

# Newsletter No. 9 April 2022



**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,

with an end of most of the pandemic restrictions (although not the pandemic itself) in sight, our lives have now been overshadowed by the Ukraine war, both by its tragedy and by the atrocities committed by the Russian armed forces, as well as the fearful prospects of what it might yet bring.

It is little comfort in this situation that this war reminds us of the core research programme of our group: namely, that in world politics there usually are no simple answers, and that analysing complex social settings requires taking into account various simultaneous, and oftentimes overlapping and conflicting, modes of observation, historical trajectories and ordering principles. Reminding ourselves of this seems particularly important when many simplifying analytical accounts compete for interpretative dominance.

It is in this spirit that we will continue our work.

Best wishes and stay healthy,

Prof. Dr. Mathias Albert  
Speaker of the RTG

The poster features the logos of Universität Bielefeld and RTG 2225 World Politics at the top. The title 'Global Challenges in World Politics: Discourses, Actors and Outcomes' is prominently displayed. Below the title is a large, textured image of a globe. A green box on the right side of the poster contains the following information:

**ORGANISERS:**  
Canisur Erdoğan  
Odayi Usmanet  
Robin Schulte Waltrup

**DATE:**  
Monday, 13 – Wednesday, 15  
December 2021

**FORMAT:**  
Online, via Zoom

The workshop is meant to map out an overarching thematic field that is focused on world society and the realm of world politics, inviting contributions from a wide range of social scientific disciplines (History, Sociology, Political Science, International Relations, and Legal Studies) with varying theoretical orientations. The workshop is organized by the Research Training Group (RTG) "World Politics" at Bielefeld University, where a total of 11 (post)doctoral researchers are based, and calls for external contributors from the above-listed disciplines to participate.

The three days will be divided into smaller thematic panels (2-3 contributions per panel) catering to thematic overlaps between the external contributions and the RTG's. The thematic panels will be chaired by (post)doctoral researchers and/or Principal Investigators of the RTG "World Politics".

Apart from creating a forum for debate and critical cross-examination of our projects, the purpose of this workshop is to publish a single comprehensive or two separate edited volume(s). Follow-up workshops in 2022 leading up to the volume(s) may take the form of publication-oriented "authors' workshops".

Poster of the RTG workshop, which took place online via Zoom between 13-15 December 2021



## Second Cohort of Doctoral Researchers (2020-2023)



**Cansu Erdoğan**

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***



**Simon Hecke**

Doctoral Project:

***Unmasking Empire: Forms of Observing Informal Empire in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century***



**Alina Isakova**

Doctoral Project:

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



**Frank Meyhöfer**

Doctoral Project:

***World Diagnoses: Social Theory Between Science and Public Intervention***



**Malte Neuwinger**

Doctoral Project:

***The Emergence of Large-Scale Field Experiments in Social Policy***



**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:

***Dedifferentiation and Devolution in World Politics***



**Katerina Volkov**

Doctoral Project:

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

## Post-Doctoral Researcher



**Disha Jani**

Post-Doctoral Project:

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

## Scientific Coordinator



**Dr. Mustafa Aksakal**



## NEW PUBLICATIONS

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**Aksakal, M.** (ed. with L. Nejamkis and L. Conti) (2021). *(Re)pensando el vínculo entre migración y crisis: Perspectivas desde América Latina y Europa*. Buenos Aires: Clacso.

**Aksakal, M.** (with L. Nejamkis and L. Conti) (2021). 'Introducción', in: L. Nejamkis, L. Conti and M. Aksakal (eds.). *(Re)pensando el vínculo entre migración y crisis: Perspectivas desde América Latina y Europa*. Buenos Aires: Clacso, pp. 7-27.

**Aksakal, M.** (with M. G. Trompetero) (2021). '¿De lo global a lo local? El rol del Pacto Mundial en las políticas colombianas hacia la migración venezolana', in: L. Nejamkis, L. Conti and M. Aksakal (eds.). *(Re)pensando el vínculo entre migración y crisis: Perspectivas desde América Latina y Europa*. Buenos Aires: Clacso, pp. 83-111.

**Boyashov, A. and Schulze Waltrup, R.** (with A. Shriwise, M. Babirye, J. Berten, F. Besche-Truthe, S. Cufre, E. Igbojekwe, M. Laws, T. Ooms) (2021). 'Global Social Policy Digest 21.3: Managing the fallout from COVID-19', *Global Social Policy*, Vol. 21, No. 3, pp. 595-626.

**Nagel, J.** (2021). 'Globalization, Progress, and Race in Military Reformers' World Observations after 1865', *American Studies*, Vol. 66, Issue 4, pp. 651-677.

**Stafford, J.** (2022). *The Case of Ireland: Commerce, Empire and the European Order, 1750-1848*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

## **CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, WINTER SCHOOLS AND LECTURES**

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### ***Conferences/Workshops***

Organisation of the founding conference of the working group 'Historical Sociology' within the section 'Cultural Sociology' of the German Sociological Association (DGS), Simon Hecke (with L. Gertenbach, M. Leansa, D. Russ and J. Schubert), Centre for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF), Bielefeld University, 07-09 March 2022.

'Freedom, Justice and Esteem: Perspectives from an Unconditional Basic Income', conference participation, Malte Neuwinger, TU Braunschweig, online, 03-04 March 2022.

'Methodologien der quantitativen Sozialwissenschaft: Wechselverhältnisse von Theorie, Methodologie und Quantifizierung', workshop participation, Malte Neuwinger, TU Berlin, online, 17-18 February 2022.

10<sup>th</sup> Eurasian Peace Science Conference 'Peace Science in Times of a Pandemic', paper presented: 'Preventing conflicts together? Inter-Organizational Cooperation in Early Warning and Response to Violent Conflicts', Alina Isakova, online, 13 January 2022.

'Global Challenges in World Politics: Discourses, Actors and Outcomes', RTG workshop organised by Cansu Erdoğan, Oday Uraiqat and Robin Schulze Waltrup, Bielefeld University, online, 13-15 December 2021.

### ***Papers presented:***

- a) 'The Rise of Long-Term Care in Response to Ageing and Disability as Global Challenges', Cansu Erdoğan;
- b) 'Preserving the "Global Challenge"-Momentum: Norm Entrepreneurs' Framing of "Challenges" in Support of Norms', Jonas Fritzler;
- c) "'Unequal Treaties": A Challenge for World Politics in the 1920s?', Simon Hecke (with J. Stafford);
- d) 'International Organizations and Construction of Complex "Global Security Challenges"', Alina Isakova and Katerina Volkov (with M. Koch);
- e) '»Japan« and the Challenge of Global Modernity Constellations of social-scientific discourses on modernity in the 20th century', Frank Meyhöfer (with B. Schiffli);
- f) 'Talking the Challenges Talk: How do Social Actors Vary in their Rhetoric of Addressing "Grand Challenges"?', Malte Neuwinger;
- g) 'Urban Actors in World Politics: How do Cities Become Drivers of Global Environmental Politics?', Tatiana Saraseko;
- h) 'The Problematisation of "Global Challenges" in the OECD's Policy Discourse: Shifting from Green Growth to Going Beyond Growth', Robin Schulze Waltrup;
- i) 'Global Conflict and the Semantics of "Global Challenges"', Oday Uraiqat.

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‘Platforma de Diálogo: Fronteras, Migraciones y Crisis: Miradas desde América Latina y Europa’, conference organised by Mustafa Aksakal (with L. Conti and L. Nejamkis), Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico, 22-24 November 2021.

### *Papers presented:*

- a) ‘De la Crisis Migratoria al Enfoque del Nexo: La Perspectiva de los Migrantes como Pieza Crucial’, Mustafa Aksakal;
- b) ‘¿De lo global a lo local? El rol del Pacto Mundial en las políticas colombianas hacia la migración venezolana’, Mustafa Aksakal (with M. G. Trompetero).

Virtual research seminar on Nordic security policy, co-hosted by the Centre for Advanced Security Theory (CAST), paper presented: ‘Small State Norm Entrepreneurship in Times of “World Order Crisis”’, Jonas Fritzler, University of Copenhagen and the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), 10 November 2021.

‘Evidence for Development: What Works Global Summit 2021’, conference participation, Malte Neuwinger, online, 18-27 October 2021.

‘Globale Entwicklungen in den Gesundheitssystemen und Langzeitpflege als neues soziales Risiko’, presentation of dissertation chapter, Cansu Erdoğan, A04-Projekt Workshop, SOCIUM, Bremen, 21 October 2021.

### **Winter Schools & Seminars**

‘Advanced Qualitative Data Analysis’, participation in the ECPR Winter Methods School 2022 course, Alina Isakova, online, 14-18 February 2022.

‘Researcher-in-Residence Programme’, participation in the OSCE programme and archival research, Alina Isakova, OSCE Documentation Centre, Prague, Czech Republic, 02-30 November 2021.

‘Einführung in die Sozialpolitik Deutschlands’, BA course co-instruction, Cansu Erdoğan, (with A. Kaasch), Bielefeld University, winter semester 2021/22.

### **Lectures**

‘Warum verlassen Menschen ihre Lebensorte? Ein Überblick über Erklärungsansätze der Initiierung von internationaler Migration’, Mustafa Aksakal, Türkisch-Deutsche Universität, Istanbul, Turkey, online, 03 March 2022.

‘(Re)pensando el vínculo entre migración y crisis: Perspectivas desde América Latina y Europa, book presentation, Mustafa Aksakal (with L. Conti und L. Nejamkis), Universidad Autonoma de Zacatecas, Mexico, 15 November 2021.



## **GUEST LECTURERS**

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**07 December 2021, 18h c.t.** virtual guest lecture by **Willibald Steinmetz** (Bielefeld): 'What is new? The Corona-Pandemic compared to earlier (20<sup>th</sup>- and 21<sup>st</sup>-century) pandemics', held as part of the public lecture series 'Signaturen der Weltgesellschaft' jointly organised by the RTG World Politics & the Institute of World Society.

**19 October 2021, 18h c.t.** **Holger Straßheim** and **Tobias Werron** (Bielefeld): Roundtable of the Institute of World Society 'Questions, Problems, Challenges' with **Holly Case** (author of 'The Age of Questions') and **Carsten Reinhardt** (Chair), held as part of the public lecture series 'Signaturen der Weltgesellschaft' jointly organised by the RTG World Politics & the Institute of World Society.



## **NEWS**

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From May Mrs. Disha Jani, from Princeton University, USA, will join the RTG as postdoctoral researcher by 01 May 2022. She is working on the project titled '(Un)free Labour and (Un)free Trade: Economic Sovereignty from the Haitian Revolution to the NIEO, 1791-1974'. Her guidance will be of great support to our doctoral students, and we are very happy to welcome Disha soon as part of our team here at the RTG World Politics.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE SUMMER TERM 2022**

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**12 April 2022, 18h c.t., X-C3-107** Guest lecture by Ieva Birka (Riga): 'Harnessing the Potential of the Diasporas' (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society);

**26 April 2022, 18h c.t., X-C3-107** Guest lecture by Felix Schürmann (Erfurt): 'From the Head of the Snake to a Unity of the World: Mapping Blurred Transitions at the Congo Estuary, 1859-1887' (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society);

**02-03 May 2022, Malmö, Sweden** 'The Malmö-Bielefeld Workshop on Global and World Politics', jointly organised by Bielefeld University's RTG World Politics & Malmö University's Global Politics PhD Programme;

**May 2022** Guest researcher Jens Bartelson (Lund);

**May 2022** Guest researcher Ole Jacob Sending (Oslo);

**19-20 May 2022, ZiF, Bielefeld** Conference 'Wie geht's eigentlich der Weltgesellschaft?', held as part of the 20th anniversary of the Institute for World Society;

**28 June 2022, 18h c.t., X-C3-107** Guest lecture by Vineeta Sinha (Singapore): 'Contesting the Hegemony of the "neo-liberal, Corporate University": Implications for academic Freedom and critical intellectual Scholarship' (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society);

**05 July 2022, 18h c.t., X-C3-107** Guest lecture by Eva Gerharz (Fulda): 'Youth Movements and the Changing Political in Bangladesh and Beyond' (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society in cooperation with Understanding Asia).

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