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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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Preface

Our Research Training Group has just passed the midway point of its first three-year cohort of doctoral researchers. While many doctoral researchers have been away in the past semester, or are away during this semester, for finalizing field research, a range of activities continue to be held in situ.

The first round of two workshops organised by the RTG researchers, on 'Imagining Belonging in World Politics' and on 'Balance and Competition in World Politics' was held early during the winter term 18/19, with a second round to follow later in 2019. It is envisaged to produce collaborative publications out of these workshops.

We look forward to receiving a number of distinguished guests during the summer semester, who will be giving lectures as well as liaise with the RTG researchers on their project. Receiving external guests has become a huge asset in our work and we look forward to collaborating with a diverse range of excellent scholars in the future.

Prof. Dr. Mathias Albert
Speaker of the RTG



Photo of Anatoly Boyashov during a presentation in the second workshop organised by RTG researchers on 9 and 10 November 2018 at Bielefeld University

Researchers of the RTG

Post-Doctoral Researcher



Dr. James Stafford

Post-Doctoral Project:

Commercial Treaties Between "Political Economy" and "International Law", c. 1750-c. 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:

Contesting Images of EU 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 U.S Military Transformation and the Observation of World Politics, 1865-1910.



Karlson Preuss

Doctoral Project:

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



Daniela Russ

Doctoral Project:

Globalizing Energy: Engineers and the Making of the Global Energy Economy (1880-1990)



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 Zevallos

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)

Scientific Coordinator



Dr. Mustafa Aksakal

Research Project:

World Politics on Migration and Inequalities in the EU

CONFERENCES

James Stafford. "The Political Economy of Divided Sovereignty: Ireland and Britain in the 1780s." Joint session of the 'Seminars in nineteenth-century and economic history', Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany, 23 October 2018.

Daniela Russ. "The Calculability of Power Systems". Paper presented at the Workshop 'Latent, Present Energy.' University of Berne, Switzerland, 22-23 November 2018.

James Stafford. Presentation at History Colloquium. Goethe University, Frankfurt, 23 November 2018.

Yasin Sunca. "Bifurcated Trajectory of Nation Formation in Kurdistan: Democratic Confederalism, Nationalism and the Crisis of Capitalist Modernity." Lecture held at 'West Asian History' Seminar. University of Erfurt, Germany, 27 November 2018.

James Stafford "The Granary of Great Britain': Farming and Manpower in Ireland, 1780-1820." Paper presented at the conference 'Economic Development and Environmental Transformations in Europe's Extractive Peripheries (16th-21st centuries)'. Paris, France, 21-22 December 2018.

Mustafa Aksakal Attendance to the 11th Global Forum on Migration and Development "Honoring International Commitments to Unlock the Potential of all Migrants for Development." Marrakesh, Morocco, 05-07 December 2018.

Daniela Russ. "Ergo-Materialist Economics in the Early Soviet Union". Presentation held at the Workshop 'Tracking Contemporary Metabolisms - Historicizing Ecological Epistemologies', University of Erfurt, Germany, 11-12 December 2018.

Anatoly Boyashov, Aziz Elmuradov, Marc Jacobsen, Madeleine Myatt, Johannes Nagel, Karlson Preuß, Daniela Russ, James Stafford, Yasin Sunca and Gladys Vasquez "RTG 'World politics'". Presentation and chair (James Stafford) at the 'Klausurtagung 2018', Institute of World Society Studies, Bielefeld University, Bad Salzuffeln, 13-14 December 2018.

Mustafa Aksakal. "Youth Mobility and Territorial Outcomes in the EU". Presentation held at the 'Seminario internacional de desarrollo territorial y sociedad', Quito, Mexico, 16-18 January 2019.

Yasin Sunca. "Global Movement for (Radical) Democracy: The PKK and the New Internationalism." Paper Presented at 'SeSaMO Conference (Italian Middle East Studies Association)', Turin, Italy, 30 January – 03 February 2019. (With Tobias Reinhardt)

Mustafa Aksakal. "A multi-scalar approach to Migration and Inequality". Presentation held at Scientific Exchange, Bielefeld University, 07 February 2019.

Johannes Nagel. Presentation of the PhD project at the German Historical Institution, Washington D.C., United States, 21 February 2019.

Anatoly Boyashov. 40th Regular Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council. Geneva, Switzerland, 25 February 2019 – 22 March 2019.

James Stafford. "The Enclosure of the World: The Making of Modern Trade Politics." Presentation held at the Workshop 'World Society and its Histories', Bielefeld University, Germany, 09 March 2019.

James Stafford. "The Transformation of Free Trade: From Cosmopolitan Right to the Law of Treaties, c.1750-1875." at the 'Modern European History' Workshop, Columbia University, United States, 11 March 2019.

Aziz Elmuradov. "Mutual Perceptions and Norms Promotion". Paper presented at the workshop 'Communicating EU Foreign Policy: the Power of Political Dialogue?' in the framework of COST research network 'EU Foreign Policy Facing New Realities', Darmstadt, Germany, 12-14 March 2019.

Yasin Sunca. "Eurocentrism, the Left and the New Internationalism". Presentation held at Rosa Luxembourg Foundation, Berlin, Germany, 13-14 March 2019.

Mustafa Aksakal. "Mezcal and rural development: Comparative inquiry on social transformation and migration". Presentation held at Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico, 14 March 2019.

James Stafford. "Free Trade" and Legal Positivism.' Workshop series 'Historical Capitalisms', Chicago University, United States, 14 March 2019.

James Stafford. 'The Kaiserreich, "Tariff Autonomy" and the "System of Commercial Treaties",' at 'Sovereignty and Globalism in Modern Germany', German Historical Institute, Washington D.C., United States, 22 March 2019.

James Stafford. 'Empire, Democracy and the Invention of the "Modern" Commercial Treaty, 1815-1914', at the Workshop 'What is a Treaty?', Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Germany, 28-29 March 2019.

PUBLICATIONS

Yasin Sunca. (Co-authored with Nisan ALICI - 2018) Yerel Eleştirinin Evrenseldeki İnşası: Barış Çalışmalarına Avrupa Merkeziliğin Ötesinden Bakmak (Constructing Local Critique Universally: An Approach to Peace Studies beyond Eurocentrism), Off-University conference proceedings. <https://issuu.com/off-university/docs/off-booklet-issuu-2018>

Marc Jacobsen. (2018). Review: Grenzsteine. Beiträge zur Kritik der Gewalt, in: Kritiknetz. Zeitschrift für Kritische Theorie der Gesellschaft. URL: https://www.kritiknetz.de/images/stories/texte/Jacobson_Rezension_zu_Grenzsteine.pdf

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Anatoly Boyashov. (2019) Modernization of information security in Belarus and international information security. 23.03.2019. Eurasia. Expert.

James Stafford. (Winter 2018/19) 'Labour's Missing Brexit Strategy', *Dissent*.

James Stafford. (2019) 'Review: Quinn Slobodian, *Globalists: The End of Empire and the Birth of Neoliberalism*', *Political Quarterly*, Vol. 90, Issue 1 (2019), 156-8.

Anatoly Boyashov. (2019) The Potential of the Union State of Russia and Belarus in the UN System. *Contemporary Europe*, No 1(87), 138-147.

Mustafa Aksakal. et al. (2019) Qualitative sampling in research on international student mobility: insights from the field in Germany, in: *Globalisation, Societies and Education*. doi.org/10.1080/14767724.2018.1525282

FIELD AND ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

Sandra Holtgreve. 01 January – 09. April 2019, Research at Higher Education institutes in Guadalajara and Mexico D.F., Mexico.

Anatoly Boyashov. 15 January – 15 June 2019, United Nations Office in Geneva.

Johannes Nagel. 15 February – 15 May 2019, Research trip in the US.

Yasin Sunca. 02 March – 31 May 2019, Field Research in Brussels and Gent.

James Stafford. 13-15 March 2019, Chicago University Library (Henry Calvert Simons Papers).

James Stafford. 18-21 March 2019, Library of Congress, Washington D.C. (Cordell Hull Papers).

GUEST LECTURERS AND RESEARCHERS

The following guest researchers visited the research Training Group 2225 "World Politics" during the winter term 2018/2019.

Benjamin Tallis. 24 October 2018. Public lecture "Identities, Borderscapes, (Dis)orders: Understanding the EU's Migration and Neighbourhood Crises". Benjamin Tallis is a researcher in the Institute of International Relations, Prague.

Teresa Koloma Beck. 18 December 2018. Public lecture "Globalisation and the Everyday. How sociologies of everyday life can contribute to globalisation research". Teresa Koloma Beck is Professor of the Sociology of Globalization at Bundeswehr University Munich.

Kamran Matin. 15 January 2019. Public Lecture. "The International Construction of Nationalism: Societal Multiplicity and Nation-Formation." Kamran Matin is Senior Lecturer at the Department of International Relations, University of Sussex, UK:

WORKSHOPS ORGANISED BY RTG RESEARCHERS

Gladys Vasquez Zevallos, Sandra Holtgreve, Yasin Sunca, Marc Jacobsen, Karlson Preuß and Aziz Elmuradov "Imagining Belonging in World Politics: Concepts, practices and struggles". Bielefeld University, 01-02 October 2018.

James Stafford, Daniela Russ, Anatoly Boyashov, Johannes Nagel, Madeleine Myatt, Workshop : "Balance & Competition in World Politics", 09-10 November 2018.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES ACTIVITIES

Gladys Vasquez Zevallos. Tutorial meetings with Joanna Innes, Sommerville College, Oxford University, and with Eduardo Posada-Carbó, Latin American Centre and research in the Bodleian Library, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, 18-22 March 2019.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE SUMMER TERM 2019

Guest Lectures

- **7 May 2019.** Andrew Zimmerman (Washington)
- **14 May 2019.** Jennifer Mitzen (Columbus). "Symphony or Schism? The Concert of Europe in History and Theory."
- **21 May 2019.** Lene Hansen (Copenhagen). "Images and International Security: How Visual Representations Impact World Politics."
- **5 June 2019.** Anja Jakobi (Braunschweig)

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