

# Newsletter No. 1

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## Research Training Group 2225

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



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**Research Training Group "World Politics" Successfully Launched – An Overview over Activities during Winter Semester 2017/2018**

The Research Training Group on "World politics: The emergence of political arenas and modes of observation in world society" (RTG 2225) commenced its work on 1 October 2017. The group deals with the emergence of world politics as a specific type of politics. With a research-oriented, interdisciplinary, and international profile, it investigates the pathways that have led to the establishment of world politics as a specific form of politics that does not emerge from the modern form of the (nation) state, but concurrent with it, as well as with the principle of sovereign equality.

Nine doctoral researchers and one post-doctoral researcher took up their positions in October. Another doctoral researcher joined in March 2018. In cooperation with eleven principal investigators from Political Science/International Relations, Sociology, History, and Law, they pursue their research projects in the field of world politics (for more information on the individual research projects, see pp. 2-3).

On 24 October, an official opening ceremony took place to officially launch the RTG. After welcoming remarks by Professor Albert, Dean of the Faculty of Sociology and speaker of the RTG, and Professor Angelika Epple, Vice-Rector for International Affairs and Diversity of Bielefeld University and one of the RTG's Principal Investigators, Dr Heidi Tworek, Assistant Professor for International History at the University of British Columbia (Vancouver), delivered a guest lecture on "Lies are the Law of the World!" News and Global Media Networks in the Twentieth Century'.



From left to right: Mathias Albert, Marc Jacobsen, Gladys Vásquez, Yasin Sunca, Johannes Nagel, Anatoly Boyashov, Daniela Russ, Madeleine Myatt, Anne Theobald, James Stafford (not in the picture: Aziz Elmuradov, Sandra Holtgreve).

On 14 and 15 December 2017, the junior researchers of the RTG participated in the annual retreat of the Institute for World Society Studies in Bad Salzflun. They organized two sessions on "Coloniality and the Diffusion of Knowledge" and on "Comparison as a Method and Practice in World Politics". The researchers are currently planning the first two in a series of workshops for later in 2018.

During the RTG's first term, all members of the RTG had the opportunity to present and discuss their research proposals in the Research Class. In addition, they attended a Theory Class that provided an overview of relevant theoretical approaches. Several members of the RTG presented their work at academic conferences, visited archives, or carried out field research. 2018 will see an increase in these and related networking activities.

**Post-Doctoral and Doctoral Researchers of the RTG**

**Post-Doctoral Researcher**



**Dr. James Stafford**

Post-Doctoral Project:  
 Commercial Treaties Between "Political Economy" and "International Law", 1750-1950

**Doctoral Researchers**



**Anatoly Boyashov**

Doctoral Project:  
 Actors in Establishment of Global Human Rights Networks Within International Organisations: Case Study of the United Nations Human Rights Council



**Aziz Elmuradov**

Doctoral Project:  
 Competing Narratives of Europe in Russian Foreign Policy: In Search of Identity or Policy?



**Sandra Holtgreve**

Doctoral Project:  
 Coloniality in the Global South and North. An Analysis of Social Work Education in Germany, Mexico and Ecuador



**Marc Jacobsen**

Doctoral Project:  
 Antisemitism in the World Society: Globalization and the Transformation of Jew Hatred



**Madeleine Myatt**

Doctoral Project:  
 Cybersecurity a Shared Responsibility? The Role, Implementation and Strategic Promotion of Cooperative Partnerships with the Cybersecurity Industry



**Johannes Nagel**

Doctoral Project:  
 The US Military during the Global Transformation, 1865-1905



**Karlson Preuss**

Doctoral Project:  
 The Unwritten Constitution as an Intersection between Global Law and World Politics



**Daniela Russ**

Doctoral Project:  
 Energy as a Mode of Observation in World Politics



**Yasin Sunca**

Doctoral Project:  
 Building Political Space at the Intersection of Global Structures and Social Change: The International Relations of the Kurdish Movement in Upper Mesopotamia



**Gladys Vásquez**

Doctoral Project:  
 The Creation of American Regional Integration and the Origination of the Inter-American System after Independence. The Congress of Panama (1826) and the American Congress of Lima (1847)

### Academic Conferences

The members of the Research Training Group "World Politics" presented their research at various occasions:

**Madeleine Myatt and Detlef Sack.** "Public Private Partnership Arrangements for a Secure Cyberspace? The Strategic Promotion of Cooperative Partnerships with the Cybersecurity Industry & the Need for a Critical Review on the Export of Digital-Surveillance Items". Paper presented at the conference "[Political Science in the Digital Age](#)", IPSA/AISP International Conference 2017, Hannover, 4-6 December 2017.

**Daniela Russ.** "Making Sources of Energy: Global Energy Balances and the Politics of Oil Substitution (1960-1970)". Paper presented at the international symposium "[Sovereignty, Economy and the Global Histories of Natural Resources](#)", University of Cambridge, Cambridge, 18-19 December 2018.

**Aziz Elmuradov.** "Competing Narratives of the EU in Russian Foreign Policy: In Search for Identity or Policy". Paper presented at the conference "[Tuning into the Noise of Europe](#)", The Hague University of Applied Science, The Hague, 18-19 January 2018.

**Daniela Russ.** "The Emergence of Energy as a Global Challenge: From World Power Conference to World Energy Council (1923-2014)". Paper presented at the workshop "[The Politics of Grand Challenges](#)", Forum Internationale Wissenschaft, University of Bonn, Bonn, 24-25 January 2018.

**Johannes Nagel.** "Nationalism and Militarism in the US, 1880-1900". Paper presented at the workshop "The Concept of the State-Society Relationship in Comparative Perspective", Université Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris 3/Université Paris-Nanterre, Paris, 9 February 2018.

**Daniela Russ.** "Arming Labor with Energy: Energy Balancing and Economic Planning in the Early Soviet Union (1922-1928)". Paper presented at the workshop "Energy and the Left", New York University, New York City, 30-31 March 2018.

### Publications

**Anatoly Boyashov** (2017). *Human Rights and Standardization of Business*. Russian International Affairs Council. Analytical articles. 27 December 2017 (in Russian).

**Anatoly Boyashov** (2017). From High Aspirations to Harsh Reality: EU Human Rights Promotion at the UN Human Rights Council. *MGIMO Review of International Affairs*, 6(57), pp. 174-195.

### Field and Archival Research

**Anatoly Boyashov.** 27-29 November 2017. Participation in the 6th UN Forum on Business and Human Rights. Geneva.

**Daniela Russ.** 25 October-5 November 2017. Visit to the UN Archives. New York City.

**Johannes Nagel.** 12 February-3 April 2018. Archival Research. Washington, D.C.

**Daniela Russ.** 25 February-13 May 2018. Archival Research in the UN Archives. New York City.

**Yasin Sunca.** 15 March-15 April 2018. Guest Research Stay, École des hautes études en sciences sociales. Paris.

### Guest Lecturers and Researchers

The following guest researchers visited the research Training Group "World Politics" during the winter term 2017/2018.

**Heidi Tworek.** 24 October 2017. Public opening lecture "'Lies are the Law of the World!' News and Global Media Networks in the Twentieth Century". Heidi Tworek is Assistant Professor for International History at the University of British Columbia (Vancouver).

**George Lawson.** 28-29 November 2017. Public lecture "Global Historical Sociology". George Lawson is Associate Professor in International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

**Stephan Stetter.** 23-24 January 2018. Internal lecture "Social Evolution Theory of World Politics: Conceptual Considerations". Stephan Stetter is Professor of Global Politics and Conflict Studies at the Universität der Bundeswehr Munich.

## Upcoming Events – Summer Semester 2018

### Guest Lectures

08 May 2018. Or Rosenboim (City, University of London). "Globalism: Historical Perspectives on a Contested Concept". 18h15, X C3-107.

Additional events will be published [online](#).

### Guest Researchers

24-28 June 2018. Jens Bartelson. Professor of Political Science at Lund University.

25 June-11 July 2018. Peter Hålden. Associate Professor in Political Science at the Swedish Defence University (Stockholm).



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