

# Newsletter No. 14 October 2024



## Research Training Group 2225

World politics: The emergence of political arenas and modes of observation in world society

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## Preface

Dear friends and colleagues,

We are in the middle of a quite busy cycle of events, conferences, research stays, etc., as well as welcoming guests to Bielefeld. November will see the first workshop organized collectively by the doctoral researchers of the third cohort, December will see our participation at the Institute for World Society's traditional Annual Retreat. We wish you a good and productive winter term 2024/25.

Best wishes,

Prof. Dr. Mathias Albert  
Speaker of the RTG



*Meeting with Stephen Wenham from Bristol University Press at a Workshop on publishing, 27 November 2023, Faculty of Sociology, Bielefeld University*



## Third cohort of doctoral researchers (2023-2026)



**Iris Bartelt**

Doctoral Project:

*Moral authority and contestation in the International Labour Organization*



**Markus Buderath**

Doctoral Project:

*Making the Good Cop: Policing, Nation Branding and Human Rights in Scotland*



**Kenan Kadic**

Doctoral Project:

*The Emergence of World Politics in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Europe from the Perspective of International Organizations and Global Elites*



**Saba Mirhosseini**

Doctoral Project:

*Unveiling Transformation: Global Dynamics and the Status of Women in Iran (1979-2001)*



**Julia Pfau**

Doctoral Project:

*The Making of Personalized '-Isms' in World Politics.*



### **Basak N. Simsek**

Doctoral Project:

*Law versus order? The emergence and rise of world society vis à vis international society*



### **Nicole Sommer**

Doctoral Project:

*The Institutionalization of People of African Descent as a Global Social Category in International Politics*



### **Natia Tsaritova**

Doctoral Project:

*The role of Inter-Organizational cooperation in the Arctic: Examining observers engagement in the Arctic Council*



### **Adolfo A. Zambrano Vargas**

Doctoral Project:

*Rebalancing World Politics? China, the US and the Emergence of a Differentiated International Economic and Financial Regime in Latin- America*



### **Christina Zschieschang**

Doctoral Project:

*The World Politics of Humans in Deep Space: Human Spaceflight beyond LEO and its Impact on World Order*

## Post-Doctoral Researcher



**Dr. Disha Jani**

Post-Doctoral Project:

*(Un)free Labour and (Un)free Trade: Economic Sovereignty from the Haitian Revolution to the NIEO, 1791-1974*

We are happy to report that the two doctoral researchers from the second cohort that received post-doc start-up funding, **Jonas Fritzler** and **Robin Schulze Waltrup**, have now moved on and taken lectureships at the University of Amsterdam and the University of Bielefeld respectively.

## Scientific Coordinator



**Dr. Mustafa Aksakal**

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

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Şimşek, Başak Naz & Kulalı Martin, Yeliz: Le rôle des tribunaux ad hoc dans la mise en oeuvre des principes du droit cosmopolitique: une étude empirique via la pensée kantienne, in: Annales de la Faculté de Droit d'Istanbul, 2024, DOI: 10.26650/annales.2024.75.0005

Mirhosseini, Saba: Global Population Control and the Status of Women in Iran, in: blog interdisziplinäre Geschlechterforschung, 27 August 2024, [www.genderblog.de/beitrag/global-population-control-iran/](http://www.genderblog.de/beitrag/global-population-control-iran/), DOI: <https://doi.org/10.17185/gender/20240827>

## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, WINTER SCHOOLS AND LECTURES

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“Political Geographies of the Moon. The new Lunar Exploration Programmes”, presented by C. Zschieschang at the Conference of the Arbeitskreis Digitale Geographien 'Geospatial Worlds - Geodaten, Code & Gesellschaft', Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany, 01 October 2024;

“Dynamics of Categorization: People of African Descent in Global Discourse”, presented by N. Sommer at the Annual meeting of the Association for African Studies in Germany - Re-configurations in Africa - and in African Studies, University of Bayreuth, Germany, 30 September 2024;

“The Making and Un-Making of (Global) Racial Identities: The Case People of African descent”, presented by N. Sommer at the 16th Conference of the European Sociological Association, Porto, Portugal, 28 August 2024;

“Individual Criminal Personality in International Law”, presented by B.N. Simsek at the 7th Pan-European Conference on International Relations (EISA PEC2024); Searching for International Relations: Spaces, Styles, Struggles (Panel No. ST18-The Global Politics of the Rule of Law), Université Catholique de Lille, Lille, France, 27-31 August 2024;

“Fundamental Rights: A Point of Intersection Between the “International” and the “World” Spheres”, presented by B.N. Simsek at the 17th Pan-European Conference on International Relations (EISA PEC2024); Searching for International Relations: Spaces, Styles, Struggles (Panel No. ST08-Sites and Agents of Normative Contestation), Université Catholique de Lille, Lille, France, 27-31 August 2024;

“Looking for Consensus in World (Space) Politics. Investigating Sociotechnical Imaginaries of the Lunar Exploration Programs”, presented by C. Zschieschang at the Early Career Researcher Workshop of the Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Université Catholique de Lille, Lille, France, 27 August 2024;

“Territorial Identity as a Source of Inspiration”, presented by B.N. Simsek at the 8th International Academic Conference on Research in Social Sciences (IACRSS), University of Oxford, Oxford, England, 23-25 August 2024;

“Cold War Crossroads: Iran and International Women’s Rights from 1949 to 1979”, presented by S. Mirhosseini at the Fourteenth Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico, 12-15 August 2024;

“International Politics and Historical Memory: Perspectives on People of African Descent”, presented by N. Sommer at the 8th Annual Conference of the Memory Studies Association, Lima, Peru, 18 July 2024;



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“Tracing the Sociotechnical Imaginaries of two Norm-Setters in World Space Politics: the Artemis Program and the International Lunar Research Station”, presented by C. Zschieschang at the Joint Conference of the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology and the Society for Social Studies of Science (EASST-4S), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 17 July 2024;

“Adding a moral perspective – Moral authority in the International Labour Organization’s response to the right to strike debate”, presented by I. Bartelt at the Author Workshop ‘Multiplication of Global Governance Authority: Contestation, In/formalization, and Constellations’, MPI for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, Germany, 11-12 July 2024;

“Human rights-based policing, the SDGs, and Police Scotland as a Good Global Citizen”, presented by M. Buderath at the British Society of Criminology (BSC) Postgraduate and Main Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, 09-12 July 2024;

“The Emergence of Trumpism in Political Discourses”, presented by J. Pfau at the ‘Foucault: 40 Years After, Rethinking Foucault’s Historical Ontology of Ourselves: Subjects, Subjectivation, Self-Practices’ International Conference, University of Innsbruck, Austria, 21-22 June 2024;

“Individual legal responsibility: a milestone in the internationalization of fundamental rights in armed conflicts”, presented by B.N. Simsek at the Humanities and International Relations Graduate Conference (MAIR), Universiteit Leiden (Den Haag Campus), The Hague, Netherlands, 14 June 2024;

“Unveiling Transformations: Global Dynamics and the Status of Women in Iran (1979–2001)”, presented by S. Mirhosseini at the International PhD Conference in Historical Studies Lund Network – York – Bielefeld, Lund University, Sweden, 10-12 June 2024;

“Law vs. Order? The Rise and Expansion of World Society vis-a-vis International Society”, presented by B.N. Simsek at the Workshop ‘Transatlantic Workshop in History (organized by Bielefeld University and the University of Notre Dame du Lac)’, Universität Bielefeld, Bielefeld, Germany, 16-21 May 2024;

3rd International Workshop on the Chinese Development Model, attended by Adolfo Zambrano, Universidad Ramon Llull, Barcelona, Spain, 30-31 May 2024;

“Inter-organizational relations and the role of non-state observers in the Arctic Council”, presented by N. Tsaritova at the Arctic Congress Bodø 2024, at Panel ‘Navigating Arctic governance: Perspectives from and beyond the region on a changing geopolitical landscape’, Bodø, Norway, 29 May – 03 June 2024;



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Master Class “Violence in varieties of gender regimes” with Professor Sylvia Walby, attended by Saba Mirhosseini at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Essen, Germany, 15-17 April 2024;

“Engagement Groups and the G7”, presented by I. Bartelt and N. Tsaritova at the International Studies Association 65th Annual Convention, San Francisco, USA, 03 April 2024;

“Membership Categories als Kampfbegriffe am Beispiel des 'Trumpismus' in deutschsprachigen Medien”. Membership Categorization Analysis. Soziologische Perspektiven auf ein Forschungsprogramm. Presented by J. Pfau at the College for Social Sciences and Humanities, Essen, Germany, 21-22 March 2024.



## RESEARCH STAYS

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Zambrano, A.A. Research Stay at Cechimex, UNAM, Mexico City, Mexico, 01 August-31 October 2024;

Buderath, M. Visiting PhD research stay under the supervision of Dr Alistair Henry, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, 01 July-30 September 2024;

Bartelt, I. Participant Observation and Interviews at the International Labour Conference, Geneva, Switzerland, 06-14 June 2024;

Sommer, N. Participation of the United Nations 3rd session of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, United Nations Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland, 16-19 April 2024;

Tsaritova, N. Participant Observation. Third EA International Conference. Co-convened by PAME and the Arctic Council Chairship, Tromsø, Norway, 15-18 April 2024.



## **(GUEST) LECTURERS AND EVENTS**

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07 May 2024, Guest Lecturer Jan Busse (Munich): “Reflection on a Global Historical Sociology of Political Order: The Complex Entanglement of Micro-Practices and Macro Structures?” (IW Lectures).

14 May 2024, Guest Lecturer Jiwei Ci (Hong Kong): “Democratization Today: Theoretical and China-Specific Reflections” (IW Lectures).

10 June 2024, Rountable UTOPIC – Understanding the transformation of World Politics, with members of the ZiF Resident Group “Understanding the Transformation of World Politics: Ordering Principles and Infrastructures of Communication” (IW Lectures).

09 July 2024, Guest lecturer Bettina Mahlert (Innsbruck) and Heikki Patomäki (Helsinki): “Universalism and Cosmopolitanism in World Politics” (IW Lectures).



## NEWS

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**Marc Jacobsen** defended his doctoral thesis “Antisemitism in the World Society: Globalisation and the Transformation of Jew Hatred” on 11 September 2024.

We extend our congratulations to Marc and wish him all the best for the future.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE WINTER TERM 24/25

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**15 October 2024, 18.00h c.t.,** Catherine Wihtol de Wenden (Paris): Migrations in the World: Between Realities and Politics (IW Lectures), venue: X-C3-107;

**29 October 2024, 18.00 c.t.,** Ronaldo Munck (Dublin): Migration and Social Transformation (IW Lectures), venue: X-C3-107;

**06 November 2024, 09.30,** RTG-Gender Equality Workshop: Navigating Barriers and Leaky Pipelines: Perspectives for Women in Academia, venue: X-B2-103;

**27-28 November 2024,** RTG Workshop: Reflecting World Politics - Taking Stock, Looking Back and to the Future, venue: X-B2-103;

**02-05 December 2024,** Carlos Ballesteros Pérez (Mexico City): visiting the RTG;

**05-06 December 2024,** The Annual Retreat of the Institute for World Society Studies (Bielefeld University), Horn-Bad Meinberg, Germany;

**14 January 2025, 18.00 c.t.,** Stefan Rother (Freiburg): Global Migration and Refugee Governance from Below: a Comparative Perspective (IW Lectures), venue: X-C3-107;

**21 January 2025, 18.00 c.t.,** Mirca Madianou (London): Technocolonialism: When Technology for Good is Harmful (IW Lectures), venue: X-C3-107;

**22-24 January 2025,** Barry Buzan (London): visiting the RTG;

**28 January 2025, 18.00 c.t.,** Thomas Faist (Bielefeld): The Socio-ecological Question: Climate-related Mobility as a Wicked Issue (IW Lectures), venue: X-C3-107.

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