoral – the question of how society and trade unions respond to markets in terms of politics, legislation, and more or less formalized types of action becomes even more relevant.

The workshop invites scholars from the fields of law, political science, sociology, economics and history to discuss dynamic processes in industrial relations, which requires an analysis of the interrelations between different levels of regulation.

For instance, while it has been suggested that EU-level legislation poses a challenge to labour law and industrial relations at the national level, European integration has also been viewed as a potential source of de-commodification.

At the transnational level, unions and multinational companies can be identified as agents struggling for influence on the shaping of labour relations between different regulatory regimes and between the company and the broader sector.

In this context, transnational framework agreements not only solve local conflicts, but also have the potential to contribute to the development of international industrial relations at the company and sectoral levels

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**Organizers:** Birgit Apitzsch and Daniela Comandè, Max Weber Fellows

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### **"Strategies of Economic Aid and Development in the Arab World, from the Cold War to the Present"**

14 May 2012, 09.00-18.00, Villa La Fonte, Conference Room

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During the second half of the 20th century, economic aid and cooperation to development have been crucial in shaping international politics in the Arab countries of the Mediterranean. The Cold War was particularly important in promoting economic aid as a political and strategic tool to define relations between donor and recipient countries. It was not only used by the two superpowers and by European nations to define their position in the Arab world, but became a tool for North African and Middle-Eastern countries to pursue their own economic and political interests.

Since the end of the Cold War, international economic aid has continued to play an important role in shaping relations between Europe, North Africa and the Middle East.

The Conference of Madrid, the Barcelona Process as well as the European Neighborhood Policy and Union for the Mediterranean heavily banked on "aid to development" to define relations between the shores of the Mediterranean basin.

Yet, the MENA region has experienced increased political instability, economic ups and downs and vast unemployment, thus questioning the actual impact of economic and development aid to the region.

The recent development of the "Arab Spring" has shown both the inadequacy and the limits of international aid to development.

Concerns over migration issues, economic investments, international competition from Eastern Asia, and the political orientations of the new regimes have all played an important role in defining international economic aid.

This conference will examine the major changes that have occurred over the last sixty years in the economic development of North African and Middle Eastern countries, and the different impact and meanings assigned to international economic aid during and after the Cold War, in order to understand the long-term rationales of the policies adopted by Western states and by recipient countries.

**Organizers:** Elisabetta Bini, Max Weber Fellow, HEC, Virginie Collombier, Max Weber Fellow, SPS, Federico Romero, HEC, EUI, and Massimiliano Trentin, University of Padua

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### **"History on Trial: Bringing Former Nazis to Court in the Twenty First Century"**

7 May 2012, 09.30-17.00, Villa La Fonte, Conference Room

In May 2011 a German court in Munich convicted the retired American autoworker John Demjanjuk, aged 91, of 28,060 counts of accessory to murder for serving as a guard at the Sobibor death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland during 1942-1943.

It was the first time prosecutors were able to convict someone in a Holocaust-related case without direct evidence that the accused participated in a specific killing.

Based on this precedent, German prosecutors announced in early October 2011 that they had reopened hundreds of - until then - dormant investigations of former Nazi death camp guards (together with cases for other crimes), which may have been committed during the period of the Third Reich.

However, there is a need to consider whether a criminal prosecution of the former Nazis is the most appropriate way to deal with the past atrocities.

The colloquium aims at bringing together the issue of time, collective memory, criminal law and civil restitution proceedings in order to answer this question to the fullest.

[Programme \(pdf\)](#)

**Speakers:** Leora Bilsky, Tel Aviv University, Richard Golsan, Texas A&M University, Devin Pendas, Boston College, Giorgio Sacerdoti, Unviersita' Bocconi

**Organizers:** Daniel Lee, Max Weber Fellow and Marina Aksenova, Researcher, LAW Department

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### **"Rights, Regulation and Governance: The Path to Development?"**

4 April 2012, 11.00-13.00, Villa La Fonte, Conference Room

Should, can and do rights, regulation and governance serve development goals?  
What contribution should, can and do 'soft' or informal modes of norm creation and enforcement in the form of governance make to the attainment of development goals?

What implications does the governance approach have for the protection of fundamental rights as opposed to formalized regimes of strict rules, courts and judges?  
What role does the flexibility and problem-solving focus of the governance approach play in dealing with the constant conflicts that arise between rights and the resulting need to balance and adjust rights?

In the light of these questions, this workshop addresses in the context of the pursuit of development goals in both industrialised and developing states the concepts and relationships of rights, regulation and governance.

In particular, the workshop will focus on the importance of rights, regulation and governance in providing the conditions for development, and how rights can both advance and hinder development.

The presentations will be followed by general and open discussions.

[Programme \(pdf\)](#)

**Organizers:** Andrea Wechsler and Daniela Comande, Max Weber Fellows

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### "Unveiling Colonialism in the Republic"

14 March 2012, 09.00-15.00, Villa La Fonte, Conference Room

In France, the controversy surrounding the veil and the full veil is now entering its third decade. After Belgium, France became the second country to ban the wearing of the burqa in public spaces.

It is likely that this measure, which came into effect in August 2011, will be contested in European-level courts in the coming months and years. Other European countries such as The Netherlands and Germany are currently discussing, or have considered implementing, similar measures in the past.

The goal of this workshop is to examine the contemporary controversy around the veil from a historically-minded perspective. We think the disciplines of the Max Weber Programme provide a privileged lens through which to tackle a complex issue that brings together questions of religion, racial difference, partisan politics and immigration, allowing us to examine the intersection between historical legacies and the current controversy.

Thus the workshop will approach and illuminate the tensions and blindspots currently present in public discourse about the conflict between Republican values and Muslim religiosity.

While this debate partly reflects conflicts over the "nation's civil religion" and disagreement over collective values, it also reflects a history of colonialism that still resonates in the experience of post-WWII immigration, so far unacknowledged in discourses on secularism. Our interest is to probe into the capacity of the discourses of Republicanism - as currently deployed - to serve as an ideology of inclusion.

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**Speakers:** [Mayanthi Fernando](#), University of California, Santa Cruz, [Lela Hadj-Abdou](#), SPS, EUI, Daniel Lee, Max Weber Fellow, HEC, [Eléonore Lepinard](#), Université de Montréal & RSCAS, [Mathias Moschel](#), University Paris Ouest nanterre La Défense, Nadia Marzouki, Jean Monnet Fellow, SPS, EUI, [Carole Reynaud-Paligot](#), Centre d'histoire du XIXe siècle Paris 1-Paris 4, [Anne Simonin](#), CNRS, Inés Valdez, Max Weber Fellow, SPS

**Organizers:** Daniel Lee and Inés Valdez, Max Weber Fellows

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### **"2011, a year of Euro Crisis in Perspective"**

14 december 2011, 10.30-13.00, Villa La Fonte, Conference Room

The euro-zone's financial crisis dominated the headlines in 2011.

Initially a sovereign-debt crisis limited to certain euro-zone countries with growing budget deficits and high levels of sovereign debt, it gradually evolved into a general crisis of confidence in the entire euro-zone.

Euro-zone leaders are presently grappling with solutions to restore confidence in order to prevent the collapse of the European Monetary Union, but the possible solutions, from the European Financial Stability Facility to creating Euro-Bonds and a fiscal union are highly contentious.

Will the euro and Europe's monetary union survive? Following six presentations from economists and historians, we will try to tackle this question during an open discussion.

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**Speakers:** Josep Borrell, President of the European University Institute, Charles Wyplosz, the Graduate Institute, Geneva, Youssef Cassis, HEC Department and Robert Schuman Center, EUI, Nathan Marcus, Max Weber Fellow, EUI, Ramon Marimon, Director Max Weber Programme, EUI

**Organizers:** Ramon Marimon, Director Max Weber Programme, EUI, and Nathan Marcus, Max Weber Fellow, EUI

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### **"Protecting Intellectual Property Rights or Creativity?"**

9 November 2011, 12.00-14.00, Villa La Fonte, Conference Room with David Levine, ECO Department, EUI

"Intellectual property rights: what are they good for? Absolutely nothing?"

In a panel discussion with Professor David Levine, co-author of the influential book "Against Intellectual Monopoly" (Cambridge, 2008), this workshop will address the problems of today's intellectual property rights regime and what its future may hold. The discussion, modelled as a Parliamentary Select Committee hearing, is also part of the EUI's Global Governance Programme. Panel members from across the Max Weber Programme's four disciplines will question Professor Levine's justifications for reform. Particular attention will be given to the role of intellectual property in today's digital age.

**Organizers:** Chris Colvin and Andrea Wechsler, Max Weber Fellows

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### **"In the Aftermath of the Arab Spring"**

12 October 2011, 11.00-12.45, Villa La Fonte, Conference Room

The workshop will consist of a series of short presentations:

- Daniel Ritter, "The Divergent Paths of the Arab Spring: Nonviolent Revolutions or Civil War(s)?"
- Virginie Collombier, "After the revolution, how to build a new political order?"
- Georges Fahmi: "Religious actors and democratic transition in Egypt"
- Tina Freyburg: "An evaluation of the EU democratization support in the Arab world"
- Delphine Perrin: "The multifaceted impact of Arab Chaos on Migration routes and policies: current and expected shifts"
- Prof. Olivier Roy: Concluding remarks

The presentations will be followed by a general discussion animated by Prof. Roy and Virginie Collombier.