Max Weber Programme 2009–2010

Foreword

The 2009–2010 Max Weber Programme is coming to an end, Max Weber Fellows are exchanging farewells and new addresses, the offices of Villa La Fonte are being cleared out in the summer heat to be ready for the fifth cohort to arrive… a common feeling of a year passing fast while having to look far back into the past to recall 1 September 2009, when the fourth MWF cohort arrived, when name-tags were needed to announce names that have now have become part of Fellows’ lives, when everyone gave a short presentation of work done and to be done. Expectations for the year were high even if it was hard to tell then what the collective experience would bring. Now is the time to start telling and this report is just a first attempt, an abridged account of how much has been accomplished in less than a year. A fairly impressive account, but one that cannot do justice either to the individual experiences of 43 Max Weber Fellows (plus Visiting Fellows), or to their collective experience. It’s not just a question of space, of having to close the year’s narrative, it’s a question of time.

The Max Weber Programme is unique in many respects, but particularly in its main aim: to support and provide a formative experience to postdoctoral Fellows, in the social sciences and humanities, who at the beginning of their academic careers face many uncertainties and difficulties as well as the responsibility to enhance research and improve academia, wherever they go. It would require some time to tell how such high expectations have been fulfilled this year. I do hope some day, looking back at this year at the EUI, the Fellows now departing will be able to give a positive account of their experience.

I do not intend that they only talk about the beauty of Villa La Fonte, the interest in meeting Fellows from other disciplines and cultures, the support received in the job search process, the opportunities for improving their communication skills or their management of time, the research being produced, the lessons from being exposed to multidisciplinary research activities and discussing crisis in times of crisis, the conferences collectively organized by Fellows, the work within the departments, etc. These are accomplishments reflected in this report, which I think fully justify the public funding the Max Weber Programme receives. However, when research and higher education public funding in Europe is becoming tighter one must aim higher. Accordingly, I want them to talk about the Max Weber Fellowship as a learning experience for the pursuit of excellence, and of high ethical and professional standards, in their research and academic careers; as a learning experience in confronting and communicating relevant issues; as a learning experience in developing trust as individuals and colleagues. These are features that social science research and academia need for their advancement, these should be distinctive characteristics of former Max Weber Fellows.

Even if it is too soon to fully report on how much has been achieved in this fourth year of the Max Weber Programme, it is not too soon to acknowledge the work of all who have made it possible: the Max Weber Fellows and Visiting Fellows, the Max Weber Programme staff (including the English support team and, of course, Giovanni), the EUI faculty who have participated in the programme, the EUI staff who have provided support (including the departing and the new EUI President), the external collaborators (members of the ‘Fiesole Group’ et al.), external lecturers and workshop speakers, the organizers of the ‘teaching abroad’ programme, and DG Education and Culture of the European Commission who have provided the financial support for the programme. To all of them my thanks.

Professor Ramon Marimon
Director of the Max Weber Programme
July 2010
Max Weber Programme Activities 2009–2010

The activities of the Max Weber Programme are concentrated around two core themes: Academic Practice and Multidisciplinary Research. Over the four years of the Programme, the objectives of the activities have become more structured and focused. An important lesson has been that the practice skills are best learned when working with individuals and thus a strong focus on tutorials and individual feedback based on different needs is now a central part of the Programme. The research activities, on the other hand, demand a multidisciplinary focus and a strong participation level from as many Fellows as possible to reach their aim of enhancing and fostering multidisciplinary understanding.

Academic Practice Activities

Based on the experience gained in the first few years, the programme of the academic practice activities is organized into three Modules: 1. Job Market; 2. Publishing & Writing; and 3. Teaching. The modules overlap in time to allow for continuity and follow-up sessions on activities within the discipline groups (Academic Practice Groups) and the Academic Communication Skills support, offered within the programme throughout the academic year.

Job Market Module

The Max Weber Programme actively supports Fellows seeking an academic position. First, in addition to the workshops in which Fellows discuss and develop their CV, cover letter, biosketch and web page, they also share information and discuss job market strategies in their fields. Second, Fellows receive professional feedback on their presentation and interviewing skills. Mock-interviews are filmed and assessed by professionals and provide Fellows with the opportunity for further individual self-assessment on interview techniques.

The 2009-2010 MWP activities on the job market were:

- September presentations, filmed and followed up by individual feedback session by the EUI Language Service
- Departmental presentations by Fellows in seminars
- CV, Biosketch and Cover Letter workshops (with Mat Plews, Humboldt University)
- Advancing the personal Academic File with a draft Research Grant Proposal and a new Course syllabus outline
- Building personal websites - workshops and tutorials (with Jens Hofmeister)
- Mock interviews by EUI Faculty and Fellows, filmed, with direct feedback from EUI Faculty
- Professional Feedback on the mock interviews by the London Careers Group
- Engagement with Academic Careers Observatory activities
- Workshop “The Performing Professor” with Patricia Bower (NYU Stern Business School)
- Self organised job talks by the Fellows, with feedback from fellow Fellows and EUI Faculty
- Fellows’ June Conference: organization and ongoing research presentations
An increasingly vital part of the job market is self presentation on the internet. To assist the Fellows in presenting themselves and their research in the best possible way, the MWP offers all Fellows the opportunity to construct their own website. A special CMS-system has been set up which is very easy for the Fellows to use, and offers a space where they can upload their publications, their research agendas and their teaching experience and present themselves in a professional manner (http://www.mwpweb.eu/).

The MWP is also a platform for obtaining information about, and reflecting on, the current state of the academic job market. In particular, the Academic Careers Observatory offers a unique resource for researchers looking for a job in academia and, in general, for people interested in the international comparison of academic careers (see below).

The Max Weber Programme proves to be very successful in the placement of its Fellows in the academic job market: of the 43 Max Weber Fellows 2009–2010, only 3 are still on the job market, whereas 38 Fellows moved on to an academic position, and 2 fellows moved to other positions.

**Publishing and Writing Module**

The MWP considers writing and publishing a core element of academic advancement. Two sets of activities are carried out to support the Fellows in this area; the workshops organized by the Programme and the writing activities offered by the EUI Language Centre/FIESOLE Group. The activities are designed not only to assist non-native fellows in fine-tuning their English language skills but also to support the writing process for all members of the Programme and for them to excel in English academic writing. The activities are organized into three components: i) an academic writing course, offered in the First Term, and ii) individual tutorials and iii) disciplinary writers’ groups, the latter two continuing throughout the year.

The 2009–2010 activities on publishing and writing were:

- Workshop ‘Research and Grant application: how to write a research proposal’ (with EUI Faculty)
- Workshop ‘Publishing strategies, Refereeing Peers and Citation Indexes’ (with EUI faculty)
- Workshop ‘How to write a book proposal for top publishers’ (with Cambridge UP; Oxford UP) - Individual tutorials on Book proposals (with Richard Fisher, executive directory CUP)
- Research Grant Proposal (with written feedback from EUI Faculty)
- MWP Working Paper, to be published in Cadmus (with written feedback from EUI mentor)
- Taught module ‘Academic Writing in English’
- Writers’ Groups per Discipline
- Individual tutorials on written work: research proposal, working paper, book proposal, course syllabus, job talks, powerpoint presentations, etc.

The EUI Language Unit and the Max Weber Programme also offer the Fellows an extensive correction service. English language correction is offered to all Fellows for their publications and working papers. Several Fellows also use the correction service for their Power Point slides, CVs and cover letters.

As part of the programme requirements all fellows presented a Research Grant Proposal, using the format of the ERC starting grants, and produced at least one working paper to be submitted to an international journal or publisher. They received feedback from their mentor, or other EUI faculty members, regarding the content and from the MWP English correction service regarding the format.
Teaching Module

The Max Weber Programme aims to improve and develop standards of excellence in the teaching skills of the fellows.

Actual teaching by the Fellows is not a MWP requirement but taking into account that Fellows arrive with differing teaching experience, and that teaching methods differ across fields and university systems, the MWP offers different options for gaining practical teaching experience. This will support Fellows in their search for an academic position. It is the strategy of the Max Weber Programme to offer opportunities not only outside the EUI (where undergraduate teaching is possible) but also within the EUI.

Within the EUI, where mainly research-oriented seminars, masterclasses and workshops are ‘taught’, there is widespread opportunity to gain teaching experience at a high post-graduate level. Post-graduate teaching, tutoring and advising of PhD researchers, as well as co-organising of seminars and workshops, are activities very much appreciated by Max Weber Fellows. Fellows are also put in charge of organizing some of the summer schools for European MA students in the Social Sciences. The intended status of Max Weber Fellows as junior faculty is a core strategy of the Max Weber Programme. Departments hold Fellows Seminars on a regular basis. Considering the standards of excellence of the Max Weber Programme, and the highly selective appointment of its Fellows, a systematic collaboration between EUI Professors and the MWP post-doctoral Fellows promotes the European and global academic reputation of all Departments and the appeal of the EUI as a whole.

Local Universities: Over these four years, the MWP has expanded its network of collaboration with local universities and has established links with many of the Florence-based American campuses, and Italian Universities offering undergraduate or MA level courses. Among these are James Madison University, Gonzaga University, New York University at La Pietra, FIT/Poli- moda and IMT Lucca. Max Weber Fellows are offered teaching and/or lecturing opportunities at several of these universities. The MA in European Union Policy Studies of James Madison University in Florence, for example, guarantees priority in the selection process to Max Weber
Fellows with competences in line with James Madison University’s teaching needs. Courses can also be team-taught. Fellows are requested to use state-of-the-art, interactive teaching methods and are constantly monitored and supervised, in order to improve their performance. Grading methods and tutoring of papers as well as assessment skills are developed in conjunction with the academic coordinator. Fellows receive professional feedback on their performance and an overall written evaluation of their teaching skills by the end of each course (For an overview see: http://www.eui.eu/MaxWeberProgramme/TeachingLocalAmericanUniversities.shtml).

**Teaching Abroad:** In 2008, the Max Weber Programme set up a ‘teaching abroad’ programme with the London School of Economics in which Max Weber Fellows were offered the possibility of one week’s teaching experience. In May 2008 five fellows visited the LSE where they each gave a public lecture and a seminar and received professional feedback on their performance from Nick Byrne, Director, and Neil McLean, Professor, at the LSE Teaching and Learning Centre. In addition, the Fellows had meetings with LSE faculty members in their fields. Based on the success of this experience the Max Weber Programme continued the development of this exchange and in 2009 a selected group of sixteen fellows had the opportunity to go either to the LSE in London or to Humboldt University in Berlin, for intensive teaching training practice for a week. For the academic year 2009–2010 an agreement was made between the EUI-MWP and the University of Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, to set up a teaching exchange for a maximum of another eight Max Weber Fellows.

**On the UPF Exchange**

The UPF-MWP, Barcelona, teaching exchange took place in the last week of February 2010, and was set up in collaboration with Vice-Chancellor of UPF, Maria Morras, the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Mireia Trench, and coordinator of the MWP exchange at UPF, Pau Solà. All fellows taught a couple of sessions within the undergraduate courses and each gave a talk on a topic related to their research. They were also in contact with MA and PhD students and professors of the respective Faculties and Departments hosting their teaching. Three Fellows, in the end, went out to UPF.

**Some impressions of the Fellows on the UPF exchange**

**Ayse Idil Aybars (LAW)**

_The topics of both lectures were determined in advance together with the professors of the course, according to my research expertise, their interests and the relevance of the topic for the course. The exchange programme ended with a farewell lunch on 26 February, with the participation of the organisers of the programme from the Teaching and Learning Unit. Overall, participation in this programme was a good experience in terms of my career development and it provided an important opportunity to exchange views with UPF academics on the topics. The organisers of the programme at the UPF were very helpful and considerate, and it has been a productive week._

**Gonul Sengul (ECO)**

_... Everything was quite well organized. An Economics faculty member got in touch with me. I was given many options as to what I might teach. I was given a chance to meet with faculty members, the head of the department, and the dean of the faculty._

**Seda Unsar (SPS)**

_I really enjoyed the week at UPF. The faculty was very welcoming and it was a constructive experience for me overall. I think it would have been better to assign me to an MA or PhD level class (as Idil was) since the students, I was told, did not in fact know much English and it was their first year. So, I assigned a piece beforehand (as was suggested), and also distributed in class the most important points of the lecture for simultaneous follow up and simplified as much as possible. I also showed a short film (10 min) and a video of a 3–4 min talk in line with the general topic, which I think they did follow, and overall, my impression was that they still understood the lecture._
On the LSE Exchange

The exchange was set up by the Max Weber Programme and the LSE Teaching and Learning Centre. The Fellows all gave a public lecture and a seminar and received professional feedback on their performance from Nick Byrne, Director, and Neil McLean, Professor at the LSE Teaching and Learning Centre for Academic and Professional Development. In addition the Fellows had lunch meetings with LSE faculty members in their fields and had an exchange meeting with LSE Fellows at a similar stage in their academic careers. Seven Max Weber Fellows went out to the LSE from 8 to 11 March.

Some impressions of the Fellows on the LSE exchange

Gergo Baics (HEC)

The micro-teaching was also very useful. Neil McLean did an excellent job in preparing us for the teaching. It is quite remarkable how for any topic, he was capable of helping us turn out a feasible teaching plan. Nick Byrne was not only exceptionally professional in organizing and running the teaching exchange. He was also remarkably generous with his time, helpful in all ways possible, and simply made this visit a personally rewarding experience. I feel very lucky to have met and worked with him.

Gianluigi Fioriglio (LAW)

The whole experience at LSE was very useful not only to improve my teaching and presentation skills, but also to see another leading institution from the inside.

Laura Hering (ECO)

I particularly enjoyed the public lectures given by the other Fellows. They all did a very good job explaining their research in 45 minutes to a mixed audience. Even if not from the same field, you learn about a specific topic and discussions between Fellows about the subject continued afterwards.

Yang Lu (ECO)

I enjoyed the week at LSE a lot and Nick had really done an excellent job in hosting us. The activities were well organized so everything got done in a professional way. On the other hand, there was still free time for us to work on our own and meet professors in the department. I was impressed by the nice balance between the efficiency and flexibility.

Antonio Miralles (ECO)

Overall, the teaching training provides useful information. A most valuable idea Fellows learned is that students’ minds have to be boosted at the very beginning of the lecture. One way to do so is to propose an early exercise followed by discussion… About the organization of the whole visit to LSE, I believe it was outstanding. The organization took good care of the Fellows, and it publicized them by all means available.

Claudius Torp (HEC)

The teaching exchange with the London School of Economics provides an excellent insight into the high-profile academic education there. To have been part of it, if only for a week, was a highly rewarding experience. Even for someone coming from as diverse a place as the EUI is, the LSE’s vibrant and heterogeneous scholarly environment was most striking.

Pablo Vazquez-Gestal (HEC)

The training was not only very useful, but clearly and cleverly explained by Neil McLean. He taught us how to be more efficient when teaching undergraduate students, and how to use information in order to communicate knowledge. In my case, it has been a great micro-lesson and a very wonderful micro-training. The feedback session was direct, simple and very clear. I really liked it, being very useful in improving our teaching skills and methods of presentation.
On the Humboldt Exchange

Five Max Weber Fellows went to Humboldt University for a 10 day teaching practice visit, which was set up by agreement between the Max Weber Programme and the English Department of the Language Centre. It took place from 27 May to 3 June.

According to the agreement between Humboldt and the Max Weber Programme the Fellows:
• Attended a three-hour workshop on small group teaching on 13 January, held by Neil McLean (LSE) at Villa la Fonte and were supported by the language teachers involved in the Programme,
• Observed the group to be taught by them during a 90-minute class (English for Specific Purposes, English for Academic Purposes)
• Had the opportunity to discuss their tutorial plans with the teacher of this group prior to the teaching
• Taught a tutorial/seminar to groups of undergraduate students
• Held a lecture in a variety of academic settings in the departments of their respective fields
• Were given feedback on both occasions according to the criteria made clear to them earlier
• Attended a round-up session evaluating the running of the Programme in detail with a view to improving it
• Obtained support from the technical department of the Language Centre whenever needed

Some impressions of Fellows on the Humboldt Exchange

Elaine Fahey (LAW)
I very much enjoyed my Teaching Exchange week at Humboldt University. It was a most rewarding and interesting experience. The Language Centre staff, who hosted the MWFs, were extremely helpful and provided continuous support for the MW fellows. The public lecture that I gave was well-attended. It was to a Graduate Colloquium, which was a most invaluable experience.

Alexia Katsanidou (SPS)
The feedback was extremely helpful, as it pointed out not only my strengths but also weaknesses that I had never considered. The lecture was very well organized thanks to the good collaboration between the language centre and the political science department. There was a high turnout, but for that I blame mainly my 'hot potato' topic on Greece.

Richard Kirwan (HEC)
Overall the exchange was a positive and beneficial experience. Drawbacks seemed to relate primarily to structural problems within the university and communication issues between the language centre and the academic departments.

Sara Konoe (SPS)
For my lecture, I received a positive response from Prof. Kreile, and a positive feeling from students through question and answer sessions. Since students came both from Political Science and Economics, they understood the relevance of the subject and already had prior knowledge of the concepts and various aspects of the topic. This resulted in fruitful academic discussion and I hope that my lecture gave some useful perspectives for the following IPE course sessions.

Autumn Lockwood Payton (SPS)
I taught in the seminar of Mat Plews who was very helpful in answering my questions about his students beforehand and recommending ways to gear my teaching plan towards his students. Moreover, his feedback after the teaching experience was very detailed and helpful for improving my technique. He even sent me an email in the following week in which he had solicited feedback from his students and typed some general comments from his students.
Academic Practice Groups

The discipline-bound academic practice groups were initiated in the second year of the Max Weber Programme. The Practice Groups complement the Practice Workshops and serve as follow-up or preparatory sessions for the existing workshops. Additional topics and themes are also discussed in the groups. The Practice Groups allow for more discussion and in-depth exchange of ideas and experience within the disciplines. It is the Fellows’ experience that the groups help establish very close working and personal ties.

Some of the topics discussed within the Academic Practice Groups 2009–2010 and as a collective were:

- Comparing different PhD experiences.
- Assessing the effectiveness of different graduate programmes or models.
- Publishing and refereeing:
  a) improving our understanding: main journals (publishers) in your field/discipline;
  b) effective use of citation indexes;
  c) strengths and weaknesses of current peer-review practices & the ethics of peer-reviewing;
  d) designing your publishing and refereeing strategy;
  e) writing a book proposal, etc.
- Developing new course curricula. Best experiences or practices in teaching.
- Ethical issues on sharing knowledge and ideas: being a mentor, and copyrights.
- Making a research proposal and strategies for getting funding.
- Communicating with a wider audience; writing for a popular audience.
- Contributing to the development of academia, within your university, your professional association and networks.

ECO Fellows Practice Group

The representative and coordinator of the MW ECO Fellows 2009–2010 was Gonul Sengul. The ECO group played a key role in the organization and development of the Macro Reading Group which also gathered EUI PhD researchers and faculty working in the area and ran almost weekly throughout the academic year. The ECO Max Weber Fellows participated very actively in the research activities of the Economics Department; in particular, they acted as discussants in the different student forums that are an integral part of the ECO PhD programme. They also helped to organize the MWP Conferences on the Financial and Economic Crisis and Inequality.

HEC Fellows Practice Group

The representative and coordinator of the HEC Fellows 2009–2010 was Claudia Gazzini. The History Fellows enjoyed the collaborative and interdisciplinary environment of the Max Weber Programme. Prior to their arrival at Villa La Fonte, most historians had had little exposure to interdisciplinary research and, as a result, they initially found the intellectual aims of the programme somewhat challenging. For many it was difficult to see how they could adopt multidisciplinary approaches to their own field of research or even understand how research methods and questions that were common in other disciplines could be relevant to their own field. How can game theory be relevant to somebody working on 18th-century Italian aristocracy? was the type of skeptical question that some of the historians rarely voiced but often reflected upon.
Over the year, however, and thanks to multidisciplinary research workshops, informal conversations with Fellows and the Max Weber Lectures (MWL), most historians gradually managed to broaden their appreciation of the rich potential that interdisciplinary approaches can offer and became active contributors to multidisciplinary research workshops, including the ones on Inequality and Judges and Historians, and some have also gone on to actively engage in multidisciplinary activities with other Fellows.

The HEC group benefitted tremendously from the academic training resources—be it the mock interviews, the language editing resources, the syllabus workshop—that were available and that helped in the job application process.

The HEC group organized the following Multidisciplinary Research Workshop:
- Carlo Ginzburg (Scuola Normale di Pisa) and Iris Agmon (Ben Gurion University), 'Judges and Historians: a Comparative Perspective', on 3 February 2010.

**LAW Fellows Practice Group**

The representative and coordinator of the LAW Fellows 2009–2010 was Jernej Letnar Černič, who also was the general MW Fellows’ representative to the MWP Steering Committee. The Law Fellows co-organised the workshops on human rights and war and the academic practice workshops on ethics in academia and on the future of the EU institutions. Additionally, they organised the conference in honour of Sir Neil MacCormick and co-organised the conference on Inequality. MW Law Fellows also gave seminar presentations and co-taught courses in the EUI Law Department. Two of the MW Law Fellows 2009–2010 have also taught courses at James Madison University and New York University in Florence.

The LAW Group co-organized with the SPS Group the following Multidisciplinary Research Workshops:
- Eric Weitz (University of Minnesota) and Martin Scheinin (European University Institute), 'Between Inclusion and Exclusion: The End(s) of Human Rights', on 10 March 2010.

**SPS Fellows Practice Group**

The representative and coordinator of the SPS Fellows 2009–2010 was Alexia Katsanidou. The SPS group has found the Max Weber Programme to be a very fruitful experience. The environment within the program has helped all of us to widen our research horizons, be part of a rigorous and exciting academic community, produce good quality research and expand our networks. Our mentors were all very engaged with our work. We also created informal connections with other members of faculty, other Fellows and researchers. The community of MW Fellows was supported by all the staff of the Programme and flourished mainly because of the excellent environment in the Villa and the informal conversations among the Fellows.

The SPS group organized the monthly interdisciplinary series of the Inequallity Reading Group which served as a preparation for the Inequality Conference and co-organized with the LAW Group the following Multidisciplinary Research Workshops:
- Eric Weitz (University of Minnesota) and Martin Scheinin (European University Institute), 'Between Inclusion and Exclusion: The End(s) of Human Rights', on 10 March 2010.
Interlinked with the Academic Practice discussions was the MWP initiative for 2009–2010.

“Q&As beyond research with...”

The idea of this new series was to take advantage of the academic, social or political experience of some of the people who participated in the Max Weber Programme—EUI members or visitors—to have an informal discussion with Max Weber Fellows and other members of the EUI community.

The following Q&As took place in Villa la Fonte:

- Thomas F. Cooley, Dean at the New York University Stern School of Business “Business Education and Social Sciences and Humanities: Current trends and personal experiences.” Interviewer and debate leader: Guido Ruta, MWFellow, on 20 October 2010
- Yves Mény, President, EU "The role of the EUI in Higher Education in Europe: over 30 years of institutional history, over 20 years of personal experience.” Interviewer and debate leader: Miriam Ronzoni, Visiting Fellow MWP, on 24 November 2009
- Josep Borrell, President, EUI & Miguel Maduro, LAW Department. “The Future of European Institutions”. Interviewer and debate leader: Elaine Fahey, MWFellow, on 3 March 2010

Multidisciplinary Research Activities

In addition to the academic practice activities, a second set of activities is a core part of the Programme. The Multidisciplinary Research activities are designed to improve the Max Weber Fellows’ understanding of the four disciplines, with the aim of enhancing interdisciplinarity and fostering a greater understanding of research and research careers in the Social Sciences, both in Europe and the United States.

Max Weber Lectures

The monthly Max Weber Lectures are delivered by distinguished scholars representing the four disciplines of the Programme (Economics, History, Law and Political and Social Sciences). The Programme aims to invite scholars with a special interdisciplinary focus that will be of broad academic interest to all members of the academic community both within and beyond the EUI. The lectures always take place at 5 pm and are followed by a cocktail.

Philippe C. Schmitter

Professorial Fellow and Professor Emeritus at the European University Institute. He was awarded the Johan Skytte Prize in Political Science in 2009 for his path-breaking work on the role of corporatism in modern democracies and for his stimulating and innovative analysis of democratization. Philippe C. Schmitter is a true comparativist who for many decades has contributed to Political Science and its progress.

Professor Schmitter’s lecture took place at Villa la Fonte on 23 September 2009 and was titled: ‘Micro-Foundations for the Science(s) of Politics’.
Thomas F. Cooley
The Richard R. West Dean and the Paganelli-Bull Professor of Economics at the New York University Stern School of Business. Professor Cooley is a widely published scholar in the areas of macroeconomic theory, monetary theory and policy and the financial behaviour of firms, and is recognized as a national leader in both macroeconomic theory and business education.

Professor Cooley’s lecture took place at Villa la Fonte on 21 October 2009 and was titled: ‘The Spirit of Capitalism: The Role of Executive Compensation in the Financial Crisis’.

Mireille Delmas-Marty
Professor of Law at the College de France, Paris, is one of the great thinkers of our time on issues concerning law and society. She has written and edited many significant publications, including European Criminal Procedures (2002).

Professor Delmas-Marty’s lecture took place at Villa la Fonte on 18 November 2009 and was titled: ‘Ordering Pluralism. In the Land of Orderly Clouds’.

Mary Beard
Professor of Classics at the University of Cambridge and a Fellow of Newnham College. She is the Classics editor of the Times Literary Supplement, and author of the blog ‘A Don’s Life’, which appears in the Times Online as a regular column. Her frequent media appearances and sometimes controversial public statements have led to her being described as ‘Britain’s best-known classicist’.

Professor Beard’s lecture took place at Villa la Fonte on 16 December 2009 and was titled: ‘Simulacra and re-enactments: the experience of Pompeii in the 19th century’.

Charles Richard Bean
Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, gave a special pre-lunch Max Weber Lecture, organized in collaboration with the Pierre Wrener Chair (RSCAS, EUI).

Charles Richard Bean’s lecture took place on 20 January 2010 and was titled: ‘The Great Moderation, the Great Panic and the Great Contraction’.

Harold James
Professor of History at Princeton University, Professor of International Affairs at the University’s Woodrow Wilson School and Marie Curie Professor at the EUI. He is a renowned historian, specializing in the history of Germany and European economic history. He is a prolific author, having published dozens of books and articles in his field.

Professor James’s lecture took place at Villa la Fonte on 20 January 2010 and was titled: ‘The Financial Crisis: Can history help us understand the future?’

Knud Haakonsen
Professor of Intellectual History at the University of Sussex. His main research interests are in the history of rights in the early modern period and in the relationship between the Enlightenment and religion. He is currently co-directing a project on ‘The dissenting Academies in the British Isles, 1660–1860’.

Professor Haakonsen’s lecture took place at Villa la Fonte on 17 February 2010 and was titled: ‘Natural Law and Social Sciences: some historical considerations’.

Alan Schwartz
Sterling Professor at Yale University. His appointments are in the Yale Law School and the Yale School of Management. Professor Schwartz’s academic specialties include corporate finance and corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, bankruptcy, contracts and commercial transactions.

Professor Schwartz’s lecture took place at Villa la Fonte on 17 March 2010 and was titled: ‘Is a Contract Law necessary?’
Jon Elster
Robert K. Merton Professor of Social Sciences with appointments in Political Science and Philosophy at Columbia University and professeur attaché at the Collège de France. Much of Elster's writing is characterized by attempts to use analytical theories, especially rational choice theory, as a springboard for philosophical and ethical analysis, with numerous examples from literature and history.

Professor Elster's lecture took place at Villa la Fonte on 21 April 2010 and was titled: 'Justice, Truth, Peace'.

Jeremy Waldron
Professor of Law and Philosophy at the New York University School of Law and currently Fowler-Hamilton Visiting Fellow at Christ Church, Oxford. Waldron is a liberal in both the general and American senses of the word. He has written extensively on the analysis and justification of private property, the political and legal philosophy of John Locke, and is an outspoken opponent of the American practice of judicial review, which he believes to be in tension with democratic principles.

Professor Waldron's lecture took place at Villa la Fonte on 19 May 2010 and was titled: 'Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities'.

Ernst Fehr
Director of the Institute for Empirical Research in Economics at the University of Zürich, Switzerland. Fehr's research covers the areas of the evolution of human cooperation and sociality, in particular fairness, reciprocity and bounded rationality. He is also well-known for his important contributions to the new field of neuroeconomics, as well as to behavioral finance and experimental economics. According to the Handelsblatt, Fehr is one of the top three most influential German economists.

Professor Fehr's lecture took place at Villa la Fonte on 10 June 2010 and was titled: 'The Lure of Authority'.

All lectures are eventually published in the Max Weber Lecture Series and are available as pdf files from the EUI publications database CADMUS: http://cadmus.eui.eu/dspace/index.jsp.

The Max Weber lectures are now also filmed and to be viewed on: http://www.youtube.com/MaxWeberProgramme.
Multidisciplinary Research Workshops

The Multidisciplinary Research Workshops are based on input from an invited outside speaker, Fellow or EUI faculty member. They are organized by the MWP following up on suggestions from Fellows, other recommendations, and the Max Weber Fellows themselves. The aim is to enhance multidisciplinary understanding among the disciplines of the Programme.

The Multidisciplinary Research Workshops 2009-2010 were:

- Jonathan Nelson (Syracuse University) ’Lorenzo The Magnificent as Art Patron: a Costs-Benefits Analysis’, 7 October 2009
- Carlo Ginzburg (Scuola Normale di Pisa) and Iris Agmon (Ben Gurion University) ’Judges and Historians: a Comparative Perspective’, 3 February 2010. Organized by the HEC Max Weber Fellows
- John Padgett (University of Chicago) and Federico Varese (University of Oxford), Social Networks: ’Economic Credit in Renaissance Florence’ & ’On Criminal networks’, 3 March 2010
- Eric Weitz (University of Minnesota) and Martin Scheinin (EUI) ’Between Inclusion and Exclusion: The End(s) of Human Rights’, 10 March 2010. Organized by Giunia Gatta, Ayça Çubukçu and Autumn Lockwood Payton, Max Weber Fellows
- Sidney Tarrow (Cornell University) ’Polanyi in Brussels’ - the European Court of Justice’s rulings on free movement of labour and its implications for social regulation’, 14 April 2010
- Jack A. Goldstone (George Mason University) ’Democracy and Development: New Insights from Graphic Analysis’, 12 May 2010

Max Weber Conferences

The Max Weber Programme holds at least three major conferences over the academic year. Thanks to the enhancement of discussions between Fellows on our intranet Moodle-platform, the Fellows’ initiatives in organizing conferences on interdisciplinary research topics of mutual interest grew in 2009–2010.

In 2009–2010 the Max Weber Programme organised the following conferences.

Openness and Competition in European Research Funding: Grants for International Researchers
11 November 2009, MWP, EUI

In November 2009, the Academic Careers Observatory (ACO) of the Max Weber Post-Doctoral Programme (MWP) of the European University Institute organized the 4th MWP-ACO conference on ‘Openness and Competition in European Research Funding: Grants for International Researchers’. The overall analytical framework built upon the 2008 ACO report, which identified four varieties of academic systems in the EU. Academics, practitioners and representatives of funding agencies discussed theoretical and practical issues relating to EU
and national research systems and programmes. Post-doctoral Max Weber Fellows commented on speakers’ contributions. The first session concerned the development of the European Research Area (ERA); the second introduced national research systems, belonging to the four academic models; the final round table discussion provided information on grants and fellowships. Opportunities for young researchers in the Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) were emphasised. Different questions emerged from the conference. The need was highlighted for an ‘open, integrated, and competitive European Research Area’ and, within it, improved coordination and better distribution of tasks between the EU and Member States’ research policies and funding programmes. In this perspective, some reforms are needed. On the one hand, notwithstanding the competitiveness and quality of programmes such as ‘Ideas and People’ as shown in this report, there is room for improving their financial regulation and the way they meet the specific research and funding needs of SSH. Besides, these and other EU programmes—including Structural Funds—should respond better to the special needs of ‘weak’ regions and Central and Eastern European countries in terms of funding and the creation of international centres of excellence. On the other hand, Member States themselves should pursue reforms of their national research policies, implementing best practices in the field. This implies committing adequate financial resources, not least as a way of re-launching the economy during the economic crisis. The investment in research of the Obama Administration through the stimulus package shows that the US has learnt the lesson. Conversely, the resistance by many Member States to meet the goal of 3% of GDP investment in research and development (R&D) shows that Europe may become less attractive in the future. And yet, being competitive in research is not just a matter of money but also of the efficiency with which it is allocated. The latter implies: injecting merit-based standards in the selection of projects, guaranteeing the continuity and international openness of programmes, and targeting different career stages. Speakers showed that ‘good practices’ are circulating among many Member States, including some with a Continental tradition: the implementation of on-line application systems, the use of English in the process, and the portability of grants. Other States appear, unfortunately, wanting. Finally, the conference highlighted the attention paid by EU and national agencies to post-doctoral and starting grants. In the US, funds in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the National Science Foundation resulted in supporting more post-doctoral researchers than before. Spending three years on post-doctoral research before gaining an academic position has become common. This has pros and cons: researchers are getting more money in a period of crisis, but the period of insecurity is prolonged.

Speakers were: Ramon Marimon, Director of the Max Weber Programme; Luc Soete, United Nations University (UNU-MERIT); Alejandro Martin Hobdey, European Research Council (ERC); Marianne Paasi, European Commission, EUI Fellow; Tullio Jappelli, University ‘Federico II’ of Naples; Rachel Tyrrell, Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC); Frank P. Scioli, National Science Foundation (NSF); Diane Roman, French National Research Agency (ANR); Annette Schmidtmann, German Research Foundation (DFG); Cecilia Cabello Valdés, Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT); Erika Szendrak, Informal Group of RTD Liaison Offices (IGLO); Eili Ervelä-Myrēen, Academy of Finland.

Understanding the Dynamics of Migration: Family, Generations and Inequalities
11–12 March 2010, MWP, EUI

The conference Understanding the Dynamics of Migration: Family, Generations and Inequality held on 11–12 March 2010 at Villa Fonte was co-organised by the Max Weber Programme, the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) and the Bremen Graduate School for Social Sciences (BIGSSS). The conference addressed the important issues of migration, integration and inequality from a family perspective. While extant studies on integration and ethnic inequality commonly consider immigrants’ integration outcomes as an individual achievement, the papers presented in the conference emphasized the fundamental role a family plays in migration processes and immigrants’ integration.

The conference enjoyed active participation by approximately forty participants from various universities and research institutions in Europe including EUI professors, post-doctoral fellows and researchers. The keynote speech entitled ‘Inequalities of Educational Performances
of Immigrants’ Children in Europe’ was delivered by Prof. Jaap Dronkers, the former Chair in Social Stratification and Inequality at the EUI.

The eighteen papers presented were mainly empirical studies of the following research themes:
- Consequences of Migration on Family Left Behind
- Patterns of Family Formation and Dissolution
- Socio-Economic Ethnic Inequality and Integration
- Life-Course Transition and Intergenerational Relations
- Rethinking Individual, Family and Ethnic Group Characteristics in Migration
- Immigrants’ Attitudes, Host Society’s Attitudes towards Immigrants and the Role of the Family in Socialisation

The two-day conference stimulated debate and discussion in theoretical, methodological and empirical realms of research on the immigrants’ family, intergenerational relations and immigrants’ integration. It concluded with a round table discussion on policy implications and future perspective on research on migration, generations and family. The conference was successful in creating a cross-national group of sociologists, demographers and other social scientists working on the issues of family, migration and integration. The intention is to organise a follow-up conference next year. The conference also led to an ongoing initiative to publish the selected conference papers in a special issue of the journal ‘Demographic Research’. This special volume will be edited by Can Aybek and Raya Muttarak, the conference organisers and former Max Weber Fellows 2008–2009.

15 April 2010, MWP, EUI

The financial crisis conference was organized by nine Max Weber Fellows (MWFs) from different disciplines including Economics, Political Science, Sociology, and Law, and was co-sponsored by the Pierre Werner Chair and the Max Weber Programme. The conference format was driven by a group of substantive questions rather than being based on discipline turfs, and thus unravelled multi-disciplinary aspects of each question and encouraged multi-disciplinary discussions to develop in each panel. There were three panels, each one comprising one or two lectures, and one round-table session based on brief talks from various disciplines. We invited distinguished internal and external speakers, and MWFs also served as chairs and discussants in each panel and speakers in the round-table session. To prepare for the conference, we also organized three reading group sessions, from January to March 2010, on macroeconomics and finance, regulatory and normative perspectives, and impacts on the labour market.

Starting with welcome remarks by the President of the European University Institute (EUI) Josep Borrell, the first session focused on the causes of, and the financial regulatory and institutional responses to, the financial crisis (chaired by MWF Valentina Calderai). We invited as speakers Prof. Franklin Allen (University of Pennsylvania), a financial economist, and Prof. Jan Wouters (University of Leuven), a financial services lawyer, and their speeches were followed by comments by MWFs Yang Lu and Sara Konoe. The second session dealt with the economic consequences and responses to the crisis, and the impact of the crisis on labour markets and social stratification (chaired by MWF Nadia Steiber). The speakers invited were Prof. Giancarlo Corsetti (EUI, Pierre Werner Chair), a macroeconomist, and Mr. Herwig Immervoll (Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development), a labour economist, and their speeches were commented on by MWFs Fang Xu and Gonul Sengul. The third session expanded our perspectives on the impact of the crisis on different forms of capitalism, drawing on the case of East-Central Europe (chaired by MWF Antonio Miralles). Prof. Dorothea Bohle (Central European University), a political scientist, was the speaker for this panel, and her speech was followed by comments from MWF Sara Konoe.

We concluded our conference with a multi-disciplinary round-table, inviting economic historians, economists, and lawyers (chaired by MWF Giunia Gatta). This focused on three issues. First, we addressed the question of whether or not the 2007–2010 financial crisis could have been prevented by drawing lessons from past financial crises and referring to normative economic theories. The discussion was started with presentations of their views by Prof. Harold
James (Princeton University), Prof. Youssef Cassis (University of Geneva), and MWF Antonio Miralles. Second, we moved on to discussion of how we should respond to this crisis without damaging market functions from the competitiveness and optimal fiscal policy points of view, beginning with presentations by Prof. Elena Carletti (EUI) and MWF Alessandro Mennuni. Third, we discussed an institutional framework to prepare for or manage possible future financial crises, focusing on the European context. The topic was introduced with presentations by Prof. Ramon Marimon (EUI, Max Weber Programme Director) and MWF Elaine Fahey.

Conference Organizers (in alphabetical order): Valentina Calderai (LAW), Giunia Gatta (SPS), Sara Konoe (SPS), Yang Lu (ECO), Alessandro Mennuni (ECO), Antonio Miralles (ECO), Gonul Sengul (ECO), Nadia Steiber (SPS), Fang Xu (ECO).

Contemporary Approaches to Inequality in the Social Sciences
5–6 May 2010, MWP & Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS), EUI

Inequality is a classical subject for historians, economists, sociologists, political scientists, legal scholars and political theorists. Causes, justifications, temporal changes, and patterns of inequality are major research questions in all these disciplines, and have recently received new attention. We discussed and linked these different perspectives on inequality at this interdisciplinary two-day conference, which involved all the different disciplines represented by this year’s Max Weber Fellows. The conference was not only a Max Weber Programme project; it was also supported by the European Report on Development on Development at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAD-ERD). In order to guarantee that different disciplines truly engaged with each other, most panels were themselves interdisciplinary, and each day concluded with an interdisciplinary round-table discussion.

Because disciplinary boundaries have tended to become so entrenched even within the social sciences, the organising Fellows felt that there was already a need for interdisciplinary exchange on the topic of inequality before the conference. At a series of monthly reading group meetings aspects of the topic were discussed from the viewpoints of all involved disciplines, starting with Political Theory in November, continuing with Law in December, Political Science in January, Urban Studies in February, Economics in March, and concluding with Sociology and History in April.

Inequality needs no explanation as to why it is relevant. This is something on which there was agreement between all Max Weber Fellows who participated in the organisation of the conference and in the reading group sessions. But inequality raises some very different questions—both normative and empirical—when it is discussed in the context of liberal democratic societies most of which have very highly developed state structures, in particular welfare state structures, and in the context of developing countries, where, in particular, the connection between inequality and poverty emerges much more clearly. Since, among the organisers, there was interest in both, the conference programme reflected precisely this: the first day focused on inequality in liberal democratic states, and the second on inequality in developing countries. The ERD was hence a natural partner for the second part of the conference.

Coordinators: MWFs Holger Döring and Christian Schemmel, both SPS.

Organisers by panel:
- **Law and Political Theory:** Valentina Calderai, Merlin Kiviorg, Miriam Ronzoni, Christian Schemmel
- **Sociology and Political Science:** Holger Döring, Armen Hakhverdian, Nadia Steiber
- **Economics:** Shikeb Farooqui, Laura Hering, Sarolta Laczó, Guido Ruta
- **Urban Studies:** Gergely Baics, Ivana Bajic-Hajdukovic, Nai Rui Chng, Shikeb Farooqui, Jernej Letnar Cernej, Seda Unsal
- **History:** Naomi Beck, Claudius Torp

Speakers were: Fabrizio Bernardi, EUI SPS; Nai Rui Chng, MWF; Kimberle Crenshaw, University of California, Los Angeles School of Law / the Columbia Law School; Holger Döring, MWF; Giorgia Giovannetti, University of Florence/RSCAS, EUI; Silja Häusermann, University of Zürich /MWF 2008–09; Stephen Klasen, Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen;
Ramon Marimon, MWP EUI; Walter Müller, University of Mannheim, and affiliate of the Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality, Stanford University; Johan Pottier, SOAS London; Leandro Prados de la Escosura, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid; Martin Scheinin, EUI LAW; Christian Schemmel, MWF; Paul Segal, New College, Oxford; Cornelius Torp, Marie Curie Fellow, EUI; Seda Unsar, MWF; Jonathan Wolff, University College, London; Fulong Wu, Cardiff University.

**Legal Reasoning and European Law: the Perspective of Neil MacCormick**
21 May 2010, MWP & Department of Law, EUI

Sir Neil MacCormick (1941–2009) was one of the most distinguished legal philosophers and scholars of our generation. Educated in Glasgow and Oxford, he taught and wrote extensively on a wide range of subjects from philosophy to constitutional European law. In MacCormick we find a unique combination of a passionate commitment to the Scottish National Party and to the cause of Scottish independence with a rigorous intellectual pursuit of the questions of sovereignty and European nationality. Our conference aimed to pay tribute to the wide range of his scholarship and explore the interconnections between the issues that engaged him throughout his career. The various papers and comments made a contribution to the fields of legal philosophy and the political theory of the European Union, and fostered cooperation between scholars from both areas.

In the first session on practical reasoning in law and morality professor Waldron from the NYU offered a critique of MacCormick’s concept of moral reservation. Professors Villa, Pino, and Schiavello from Palermo University, who translated MacCormick’s work into Italian, talked about his unique conception of legal positivism. MW fellow Irit Samet and Professor Giovanni Sartor from the EUI law department offered a detailed commentary on the papers and opened the discussion. In the next session on rhetoric and the rules of law, we explored two issues in legal interpretation in reference to MacCormick’s work: David Duarte from Lisbon University discussed the way in which natural language constrains the interpretation of normative propositions. Professors Rotolo, Bongiovanni, and Roversi from Bologna University talked about coherence in legal argumentation, and the distinction between extensive and restrictive interpretation. Two MW Fellows, Jernej Letnar Černič and Gianluigi Fioriglio, offered a critique of their arguments.

In the second part of the conference we moved to discuss a different aspect of MacCormick’s work: European constitutional law. In the first session we looked at his idea of a ‘commonwealth of nations’ in a post-sovereign Europe. Professor Möllers from Humboldt University explored the possible meaning of democracy in a post-sovereign federation. Nenad Stojanovic, a MW fellow, offered a sociological perspective on the question of whether a real dichotomy exists between mononational and multinational states. Dr. Matej Avbelj from Nova Gorica University, offered a commentary on the papers. The last session brought together three writers on the topic of legal pluralism in the European context. In a lively debate, Professors Krisch from Hertie School of Governance, Mattias Kumm from the NYU, and Neil Walker from Edinburgh University discussed the possibility and form of MacCormick’s ‘constitutional pluralism’. Miriam Ronzoni and Christian Schemmel, both MW Fellows, joined the debate as commentators.

Organized by: Elaine Fahey, MW Fellow and Irit Samet, MW Fellow, in collaboration with the LAW Department.

Speakers were: Josep Borrell, President, EUI; Neil Walker, Edinburgh University; Massimo La Torre, University of Catanzaro / University of Hull; Jeremy Waldron, New York University / Oxford University; Vittorio Villa, Palermo University; Giorgio Pino, Palermo University; Aldo Schiavello, Palermo University; David Duarte, Lisbon University; Antonino Rotolo, Bologna University; Giorgio Bongiovanni, Bologna University; Corrado Roversi, Bologna University Christoph Moellers, Humboldt University; Nico Krisch, Hertie School of Governance; Mattias Kumm, New York University; Nenad Stojanovic, MW Fellow.
In 1968 Hayek argued: 'Competition is a procedure for discovering facts, which, if the procedure did not exist, would remain unknown or would not be used.' This claim relied on the postulate that knowledge is essentially dispersed and therefore central planning is impossible and harmful. Hayek followed with an attack, inter alia, on social justice, macroeconomics, and the use of statistics for economic predictions. His lecture 'Competition As a Discovery Procedure' was the focus of our fourth workshop in the series ‘Classics Revisited.’ We used it as a springboard to discuss the implications of Hayek's claims in Economics, Politics and the Social Sciences in general. Our panel of speakers offered a variety of viewpoints based on their individual expertise. A short two-page summary of the lecture’s main points (prepared by Naomi Beck) was circulated in advance, as well as the full 15-page text. Each speaker presented for approx. 20min. and discussants followed with a 5–10min commentary. The rest of the time was used for Q&A from the public. The entire workshop was recorded.

Organized by Naomi Beck, MWF.

Speakers were: Andrew Gamble University of Cambridge; Harold James EUI / Princeton University; David Levine, Washington University in St. Louis; Ramon Marimon, MWP EUI; Massimo Morelli, EUI / Columbia University; Ulrich Witt, Max Planck Institute for Economics Jena.

Max Weber Fellows June Conference
15–16 June 2010, MWP, EUI

The 2010 June conference of the Max Weber Programme was intended to give an overview of the ongoing research of the 2009–2010 Max Weber Fellows. The conference provided a perspective of the current Max Weber Fellows’ contributions to Social Sciences and the Humanities. It was also intended to be a forum to foster cross-disciplinary and inter-cohort academic collaboration, and to enhance the latter a select group of eight former Max Weber Fellows was invited back to Villa la Fonte as discussants. The Conference concluded with the Max Weber lecture given by Ernst Fehr. The Conference was organized by a representative of each discipline-group, being Luminita Gatejel (HEC), Alexia Katsanidou (SPS), Jernej Letnar Cernic (LAW) and Gonul Sengul (ECO), in collaboration with the MWP Director Ramon Marimon and the MWP Academic Coordinator Karin Tilmans.

Programme

Tuesday, 15 June
Panel I: Comparative Urban Studies

Session 1: 9.00–10.30
Chair: Nai Rui Chng
Discussants: Gergely Baics and Nai Rui Chng

Session 2: 11.00–12.30
Chair: Ivana Bajic-Hajdukovic
Discussants: Belen Olmos Giupponi (MWF 2008–2009), Ottavio Quirico (MWF 2008–2009) and Graham Smith (EUI, SPS Braudel Fellow)
Session 3: 13.30–15.00  
Chair: Pablo Vazquez-Gestal  
Papers: Shikeb Faroqui: ‘Law and Economics of Street Vending in India’; Luminita Gatejel: ‘Chasing, Cruising, Crushing. Of Cars and People in late Socialist Times’  
Discussants: Seda Unsar and Brigitte Le Normand (MWF 2007–2008)

Session 4: 15.30–17.00  
Chair: Shikeb Farooqui  
Discussants: Tomasz Gromelski and Naomi Beck

Panel II: Inequality  
Session 1: 9.00–10.30  
Chair: Ayse Idil Aybars  
Discussants: Quinton Mayne and Sven Steinmo (EUI, SPS)

Session 2: 11.00–12.30  
Chair: Christian Schemmel  
Discussants: Tony Mohlo (EUI, HEC), Elaine Fahey and Gaye Gungor (MWF 2008–2009)

Session 3: 13.30–15.00  
Chair: M’hamed Oualdi  
Speakers: Laura Hering: ‘How does Market Access Shape Internal Migration?’; Antonio Miralles: ‘Pseudomarkets with Priorities in Large Random Assignment Economies’  
Discussants: Nicolas Berman (MWF 2008–2009) and Raphaël Levy

Panel III: Labour Market  
Session 1: 9.00–10.30  
Chair: Alessandro Mennuni  
Discussants: Sarolta Laczo and Arpad Abraham (EUI, ECO)

Session 2: 11.00–12.30  
Chair: Nadia Steiber  
Discussants: Nadia Steiber and Sangeeta Pratap (Visiting fellow ECO)

Panel IV: Reflections of the Last Decade on Social Research  
Session 1: 13.30–15.00  
Chair: Gianluigi Fioriglio  
Discussants: Sara Konoe and Laura Magi

Session 2: 15.30–17.45  
Chair: Colin Flemming  

Wednesday, 16 June
Panel I: Theories of Rights
Session 1
Chair: Anna Mirkova
Discussants: Ayça Çubukçu and Richard Kirwan

Session 2
Chair: Giunia Gatta
Discussants: Valentina Calderai and Philipp Ther (EUI, HEC)

Session 3
Chair: Claudia Gazzini
Discussants: Mariano Barbato (MWF 2007–2008) and Bojan Aleksov (MWF 2006–2007)

Panel II: Parties and Citizens
Session 1
Chair: Holger Döring
Papers: Raphaël Levy: ‘Soothing politics’
Alexia Katsanidou: ‘The Old, the New and the Valence: How Social Characteristics (don’t) Influence our Vote’; Quinton Mayne: ‘Citizen Influence and Public Perceptions of Democratic Performance’
Discussants: Florian Schuett, Christine Arnold (Marie Curie Fellow SPS EUI) and Alexia Katsanidou

Session 2
Chair: Alexia Katsanidou
Discussants: Holger Döring and Armen Hakhverdian

Panel III: International Decision Making
Session 1
Chair: Vincent Rebeyrol
Discussants: Julia Sievers (Visiting Student, SPS EUI) and Nikos Lavranos (MWF 2008–2009)

Session 2
Chair: Autumn Lockwood Payton
Discussants: Stelios Bekiros (Marie Curie Fellow ECO/MWF 2008–2009) and Alex Kriwoluzky (MWF 2008–2009)
Panel IV: Financial Markets and Asset Prices

Session 1
Chair: Guido Ruta
Paper: Yang Lu: ‘Learning in a Rare Disaster Model’
Discussant: Stelios Bekiros (MWF 2008–2009, EUI Marie Curie Fellow),

Session 2
Chair: Yang LU
Papers: Fang Xu: ‘Non-Stationarity in the Housing Price’
Guido Ruta: ‘Securitization: Positive and Normative Implications’
Discussants: Matei Demetrescu (MWF 2007–2008) and Raphaël Levy

Civic Duty in Early Modern Europe
5–6 July 2010, MWP & Department of History and Civilization, EUI

The notion of civic duty belongs to the category of concepts that remain much under-researched and are often sidelined in favour of other subjects of scholarly investigation perceived as traditionally better established, more viable in terms of research output, or simply more enthusiastically welcomed by funding bodies and faculty boards.

The main aim of the workshop was to contribute to filling the gap in research on the concept of civic duty (and related ideas and doctrines) and to help to restore this important and time-honoured notion to its rightful place. The chronological scope of the workshop was the period between c1400 and c1800.

Organizers: Tomasz Gromelski (MWF) and Martin van Gelderen (HEC, EUI)
Speakers: Tomasz W. Gromelski (EUI/MWP); Christian Preusse (Oxford); Antti Tahvanainen (Helsinki); Martin van Gelderen (EUI); Marton Zaszkaliczky (CEU)
The Academic Careers Observatory (ACO) of the Max Weber Programme is now in its third year of activity. Established in March 2007, the Observatory is funded by the European Commission and provides online information on academic careers in Europe and beyond to young researchers. The ACO monitors disciplines which the EUI and the MWP incorporate: Economics, History, Law and Political and Social Sciences. Using the resources available within the EUI and the MWP—and relying on comments posted by its users—the Observatory builds information for a wider internet public. At the same time, the ACO staff is now routinely engaged in the organisation of academic events related to academic career issues. In 2009–2010, the ACO team kept working on the web infrastructure of the Observatory while, at the same time, investing in research and events—conferences and workshops—which raised the international visibility of the ACO and put it in the position of making its voice heard in the wider academic and policy-making debates on higher education and academic careers. The ACO was also involved in the self-evaluation report of the MWP.

Expanding the online resources of the ACO website

In the past year, the ACO staff devoted much attention to the upgrade and integration of the pages of the Observatory website. The backbone of the website is formed by country reports on national academic structures, their accessibility, the positions they offer, the salaries they pay, and more. Special pages with links to job and funding resources, information on discipline-specific career patterns and resources, as well as comparative analyses on relevant academic issues (salaries, gender and age) are available on the ACO webpage. ACO ‘career tips’ provide users with focused and valuable advice on crucial aspects of the academic practice of today, based on information provided by experts who train Max Weber Fellows. The ‘Europe and Research’ page highlights the features of and funding available under the EU policy for research. The ‘discussion forums’ aim to foster networking among researchers world-wide, and to give them the opportunity to debate questions related to academic careers. Finally, the ‘ACO events’ of the webpage informs users on conferences and workshops organised by the ACO team. In particular, in March 2009 a new ACO page on ‘National funding opportunities’, based on information gathered by the Observatory during the 2009 workshop on state research grants available to international researchers, went online. More information on this workshop is provided in the following section.

ACO events: more conferences and workshops

Academic events organised by the ACO provide both an important source of information and a testing ground for the Observatory on issues related to academic careers, while offering experts and Fellows a venue to discuss such issues. Starting from last year, the type of event organised by the ACO has begun to change. In November 2009, the ACO organized its fourth conference, specifically on research funding opportunities: ‘Openness And Competition In European Research Funding: Grants For International Researchers’. That conference followed the first May 2007 conference on ‘Research and Higher Education in Europe: Opportunities and Challenges for Young Academics’ and the second November 2007 conference on ‘Academic Careers in the Social Sciences and the Humanities: National Comparisons and Opportunities’. ACO organised in November 2008 its third conference on academic careers on ‘University Autonomy and the Globalization of Academic Careers’. Besides the conference, in February 2009 the ACO hosted its first workshop on ‘National Research Funding Opportunities Open to International Researchers’, in which members of the relevant state agencies participated and informed the Max Weber Fellows and the larger EUI community on research grants and schemes available to them. Information gathered during the workshop and the fourth conference were used for the 2009 ACO report. More details on this report are provided in the following section.
ACO reports and related publications

The logic that guides reporting by the ACO is to put the information that the Observatory collects into a more analytical perspective, useful for understanding facts, changes and evolutions in the academic sphere. In early June 2008, the ACO released its first report 'Towards an Open and Competitive European Area for Research Careers', which has by now reached a wide audience. The report defines different models of national academic structures, and makes the point audience. The report defines different models of national academic structures, and makes the point on issues such as salaries, women's representation in the academic world, and the importance of the post-doctoral step for young researchers. The ACO staff promoted the report on a number of fronts, and articles co-authored by the Director of the MWP Ramon Marimon and the ACO staff are either out or in the process of being published in journals.

At the moment, the ACO staff is working on a survey financed by the European Economic Association, entitled 'EEA Survey on Research Funding in Economics in Europe', which primarily deals with the pros and cons of funding opportunities in the European Research Area. On the basis of the gathered results, the ACO will deliver a report on national funding opportunities during 2010, an important, empirically grounded follow-up to the second report (based on the fourth conference and workshop) published at the end of 2009. ACO reports and related documents are posted on the 'ACO documents' section of the Observatory's website.

Please visit the Max Weber Programme - Academic Careers Observatory website: www.eui.eu/ProgrammesandFellowships/AcademicCareersObservatory.

Evaluating the MWP: the demographics and mobility of Max Weber Fellows

Between March and June 2009, the ACO made an active contribution to the internal evaluation report of the MWP. The ACO staff processed data related to each Fellow’s discipline, gender and nationality. At the same time, it looked at patterns of geographical and occupational mobility considering the circulation of Fellows between the university and the job market. To do this, the ACO fruitfully built upon research made in relation to its 2008 report (see 'ACO reports and related publications' below). The evaluation revealed, first, the increasing visibility of the MWP worldwide—as shown by the increasing number of applicants—and the diversified and multidisciplinary nature of the population of Fellows. Second, it showed the high degree of mobility of Fellows within and outside Europe as well as the capacity of the Programme to foster the academic careers of its Fellows by placing them in academic positions higher than those they occupied before joining the MWP.

Conclusions: the challenges and opportunities ahead

The current year is crucial for the ACO from many viewpoints. First, more time is now invested in the ACO website, updating and integrating its different sections and pages, as well as improving their overall readability. At the same time, this work benefits from the new features of—and technical possibilities provided by—the new EUI website, which has been fully operative since the beginning of the academic year 2009–2010. Second, new energies are being devoted to promoting and further disseminating the ACO project and its research activity, especially in light of the fruitful collaboration with the European Economic Association. The expansion of ACO activities will hence increase the visibility and contribution of the Observatory within the overall debate on issues related to its primary concern: the academic careers of young researchers.

Please visit the Max Weber Programme – Academic Careers Observatory website: http://www.eui.eu/ProgrammesAndFellowships/AcademicCareersObservatory/Index.aspx
Max Weber Programme Steering Committee

The 2009–2010 Max Weber Programme Steering Committee consisted of:

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- Jernej Letnar Cernic, Max Weber Fellow Representative 2009–2010
- Karin Tilmans, Max Weber Programme Coordinator, and Secretary to the MWP Steering Committee
Max Weber Programme Staff 2009–2010

The Max Weber Programme is managed by Ramon Marimon, Director of the MWP and Professor in the Economics Department, EUI, and his supporting staff currently consisting of:

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- Matthieu Lietaert, Academic Assistant, MWP Media Collaborator (freelance)
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Max Weber Fellows 2009–2010

In the past four years 157 Fellows have taken part in the Max Weber Programme. In addition the Programme has had many Visiting Fellows and two Visiting Professors. The pool of applicants has also evolved over the years as word has spread and the Max Weber Programme has become more established and well known. The Programme receives an increasing number of applications from outside Europe (North America, South America, Africa, Asia and Australia). The number of applications has grown from 555 in 2005 to over 446 in 2006, 784 in 2007, 926 in 2008 and in 2009 the Programme received a record number of 1,042 applications.

All Max Weber Fellows have an office in Villa la Fonte and all Programme activities and professional training take place in the Villa, which is suitably equipped—with its Conference Room and smaller seminar rooms—to provide for all collective and interdisciplinary activities, as well as for smaller group work. The individual and shared offices are equipped with a desktop computer with skype, a telephone for each Fellow, and a white-board for common use. Printers directly served by the desktop PCs are located in the public spaces close to all offices.

Villa la Fonte as home to the Max Weber Programme is significant in many ways: not only does it enable the Fellows to ‘live’ inter- and multidisciplinarity on a daily practice by sharing offices with Fellows from other disciplines, it also enhances the collectivity of the programme through the simple act of having lunch and coffee together.

Max Weber Fellows from 2009–2010

- Ayse Idil Aybars, Turkey
- Gergerly Baics, Hungary
- Ivana Bajic-Hajdukovic, Serbia
- Naomi Beck, Israel
- Valentina Calderai, Italy
- Nai Rui Chng, Singapore
- Ayça Çubukçu, Turkey
- Holger Döring, Germany
- Elaine Fahey, Ireland / USA
- Shikeb Farooqui, UK
- Valentina Calderai, Italy
- Coline Fleming, UK
- Luminita Gatejei, Romania
- Giunia Gatta, Italy
- Claudia Anna Gazzini, Italy
- Tomasz Witold Gromelski, Poland
- Armen Hakhverdian, Netherlands
- Laura Hering, Germany
- Alexia Katsanidou, Greece
- Richard Kirwan, Ireland
- Merilin Kiviorg, Estonia
- Sara Konoe, Japan
- Sarolta Laczó, Hungary
- Noemi Lendvai, Hungary
- Jernej Letnarič, Slovenia
- Raphaël Levy, France
- Yang Lu, China
- Laura Magi, Italy
- Quinton Mayne, UK
- Alessandro Mennuni, UK / Italy
- Antonio Miralles, Spain
- Anna Mirkova, Bulgaria
- M’hamed Oualdi, Tunesia/France
- Autumn Lockwood Payton, USA
- Vincent Rebeyrol, France
- Guido Ruta, Italy
- Irit Samet, UK
- Christian Schemmel, Germany
- Gonul Sengül, Turkey
- Nadia Steiber, Austria
- Claudius Torp, Germany
- Seda Unsar, Turkey
- Pablo Vazquez-Gestal, Spain

Max Weber Visiting Fellows

- David Robert Bainton, UK
- Isabelle Engeli, Switzerland
- Gaye Guungor, Turkey
- Suan Karr, USA
- Belen Olmos Giupponi, Spain / Italy
- Miriam Ronzoni, Italy
- Nenad Stojanovic, Switzerland
- Chiara Valentini, Italy
- Mindia Vashakmadze, Giorgia
- Roald Versteeg, Netherlands
- Fang Xu, China
Ayse Idil Aybars received her PhD in Social Sciences from the University of Ulster in 2007. Before coming to the Max Weber Programme, she was a Research Fellow at the Centre for European Studies of the Middle East Technical University in Ankara. Her research interests include gender equality and comparative welfare state analysis, gender equality in the EU, and social and regional policy in Turkey’s EU accession process. She authored/co-authored reports on social dialogue and cohesion in Turkey, development assistance and women's rights for various international institutions and organizations.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Books

Publications in Refereed Journals

Other Publications

MWP Working Paper

Conference & Seminar Presentations
“Europeanisation and Candidate Countries: The case of social policies in Turkey” ECPR Fifth Pan European Conference on European Politics, 23–26 June 2010, Porto, Portugal
“Europeanization of Social Rights in Turkey: The case of gender equality” Max Weber Fellows June Conference, 15–16 June, San Domenico di Fiesole, Italy
“Gender Equality in the EU and in Turkey”, Strengthening and Integrating Academic Networks, Final Conference, Middle East Technical University, 8–9 October 2009, Ankara
“Social Rights in Turkey and the EU Accession Process” presented at the seminar Social Fundamental Rights, Prof. Marie-Ange Moreau, Department of Law, EUI, 20 October 2009.

Teaching
“EU Social Policy” Dublin Summer School 2010, European University Institute, 17 May 2010
“Gender Equality in Turkey and the EU Accession Process”, course, Law and Social Equality Policies (MSc Legal Studies), Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, 22 February 2010
“The Development of Gender Equality as a Social Justice Concern in the EU”, Models of Social Justice and Human Rights course (MSc Legal Studies), Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, 24 February 2010

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
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Gergerly received his PhD in History from Northwestern University (Chicago) in 2009. His research and teaching area is modern urban history with a focus on the Americas and Europe. His interests include nineteenth-century trans-Atlantic population and migration histories, American social history, economic history, and social science history methodologies. From September 2010, he is Assistant Professor of History and Urban Studies at Barnard College.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

MWP Working Paper

Conference Presentations
“Mapping Household Provisioning, New York City, 1790–1860,” 8th European Social Science History Association Conference, Ghent, Belgium, April 15, 2010

Seminar Presentations
“Historical GIS,” EUI MWP, Academic Practice Group, Florence, Italy, November 2009

Teaching
“History and Social Sciences: Conceptualization and Analysis of the Urban Space in a Diachronic Perspective” (co-teaching with Profs. Heinz-Gerhard Haupt, Anthony Molho, and Antonella Romano) (Fall 2009)
The London School of Economics and Political Science – EUI Teaching Exchange, March 8–12 2010

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
EUI MWP Conference on Contemporary Approaches to Inequality in the Social Sciences, Urban Studies Panel, Florence, Italy, May 5–6, 2010 (co-organizer).
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EUI Mentor: Martin Kohli

Ivana Bajic-Hajdukovic received her PhD in Social Anthropology from the University College London in 2008. Before coming to the Max Weber Programme she was a teaching assistant at the University College London. Her areas of interest are material culture, migration, food studies, family relationships and post-communism. From September 2010 Dr Bajic-Hajdukovic will commence a new research project on the consequences of land reform and privatisation in Serbia on food provisioning and food consumption.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Other Publications

MWP Working Paper

Conference Presentations

Naomi Beck received her PhD in History of Science from the University of Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne) in 2005. Before coming to the Max Weber Programme she was Assistant Professor in the Social Sciences Collegiate Division at The University of Chicago (4-yr position in the Society of Fellows). Her areas of interest are history of evolutionary theory, history of political and economic thought and intellectual history (18–20th centuries). From September 2010 she is a research fellow at the Konrad Lorenz Institute for Evolution and Cognition Studies near Vienna, Austria.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Books

Publications in Refereed Journals

Other Publications

MWP Working Paper

Conference Presentations

Seminar Presentations

Teaching
Seminar on Spencer's “The Study of Sociology” at the University of Pisa (Dept. of Philosophy), Nov. 26, 2009

Other Academic Activities / Achievements
Valentina Calderai holds a degree in Law and in Philosophy. She received her PhD in Law from the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in 2007. Before coming to the MWP she was a post-doctoral researcher at the Faculty of Law at the University of Pisa. Her main areas of interest are Contract law, Philosophy of Law, Bioethics. From September 2010 she will be a post-doctoral fellow at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa.

**Activities during Max Weber Fellowship**

**Publications in Refereed Journals**

**Other Publications**

**MWP Working Paper**

**Conference Presentations**
“Arbitration clauses in consumer contracts and class actions – lessons from the US and Canada?”, Consumer Protection, European University Institute, Group actions and Arbitration, 8 March 2010

**Seminar Presentations**
“Deconstructing the Canon. The Uses of Argument in the Interpretation of Contracts”, European Group of Private Law, EUI, 8 February, 2010
“The Legal Design of Contracts Between States and Private Military and Security Companies”, EUI, Law Department, 24.2.2010

**Other Academic Activities/Achievements**
“Between Exclusion and Inclusion: The End(s) of Human Rights”, March 2010, co-organizer, discussant.
“Change and Continuity in the Practice of War”, co-organizer.
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Nai Rui Chng received his PhD in Political Science from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2010. His research is on contentious and regulatory politics of urban subsistence. Fields of interest include comparative politics, international development, and political sociology, and urban studies.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Max Weber Working Papers

Conference Presentations

Seminar Presentations

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
Discussant, MWP Multidisciplinary Research Workshop by Sidney Tarrow, “Polanyi in Brussels: The European Court of Justice’s rulings on free movement of labor and its implications for social regulation” 14 April 2010, EUI.
Co-organiser, MWP urban studies reading group.
Ayça Çubukçu will be a Lecturer on Social Studies at Harvard University (2010–2011), where she will be teaching “The Cosmopolitics of Human Rights.” Before joining the EUI as a Max Weber Fellow, Dr. Çubukçu was a Postdoctoral Scholar with the Committee on Global Thought at Columbia University (2007–2009). Ayça Çubukçu obtained a Ph.D. with Distinction from Columbia University’s Department of Anthropology, and received her M.Phil. and M.A. degrees from the same institution. She holds a B.A. in Government with Distinction in All Subjects from Cornell University. Dr. Çubukçu’s research interests include international law, human rights, cosmopolitanism, secularism, and global social movements.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Publications in Refereed Journals

Other Publications

Max Weber Working Paper

Conference Presentations


Seminar Presentations


Other Academic Activities/Achievements
Discussant, “Minority rights: additional rights or added protection,” Professor Martin Scheinin, Department of Law, European University Institute. March 10, 2010.


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Holger Döring received a PhD in Politics and Management from the University of Konstanz, Germany in 2009. His research and teaching interests are in comparative politics, European studies, political economy and political methodology. He is especially interested in questions of empirical democratic theory, studying the effects of institutions on political representation and satisfaction with political regimes. From September 2010 he will be lecturer at the University of Bremen.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Other Publications

MWP Working Paper

Conference Presentations
ECPR General Conference, Potsdam, 10–12 September 2009
Italian Political Science Association (SISP), Roma, 17 September 2009

Seminar Presentations
Colloquium on Political Behavior, EUI Florence, 12 November 2009
Jean Blondel Seminars in Political Science, University of Siena, 12 January 2010

Teaching
ECPR – Carlo Alberto Summer School on Analytical Politics, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, 21 September 2009
Mapping political institutions: Workshop on indicators in comparative politics (with Armen Hakhverdian), EUI Florence, 13–14 May, 2010

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
Conference and reading group organiser (with Christian Schemmel): MWP and RSCAS Conference on Inequality: Contemporary Approaches to Inequality in the Social Sciences, 5–6 May 2010, EUI Florence.
Elaine Fahey is a graduate and Scholar of Trinity College Dublin, Ireland and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge and is an Assistant Lecturer in Law (on leave 2009–2010) at Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland. She has practised as a barrister in Dublin and has taught at Trinity College Dublin. She is a former Judicial Research Assistant at the Four Courts, Dublin. She will be a Visiting Max Weber Fellow in 2010–2011 and a Visiting Fellow at the Global Governance Programme at the Robert Schuman Centre.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Books
Elaine Fahey, “EU Law in Ireland” (pending publication, Clarus Press, Dublin.)

Publications in Refereed Journals

Max Weber Working Paper

Conference & Seminar Presentations
“Learning by example: Comparative reflections on the role of national parliaments in EU affairs and the Treaty of Lisbon in Ireland,” Irish Society for Comparative Law Conference, Queen’s University Belfast, March 5–6, 2010.
“Constitutional Differentiation in the EU,” Humboldt University, Grakov-Kolloquim, June 1, 2010.

Teaching
Dublin European Summer School, May 2010 (“The Future of the European Institutions and EU law making after Lisbon”)
Humboldt University, Teaching Exchange, June 2010 (“Introduction to EU Institutional law”)

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
«Questions & Answers beyond research… on the Future of the European Institutions», with President Borrell and Prof. Maduro (APG, MWP, EU, Florence) (Organiser and Interviewer). Discussant: “Polanyi in Brussels” (MWP, EU, Florence) (Prof. Sidney Tarrow)
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Shikeb Farooqui received his PhD in Economics from Universitat Pompeu Fabra in 2009. He is an applied economist with an interest in the economics of information and organizations, management of innovation and network theory. Shikeb has previously worked as an economic consultant for the public and private sectors, and will continue this role from September 2010.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

MWP Working Paper

Seminar Presentations
Network Economics and Game Theory Working Group, European University Institute, October, 2009.
Microeconomics Working Group, European University Institute, October, 2009.
Microeconomics Research Seminar, University of Siena, November, 2009.
Microeconomics Research Seminar, European University Institute, December, 2009.

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
Discussant in “Judges and Historians” MRW, 2010.
Gianluigi Fioriglio received his PhD in Law from the University of Lecce in 2004. Before coming to the Max Weber Programme he was a contract researcher in Legal Informatics at the University of Bologna. Among other experiences, he was a Visiting Scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and contract professor at the Universities of Rome “Sapienza” and of Teramo. He also taught at international and national conferences and seminars, Masters and PhD courses. His areas of interest are legal informatics and computer law. He is author of three books and more than twenty publications.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Books
Gianluigi Fioriglio (2011) “On line privacy. Data protection in the Internet age” (forthcoming)

Other Publications

MWP Working Paper

Seminar Presentations
“Health privacy in the Internet age. Risks and opportunities”, LSE, 11.03.2010.
“Privacy and Internet search engines”, Department of Law, EUI, 17.02.2010.

Teaching
Co-teaching, advanced course “Regulating the Information Society: Norms, Rights and Values for the Cyberspace”, with G. Sartor, F. Cafaggi, F. Casarosa, EUI (II term).
Informal co-supervisor of LL.M. student S. Monteleone.
Teaching exchange, London School of Economics 8–12.03.2010.

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
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Colin Fleming received his PhD in International Relations from Royal Holloway, University of London (2010). He has taught International Relations and Strategic Studies Courses at the University of Aberdeen, Royal Holloway, Kings College London, and the Joint Services Command and Staff College – UK Defence Academy. His areas of interest are in strategic and security studies, with a particular interest in the changing character of war debate, classical strategic thought, and asymmetric war. From September 2010, Colin will commence a Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship at the University of Edinburgh, focusing his research on perceptions of victory and defeat in asymmetric war.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Books

MWP Working Paper

Conference Presentations

Seminar Presentations

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
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Luminita Gatejel received her PhD in History from the University of Tübingen, Germany in 2010. Before coming to the Max Weber Programme she was a graduate student at the Berlin School for Comparative European History. Her areas of interest are comparative history and the history of state socialism, with a special emphasis on consumption practices, everyday life and welfare distribution.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Publications in Refereed Journals

Other Publications

MWP Working Paper

Conference Presentations
Giunia Gatta received her PhD in Political Science from the University of Minnesota in 2008. Her research interests span the history of political thought, continental political theory, liberalism and existentialism. Her work frequently crosses over into international ethics, international political theory, and human rights. From September 2010 she will be a second year Max Weber Fellow.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Other Publications

MWP Working Pager

Conference Presentations

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
Claudia’s general academic interest is the history and politics of the Middle East and North Africa, but her research focuses on the social and legal history of Libya in the late Ottoman and colonial period. Before joining the Max Weber programme she was at Oxford University (DPhil), Princeton University (M.A.) and Rome III University (B.A.). Originally Italian, raised in Indonesia, before returning to academia, she worked for Reuters in Indonesia and the Associated Press in Italy and the Middle East. From September 2010 she will be a second year Max Weber Fellow.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Publications in Refereed Journals


MWP Working Paper

Conference Presentations
“Censoring the past in Libya” presented at the workshop on Provincializing Europe directed by Etty Terem and James McDougall, XI Mediterranean Research Meeting organized by the Robert Schumann Centre of the EUI, Montecatini Terme, 24–27 March, 2010.

Seminar Presentations

Other Academic Activities/Achievements

Took part in a 2-week interdisciplinary research mission to the Messak region in southern Libya. Directed by Victoria Waldock of Oxford University, the mission adopted a multi-sensorial approach to survey the prehistoric rock art sites of this desert plateau.
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Tomasz holds a DPhil in Modern History from Oxford University and a MA in History from Warsaw University. His primary research interests lie in European political, legal and constitutional thought and political culture in the late medieval and early modern periods. He has also taught courses and delivered lectures, seminar presentations and conference papers on politics and religion in Tudor England, the European nobility, and European historiography in the Romantic era.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Other Publications

MWP Working Papers


Conference Presentations


Seminar Presentations
“European cultural networks and the political ideology of the Polish nobility”, Trans-Atlantic and European social networks in a comparative perspective, 16th–19th centuries seminar, EUI 13 November 2009.

Teaching
“Trans-Atlantic and European social networks in a comparative perspective, 16th–19th centuries”, research seminar co-organized with Bartolome Yun Casalilla

Supervised EUI PhD students.

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
“Europe and the Americas in the 18th and 19th centuries”, EUI and the University of Florence 26 November 2009, co-organized with Bartolomé Yun Casalilla and Rolando Minuti

“Civic duty in early modern Europe”, EUI 5–6 July 2010, co-organised with Martin van Gelderen.

Armen Hakhverdian received his PhD in Politics from the University of Oxford (Nuffield College) in 2009. His research interests lie in the area of comparative politics with a focus on public opinion, political institutions and political representation. A core theme in this research concerns the role of public preferences in shaping political outcomes, and the role of institutions in mediating that process. From September 2010, he is a Research Fellow in the Department of Political Science at the University of Amsterdam and the Amsterdam Centre for Inequality Studies.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Publications in Refereed Journals

MWP Working Papers

Conference Presentations
“Political Representation and Income Inequality”, European Consortium for Political Research, General Conference, Potsdam, Germany, September 10–12, 2009.
Comparative Subconstituency Representation Workshop, Department of Government, University of Essex, October 21, 2009.

Teaching
“Mapping Political Institutions”, Workshop, Department of Social and Political Sciences, European University Institute, May 13–14 (with Holger Döring).
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Laura Hering received her PhD in Economics from the University Paris I, Paris School of Economics in 2009. She was also a teaching assistant at the University of Paris I (2005–2008) and at Sciences Po (2008–2009). In 2008–2009 she was a research student at the CREST-INSEE in Paris. After her Max Weber Fellowship, Laura will move to The Netherlands where she takes up a position as Assistant Professor of Economics at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam. Her research interests include international trade, economic geography, regional and urban economics, development economics and migration.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Publications in Refereed Journals

MWP Working Paper

Conference Presentations

Seminar Presentations
September 2009, EUI Department of Economics, Macro seminar.
December 2009, EUI Department of Economics, Trade and Investment reading group.
January 2010, Department of Economics, Erasmus University, Rotterdam.
June 2010, AMID summer school “Empirical methods for development research”, LSE.

Teaching
Teaching practice at the London School of Economics, March 2010.

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
Member of the Organizing Committee of the Max Weber Programme Conference “Contemporary approaches to inequality in the social sciences”, Villa la Fonte, EUI, May 2010.
Alexia Katsanidou received a PhD from the University of Essex in 2008. Her main field of research is comparative European political behaviour. She has worked on voting behaviour criteria, engagement in protests and civil riots, NGOs and public opinion. Currently she is working on the generation gap in voting behaviour criteria, as well as the nature of valence issues. Alexia Katsanidou has also started collaborations on the impact of inequality on political efficacy, political congruence in EU elections and political campaigning in Britain. From September 2010 I will be Team Leader at the International Research Infrastructures at GESIS, Leibniz Institute for Social Sciences, Germany.

**Activities during Max Weber Fellowship**

**Publications in Refereed Journals**

**Other Publications**

**MWP Working Paper**
Alexia Katsanidou (2010): “Generation gaps: how social characteristics (don’t) influence our vote” (forthcoming).

**Conference Presentations**

**Seminar Presentations**

**Teaching**
Humboldt University Public Lecture: “Greece and why it all went wrong”, June 2010.
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Richard Kirwan received his PhD in History from Trinity College Dublin in 2007. Prior to taking up the Max Weber Fellowship he held an Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth and a Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst Research Grant. Dr Kirwan’s research explores the social and cultural history of universities in the early modern period with a geographical focus on the Holy Roman Empire. His work is especially concerned with the forms and social effects of academic representational practices. From September 2010 he is a Teaching Fellow at the University of St Andrews.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Publications in Refereed Journals

Other Publications

MWP Working Paper

Conference & Seminar Presentations
“Academic Networks, Migration and the Fashioning of Reputation in the University in Early Modern Germany,” Trans-Atlantic and European Social Networks in a Comparative Perspective, 16th–19th Centuries, HEC Seminar, December 1, 2009

Teaching
Merilin Kiviorg received her PhD at the University of Oxford. She has been affiliated with various academic institutions. She was a lecturer in international law and EU law at the University of Tartu (Estonia), she has also taught international law at Balliol College (University of Oxford). Merilin Kiviorg has continuously acted as an expert advisor on freedom of religion or belief for the Estonian Ministry of Internal Affairs, Legal Chancellor and the Estonian President. Her primary fields of research are international law, international human rights law and law and religion.

**Activities during Max Weber Fellowship**

**Books**

**Publications in Refereed Journals**

**Other Publications**

**MWP Working Paper**

**Conference Presentations**
“Religion and the Secular State”, XVIIIth International Conference on Comparative Law, Washington DC, July 25–August 1, 2010

**Seminar Presentations**
“Freedom of Religion or Belief – the Quest for Religious Autonomy” Law Department, European University Institute, 26 November 2010. Seminar by Prof. Rubio Marin & Prof. de Witte: Law and Cultural Diversity: A Constitutional and European Perspective.

**Teaching**
Supervision of students (Religious Symbols in the Public Sphere), University of Tartu.

**Other Academic Activities/Achievements**
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Sara Konoe received her PhD in International Relations from the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of the Johns Hopkins University in May 2009. Her areas of interest are international political economy, comparative politics of advanced industrial democracies, financial markets and regulation, and comparative regionalism between Asia and Europe.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Books

Publications in Refereed Journals

MWP Working Paper

Conference Presentations

Seminar Presentations
Presented a paper at the International Research Working Group, “The Frontier of Quantitative and Mathematical Political Science” January 8, 2010, Tokyo, Japan

Teaching
“Global Finance, Politics, and Governance”, Guest Lecture, Masters course, Humboldt University, Berlin, June 2, 2010.
“Global Finance, Politics, and Governance” Guest Seminar, Humboldt University, June 1 2010.

Other Academic Activities
Discussant at the “Change and Continuity in the Practice of War: An Institutional Perspective” workshop, 28th April 2010, and at the MWP Conference 15th June 2010.
Sarolta Laczó received her PhD in Economics from the Toulouse School of Economics in 2009. Her areas of interest are applied microeconometrics, macroeconomics, and development economics. Her research focuses on risk sharing, incomplete markets, and household decisions. From September 2010, she is a ‘Social Sciences in Practice’ (SSIP) Postdoctoral Fellow and a Visiting Assistant Professor at the Department of Economics, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

**Activities during Max Weber Fellowship**

**MWP Working Paper**

**Other Publications**
“Risk Sharing with Limited Commitment and Hidden Storage” (with Árpád Ábrahám).
“Matching to Share Risk without Commitment” (with Johannes Gierlinger).
“Living Arrangements, Consumption Smoothing, and Labor Supply”.

**Conference Presentations**
European Economic Association (EEA) Annual Congress, Glasgow (August 2010)
Econometric Society World Congress, Shanghai (August 2010)
Nordic Summer Symposium in Macroeconomics, Mustio (August 2010)
Summer Workshop, Economic Institute, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest (August 2010)
Society for Economic Dynamics (SED) Annual Meeting (July 2010)
Royal Economic Society PhD Meeting, London (January 2010)
Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía (SAEe), Valencia (December 2009)
European Group of Risk and Insurance Economists (EGRIE) conference, Bergen (September 2009)

**Seminar Presentations**
European University Institute, Toulouse School of Economics, Queen Mary, University of London, University of Alicante.

**Other Academic Activities/Achievements**
Co-organizer of the conference “Contemporary Approaches to Inequality in the Social Sciences,” Max Weber Programme, European University Institute, Florence (May 2010).
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Noemi Lendvai received her PhD in policy studies from the University of Bristol, UK in 2006. Before coming to the Max Weber Programme she was a Lecturer in Comparative Social Policy at the School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol. Her areas of interest are comparative social policy, Europeanisation, social inclusion, and political economy. She is currently on maternity leave after which she will return to the University of Bristol.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Books

MWP Working Paper

Conference Presentations

Seminar Presentations
“Variety of post-communist welfare; presentation at the Welfare working group”. 
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Jernej completed his PhD in human rights law and business in 2009 at the School of Law, University of Aberdeen, Scotland. His research interests are in human rights law, business and human rights, investment law, international criminal law, transitional justice and criminal law. He is fluent in six languages and he has written a number of articles and research studies in Slovene, English and Swedish. Jernej is moving on to a lectureship in Human Rights Law at the School for European and Government studies at the European Faculty of Law, Slovenia.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Books

Publications in Refereed Journals

MWP Working Papers

Conference Presentations (Selected)
Exploring the concept of “joint commission through another person” under the Rome Statute and jurisprudence of the International Criminal Court, Grotious Centre, University of Leiden, Den Haag, 23 October 2009.
“Responding to Crimes Against Humanity committed in Slovenia after the Second World War”, Conference 20 Years After: Central and Eastern European Communist Regimes as a Shared Legacy, Czech Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Prague, 6 October 2009.

Teaching
“Topics in Law and Society: International Human Rights” (Course, 42 hours), New York University, Florence, Spring Semester 2010.
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Raphaël Levy received his PhD in Economics from the Toulouse School of Economics in 2009. He was also a teaching assistant at the University of Toulouse I (2005–2008) and lecturer at HEC School of Management in Paris (2008–2009). In 2008–2009, he was a research student at CREST-INSEE in Paris. After his Max Weber Fellowship, Raphaël moves to Mannheim University as an Assistant Professor in the Economics department. His research interests are in information economics, industrial organization, political economy and economics and psychology.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

MWP Working Paper

Conference Presentations
August 2010, Econometric Society World Congress, Shanghai.

Seminar Presentations
September 2009, European University Institute, Microeconomics working group.
November 2009, European University Institute, Microeconomics workshop.
November 2009, Toulouse School of Economics.
January 2010, Bonn University.
June 2010, Mannheim University.
Yang Lu received her PhD in Economics from Boston University (BU) in 2009. Her areas of interest are information and learning with applications in macroeconomics and finance. From September 2010, she is an Assistant Professor in Economics at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST).

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Publications in Refereed Journals

Other Publications

MWP Working Paper

Conference Presentations
Shanghai Macroeconomic Workshop, Shanghai, China, June 25–26, 2010.
Econometric Society World Congress, Shanghai, China, August 17–22, 2010.
“Coordinating Expectations and the Information Role of Policy” (with Ernesto Pasten), Society of Economic Dynamics Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, July 7–10, 2010.
“Learning and Asset Prices in a Rare Disaster Model” (with Michael Siemer), Max Weber June Conference, Florence, Italy, June 15–16, 2010.

Seminar Presentations
“Modeling and Forecasting Stock Return Volatility Using a Random Level Shift Model” (with Pierre Perron), European University Institute, Florence, Italy, September 2009
“Credibility Concerns in Optimal Policy Design”: European University Institute, Florence, Italy, October 2009
Toulouse School of Economics, Toulouse, France, March 2010.
Libera Universita Internazionale Degli Studi Sociali (LUISS), Rome, Italy, March 2010.

Teaching

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
Invited Discussant “The Stability of Macroeconomic Systems with Bayesian Learners,” by James Bullard (FRB St. Louis) and Jacek Suda (BdF), BdF Seminar Series, Paris, France, December 2009
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Laura received her PhD in International Law at the University of Padua in 2007. Her research interests are in the legal consequences of internationally wrongful acts of States and international organizations, international monitoring mechanisms on human rights violations, interaction among various sectors of international law, especially between norms of international economic law and normative systems expressing non trade values.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Books

Publications in Refereed Journals

MWP Working Paper

Seminar Presentations
"The wrongful conduct of Peace-keeping operations: the issue of attribution", November 2009, EUI Seminar of Professor Francioni.

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
PRIV-WAR: Research project funded by the European Community’s 7th Framework Programme.
Quinton Mayne came to the EUI as a Max Weber Fellow from Princeton University where he received his PhD in Politics. From September 2010 he will be the inaugural Democracy Fellow in the Ash Center at Harvard University. His research and teaching interests lie in the area of comparative politics with a focus on public opinion, political participation, and political institutions.

**Activities during Max Weber Fellowship**

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**Teaching**

**Other Academic Activities/Achievements**
“The Satisfied Citizen,” Quality of Government Institute, University of Gothenburg, June 2010. (Invited talk)
“Institutional Change and Evaluations of Democratic Performance,” Workshop on Institutional Change in Advanced Democracies, European University Institute, June 2010 (Invited talk)
Discussant at colloquium for PhD students of Peter Mair, EUI SPS Department, Florence, December 2009.
Master Class on Curriculum and Course Development with Lynn McAlpine (Professor of Higher Education Development, University of Oxford), Florence, November 2009.
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Before coming to the Max Weber program, Alessandro Mennuni was a PhD student at the University of Southampton, and a visiting student at the University of Pennsylvania. His areas of interest are Macroeconomics; in particular business cycles, Optimal fiscal policy, heterogeneous agents models. From September 2010, he is a Lecturer in Economics at the University of Southampton.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Other Publications
“Optimal Fiscal Policy over the business cycle revisited” (with Martin Gervais).  
“Labour force composition and aggregate fluctuations”.

MWP Working Paper

Conference Presentations
Vienna Macroeconomics Workshop, October 2009.  

Seminar Presentations
Macro Economic Research Workshop EUI.  
Macro reading group, EUI, Macro Lunch Seminar, EUI.  
Job Market Seminar, University of Southampton.  

Teaching
TA Macroeconomics II, Salvador Ortigueira, EUI.

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
Coordinator for the Macro Reading Group.
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Antonio Miralles received his PhD in Economics at Boston University in June 2009. He had previously obtained a PhD in Economics at the University of Barcelona, in 2006. His main interest fields are in Microeconomic Theory, including Game Theory, Mechanism Design and Matching Theory. Other interests are Economic Policy and Political Economy. He has published articles in Economic Theory and Mathematical Social Sciences, and has an additional article on minor revision at the Journal of Economic Theory. He will be Assistant Professor in Economics at the University Autonoma of Barcelona starting September 2010.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Publications in Refereed Journals

MWP Working Paper

Seminar Presentations
Network Economics and Game Theory Group at the European University Institute, October 2009.
Microeconomics Working Group at the European University Institute, December 2009.
IREA (Institute for Research on Applied Economics) at the University of Barcelona, December 2009.

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
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Anna Mirkova received her PhD in History from the University of Michigan in 2006. Before coming to the Max Weber Programme, she was a Returning Scholar Fellow (Open Society Institute) at the Department of History and Theory of Culture at Sofia University (Bulgaria) where she taught Balkan and Ottoman history. Her areas of interest are nation-building, citizenship, comparative empires, modernization, and Muslim minorities in South Eastern Europe. From August 2010, she will be Assistant Professor in Ottoman history at Old Dominion University in Virginia, USA.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Other Publications

MWP Working Paper

Teaching
Tutored a HEC PhD student in Balkan and Ottoman history.

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
Co-organizer of and discussant at the multidisciplinary research workshop “Between Inclusion and Exclusion: The End(s) of Human Rights”, MWP, 2010.
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M’hamed Oualdi received his PhD in History from the Sorbonne (Paris) in 2008. Before coming to the Max Weber Programme, he was teaching at the Sorbonne and at the University of Strasbourg. His research interest is on social history of North Africa in the 19th century from the Ottoman era to the beginning of the French colonization. It focuses now on credits, debts and conflicts on legacies. From September 2010, M’hamed Oualdi will be teaching the History of North Africa as a “maître de conferences” (Assistant Professor with tenure) in Paris, at the Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Books
"Les mamelouks au service des beys de Tunis du XVIIe siècle aux années 1880", accepted for publication by the Sorbonne University Press (forthcoming).

Publications in Refereed Journals

Other Publications

MWP Working Paper

Conference Presentations
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Autumn Lockwood Payton received her PhD in Political Science from The Ohio State University in 2009. Her research interests include the design of international institutions, organizations and treaties, international negotiation analysis, international law, and political methodology. In September 2010 she will join the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute as a Jean Monnet Fellow.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Publications in Refereed Journals

MWP Working Paper

Seminar Presentations
“Introduction to Event History Analysis”, 8 December 2009, European University Institute

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
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Vincent received his PhD in economics from the Paris School of Economics (University Paris 1) in 2008. Before joining the Max Weber Programme, he was a temporary lecturer at the University Paris 5. Vincent's research interests lie in international trade, with an emphasis on the role of firm heterogeneity, economic geography and political economy. From September 2010, Vincent is an assistant professor at the Toulouse School of Economics.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Other Publications

MWP Working Paper

Conference Presentations
Xth ETSG, Rome (September 2009), Brixen Summer School in International Trade and Finance (September 2009)
Trade working group, EUI (December 2009 & May 2010)
AEA - ASSA meetings; Atlanta (January 2010)
EEA meetings, Glasgow (August 2010).

Seminar Presentations
Hohenheim University (December 2009), Louvain-la-Neuve University (February 2010), IMT Lucca (February 2010), Nottingham University (March 2010), Toulouse School of Economics (March 2010), Paris-Sud University (March 2010), Cergy University (April 2010).

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
Participation in the Trade and Investment working group, EUI, Economic Department
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Guido Ruta received his PhD in Economics from New York University (NYU) in 2010. His research is in the fields of Financial Economics and Corporate Finance. From September 2010 he will be Nino Andreatta Fellow at the University of Bologna.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Other Publications
Submitted the paper “Equilibrium Corporate Finance” (joint with Alberto Bisin and Piero Gottardi)

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Conference Presentations
Trans-Atlantic Doctoral Conference (London Business School; May 13–15, 2010).
XIXth European Workshop on General Equilibrium Theory (Cracow University of Economics; June 11–13, 2010).
XV Workshop on Dynamic Macroeconomics (Universidad de Vigo; June 23–25, 2010).

Seminar Presentations
EUI’s Macroeconomics Research Workshop (November 27, 2009).
Bank of Canada (May 26, 2010).
Irit Samet obtained her DPhil in Law from the University of Oxford in 2005. She holds an MA in Philosophy from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and an LLB in Law and English Literature from Bar Ilan University. Currently she is a lecturer in law at King’s College, London, where she is teaching Equity and Trusts.

**Activities during Max Weber Fellowship**

**Books**

**MWP Working Paper**

**Other Academic Activities/Achievements**
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Christian Schemmel received his DPhil in Political Theory from the University of Oxford in September 2009. His research interests are in contemporary political theory, and include social justice, the political value of equality, self-respect, and global justice, especially the relationship between domestic social justice and global justice. In January 2010, he has taken up a part-time position as Senior Research Fellow at the Centre of Advanced Studies 'Justitia Amplificata – Rethinking Justice: Applied and Global' at the University of Frankfurt, Germany, which will become full-time at the end of his Max Weber Fellowship in September 2010.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Books

Publications in Refereed Journals
“Distributive and Relational Equality” (under review).
“Why Relational Egalitarians Should Care About Distributions” (under review).

Other Publications

MWP Working Paper

Conference and Seminar Presentations

Teaching

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
Co-organiser (with Rainer Bauböck and Miriam Ronzoni), Workshop “Global Justice and Migration”, EUI, 23–24 April 2010.
Co-coordinator (with Holger Döring) and co-organiser, Max Weber Programme Conference on “Contemporary Approaches to Inequality in the Social Sciences”, EUI, 5–6 May 2010
Gonul Sengul received her PhD in Economics from the University of Texas at Austin. Her areas of interest are Labor Economics and Macroeconomics. Her current research explores the reasons behind the change in search strategies firms employ to fill vacancies with different skill requirements. After this Fellowship, Gonul will be working at the Central Bank of Turkey.

**Activities during Max Weber Fellowship**

**Other Publications**
“Selection, Separation, and Unemployment”.
“An Investigation of Matching in Heterogeneous Labor Markets”.
“Sources of Interaction across Heterogeneous Labor Markets: A Theoretical Analysis”.

**MWP Working Paper**

**Conference Presentations**
Midwest Macro Annual Meetings, East Lansing, MI, USA, April 30–May 2, 2010.
Max Weber Fellows June Conference, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, June 15–16, 2010
Econometric Society World Congress, Shanghai, China, August 17–21, 2010;

**Seminar Presentations**
European University Institute, Department of Economics, Florence, March 2010

**Other Academic Activities/Achievements**
Representative of ECO Fellows
Participant of Teaching Exchange Programme organized by the Max Weber Programme at the European University Institute and the University of Pompeu Fabra.
Discussant of “On-the-job search, mobility costs, and wage inequality” by Susanne Forstner, 3rd Year Forum, EUI Economics Department, May 4, 2010.
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Nadia Steiber received her PhD in Sociology from Nuffield College (University of Oxford) in 2007. Before coming to the Max Weber Programme she was a post-doctoral researcher at Vienna University of Economics, Austria. Her areas of interest are the sociology of work and the life course, comparative labour market research, social consequences of economic recessions, and work-life balance. From September 2010, she is Marie Curie Post-doctoral Fellow at the EUI, Department of Political and Social Sciences.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Publications in Refereed Journals
Martina Dieckhoff and Nadia Steiber “A Re-Assessment of Common Theoretical Approaches to Explain Gender Differences in Continuing Training Participation”, British Journal of Industrial Relations (forthcoming).

Other Publications

MWP Working Paper

Conference Presentations
“Inequality in Labour Market Risks between Mid-Career and Older Workers”, Final EQUAL-SOC Conference, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, June 3–5, 2010.

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
Coordination of Research Project “Varieties of Life Course Patterns: The Role of Institutions in Shaping Labour Market Careers in Europe” (with Martina Dieckhoff), EqualSoc Network.  
Member of Questionnaire Design Team for European Social Survey (ESS) Round 5 Module “Work, Family and Well-Being: The Economic Implications of Economic Recession”, to be fielded in 2010/11.
Member of the Editorial Board of the Encyclopedia of Quality of Life Research
Member of Austria Team, FP7 Project WORKCARE SYNERGIES, dissemination of research findings from previous EU Framework Programme projects in the field of work and care
Co-Organizer of Max Weber Programme Conference “Contemporary Approaches to Inequality in the Social Sciences”, Villa La Fonte, European University Institute, 5–6 May 2010.
Claudius Torp received his PhD in History from the University of Bielefeld in 2009. Before coming to the Max Weber Programme he was a Research Fellow at the Collaborative Research Centre “The Political as Communicative Space in History” at the University of Bielefeld. His areas of interest are modern German history, the history of consumption, new political history, and the history of global cultural relations. From May 2010 he is Assistant Professor in Modern History at the University of Kassel (Germany).

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Books

Publications in Refereed Journals

MWP Working Paper

Conference Presentations

Seminar Presentations
“Consumer protection in historical perspective”. Research Seminar hosted by H. W. Micklitz, Law Department, European University Institute, Florence, 19 October 2009.

Teaching
“Theory and History of Consumption” (BA level), Spring 2010, University of Kassel.
“The Weimar Republic. Problems and Potentials” (BA level), Spring 2010, University of Kassel.

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
“The subsistence level (Existenzminimum) in the Weimar Republic: The career of a concept”. Public lecture at the London School of Economics and Political Science, 10 March 2010.
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Seda Unsar received her PhD with distinction in Political Science from the University of Southern California in 2008. Before coming to the Max Weber Programme she was a visiting fellow at the London School of Economics. Her areas of interest are institutional theory discontents of democratization and globalization, secularism and political Islam, politics of development, Western and non-Western political thought, Ottoman history, comparative politics and political economy.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Books
Seda Unsar, “The Endurance of Redistributive Institutional Structure: The Role of Rigidities in the Ottoman Case” (under review).

Publications in Refereed Journals

Seminar Presentation
Institute of International Relations, Panteion University, Greece: Seminar on Terrorism: “Trend and Transformation” (June 27–July 2, 2010)
Salzburg Global Seminar on Turkey, Session 469: “What Turkey? What Europe?” (May 9–13, 2010).

Teaching
Dublin Summer School at the EUI (May, 2010): participated as a lecturer for undergraduate and graduate students (on the subject of Islam, Turkey and the EU)
Teaching exchange programme at the Universtat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain (February 21–28 February, 2010): participated as a lecturer for undergraduate students (on the subject of Political Islam, secularism and American Foreign Policy in the Middle East, Africa and Asia)

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
“Judges and Historians” Workshop, organized by the Max Weber Programme, EUI (February 3rd, 2010): participated as a discussant and commentator.
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Pablo Vázquez-Gestal is an early modern historian who studies the court traditions and representational strategies of the eighteenth-century European monarchies. He completed his PhD at the Universidad Complutense of Madrid in 2008. His monograph entitled El espacio del poder (‘The Space of Power’) was published in 2005. In 2009 he received the ‘Pablo de Olavide’ prize for his book on the political culture of the Spanish crown in the eighteenth-century. His current project analyses different models of self-representation in the court of Charles of Bourbon in Naples. In 2011 he will be a Fellow at the Italian Academy at Columbia University.

Activities during Max Weber Fellowship

Books

Other Publications

MWP Working Paper

Conference Presentations

Seminar Presentations
”Between Spain, France and Italy: New Socio-Political Networks in Eighteenth-Century Naples, 1734–1759”, Research Seminar: Trans-Atlantic and European Social Networks in a Comparative Perspective, 16th–19th Centuries, European University Institute, October 15, 2009.

Teaching
”Corti e cortigiani nell’Europa delle monarchie assolute. Modelli di studio”. Three Undergraduate Course Sessions, Università di Catania, Catania, Italy, October 26, 2009.

Other Academic Activities/Achievements
”Torres toscanas. Espacio, símbolo y arquitectura”, Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura, Universidad Politécnica, Madrid, Spain, November 24, 2009 (Invited Lecture)
Winter view from Villa La Fonte terrace