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political arenas and modes of observation
in world society"**

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Preface

Dear friends and colleagues,

while it is certainly an exciting and important event for our Research Training Group to have been able to welcome the second cohort of doctoral researchers starting on 1 October 2020, the welcoming has certainly not taken the form we had envisaged: no big party, no common retreat of doctoral researchers from two cohorts, etc.. At least we managed to have at least two sessions of the group's Research Class in October with people being physically present. We hope that the development of the situation in general, and what is possible in the university in particular, will allow for at least a few more such 'live' meetings during the winter semester. As has been apparent in this newsletter, the pandemic has significantly curbed most activities pertaining to conferences, travels and other such work.

It has luckily not prevented Anatoly Boyashoy, Aziz Elmuradov, and Yasin Sunca from submitting and defending their dissertations since the last issue of this newsletter. Our warm congratulations! I look forward to announcing more good news of that kind in the next issues.

The coming months will be busy with writing an application for a second funding period, due to be submitted early in the next year. In addition, one particular challenge will be to consult with the new cohort of doctoral researchers and make contingency plans in case planned fieldwork or archival work should prove impossible for longer than hoped for. But we certainly hope that we will be returning to 'regular' mode rather sooner than later.

Stay healthy and best wishes

Prof. Dr. Mathias Albert
Speaker of the RTG



Photo of the guest lecturer Dr. Ramy Youssef from Konstanz University and some of the participants in the RTG workshop "Organising Competition & Contestation in World Politics" which took place in Oct 2019.

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

First Cohort of Doctoral Researchers (2017-2020)



Anatoly Boyashov

Doctoral Project (completed 30.09.2020):

Networks of the UN Human Rights Council in Prevention of Human Rights Violations



Aziz Elmuradov

Doctoral Project (completed 14.09.2020):

Russia and EU in the New World Disorder - Revisiting 'Old' Concepts in the Study of Russian Foreign 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



Dr. Daniela Russ

Dr. Russ successfully completed her PhD in May 2019 and is currently a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Toronto and the University of Guelph.



Yasin Sunca

Doctoral Project (completed 14.09.2020):

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)

Second Cohort of Doctoral Researchers (2020-2023)



Cansu Erdogan

Doctoral Project:

Development of Long-Term (LTC) Policies in Turkey: (Inter)national Actors, Global Norms, and Domestic Dynamics



Jonas Fritzler

Doctoral Project:

Who Defends Human Security Norms in Times of Crisis? Western Small States and Middle Power Norm Entrepreneurship Against the Backdrop of a Changing World Order



Alina Isakova

Doctoral Project:

Do International Organizations Actually Cooperate? Factors Influencing Cooperation Between Inter- and Non-governmental Organizations in Early Warning and Response to Violent Conflicts



Simon Hecke

Doctoral Project:

Unmasking Empire: Forms of Observing Informal Empire in the 20th Century



Frank Meyhöfer

Doctoral Project:

World Diagnoses: Social Theory Between Science and Public Intervention



Second Cohort of Doctoral Researchers (2020-2023)



Malte Neuwinger

Doctoral Project:

The Emergence of Large-Scale Field Experiments in Social Policy: How Boundary Organizations Shape Global Institutions



Tatiana Saraseko

Doctoral Project:

Urban Renaissance in World Society: Actorness of Global Cities in Global Governance



Robin Schulze Waltrup

Doctoral Project:

Ideas and Discourses on Eco-social Policy as a New Paradigm in Global Governance? Exploring the Merging of Environmental and Social Policy Ideas in the OECD and the World Bank



Oday Uriaqat

Doctoral Project:

Populism in World Society



Katerina Volkov

Doctoral Project:

Between Multilateralism, Bilateralism, and Unilateralism: An Analysis of the Russian Federation's Involvement in International Organizations, 1945-2020

Scientific Coordinator



Dr. Mustafa Aksakal

Research Project:

World Politics on Migration and Inequalities in the EU

PUBLICATIONS

Boyashov, A. (2020). Normative Structure of International Monitoring and Electoral Behaviour, in: Moldova, C. (ed). Representation of International Institute for Development and Monitoring of Democracy at Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States, pp. 86-89.

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Russ, D. (2020). Der Strom der Wirtschaft und die Wirtschaftdes Stromes: Elektrizitätssysteme als energiewirtschaftliche Aufschreibesysteme (1880-1930). In: Zeitschrift für Medienwissenschaft, Themenheft zu ‚Mediale Ordnungen der Zirkulation‘, herausgegeben von Sven Opitz, Malte Hagener and Ute Tellmann.

Russ, D. (2020). Speaking for the ‚Global Energy Economy‘: Electricity, Energo-Materialist Economics and the World Energy Council (1924-1978), In: The Journal for Global History 15 (2): 311-329

Sunca, Y. (2020). The Bifurcated Trajectory of Nation Formation in Kurdistan: Democratic Confederalism, Nationalism, and the Crisis of Capitalist Modernity. In: Nations and Nationalism. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1111/nana.12609>.

CONFERENCES AND SUMMER SCHOOLS*

Boyashov A. “Role of Monitoring and Digitalization of Electoral Processes”, presentation “International Monitoring and Standardization of Electoral Digital Systems”. Chişinău, Moldova, 29 September 2020.

Boyashov A. “Contemporary Technologies of Transparency and Credibility of Elections”, presentation “Big Data and Standardization of Electoral Digital Systems”, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 9 September 2020.

Boyashov A. “Influence of Political Culture and Social Solidarity on Electoral Behaviour of Moldovan Citizens”, presentation “Normative Structure of International Monitoring and Electoral Behaviour of Moldovan Citizens”. Chişinău, Moldova, 25 June 2020.

Boyashov A. “Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) II on Freedom of Expression, Media and Information”, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, 22-23 June 2020.

Myatt, M. “*Modes of Organizing Cybersecurity between the Public/ Private Sphere – A differentiated View from the European Variety of Organized Forms of Network and Partnership Relations*” International Online Workshop: Security in Cyberspace: dynamics, limits, and opportunities, Panel 3: Brazil and European Union Cybersecurity overview: policies, institutions, and capacities, Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society (HIIG), Berlin, 14 May 2020

Myatt, M. “*China’s strategic strive for technological superiority & the COVID-19 Crisis. Tackling the epidemic through the digital realm?*” Online Workshop: Virtual Mapping Exercise “Hybrid Threats in the Shadow of a Pandemic”, Hybrid CoE, Helsinki Finland, 07 May 2020

GUEST LECTURERS AND RESEARCHERS*

- **Mense-Petermann, U.** 30 June 2020 (Bielefeld University) „Der Fall Tönnies und das Produktionsmodell der deutschen Fleischindustrie“ (online lecture)

*Due to the unfortunate COVID 19 pandemic, and in the interest of the safety and health of the members and affiliates of the RTG, as well as our commitment to responsible Covid-19 containment, there were no guest lecturers and/or researchers invited to the university since the last Newsletter (No. 5) publication.

NEWS

The RTG “World Politics” is proud to announce that **Aziz Elmuradov, Anatoly Boyashov and Yasin Sunca** have completed their dissertations. We would like to offer our sincerest and most enthusiastic congratulations to these scholars and their excellent academic achievement.

They will start with their post-doctoral researches which is funded by RTG start-up funding scheme by 1st of October .

Aziz Elmuradov

Research project title: *Towards a concept of political power in Russia*

Anatoly Boyashov

Research project title: *Functional dedifferentiation? Interrelation of Peace and Security, Development, and Human Rights at the United Nations*

Yasin Sunca

Research project title: *Radical Peace: Historicising conflict and decolonizing peace-formation in the Kurdish political space*

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE WINTER TERM 2020/2021

Guest Lecture

15 Dec 2020 Rudolf Stichweh: title tba



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