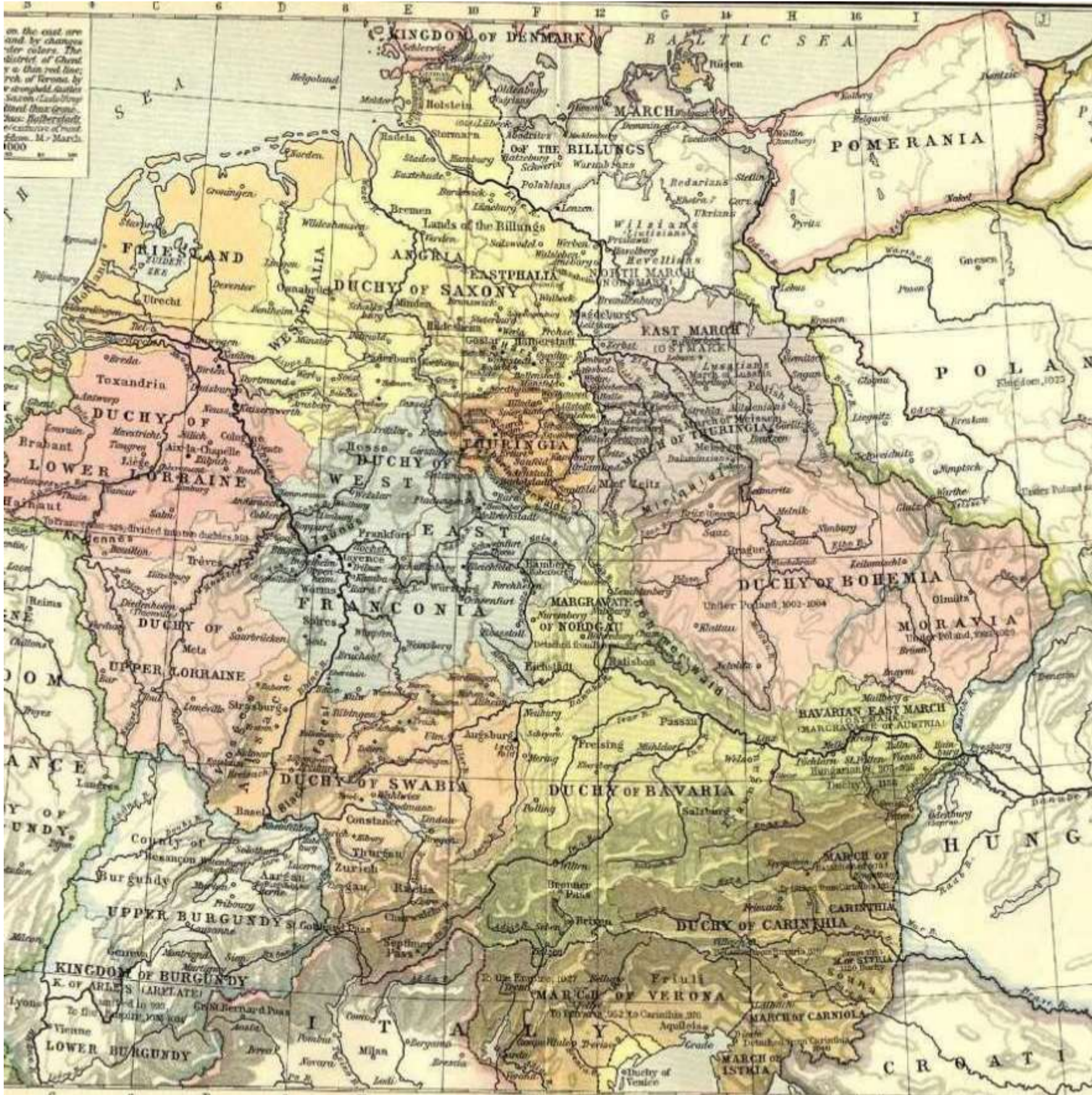




# Newsletter No. 11 April 2023



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 looking forward to starting the recruitment process for the third cohort of doctoral researchers, to start in October 2023, shortly after the Easter holidays. Meanwhile our doctoral researchers are busy with their dissertation, having been able to make good on quite a number of archival/research visits abroad that had not been possible for a long time.

We have planned a ranger of exciting activities and look forward to welcoming a number of guests in the starting Summer Semester, and we hope to see some of you soon on one of these occasions.

Best wishes,

Prof. Dr. Mathias Albert  
Speaker of the RTG



Annual Retreat of the Institute for World Society in Bad Salzulfen, 10-11 November 2022, photo by Nilay Barlas.

## 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 Uraiqat

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



Dr. 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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Hecke, S. (2022). Die Polarisierung der 'Einflusssphären': Zu Entstehung und Wandel einer imperialen Semantik, Soziopolis - Gesellschaft beobachten;

Neuwinger, M. (2022). The revolution will not be randomized: Universal basic income, randomized controlled trials, and 'evidence-based' social policy, *Global Social Policy*, Vol. 22, No. 1, pp. 27-45.  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/14680181211010102>;

Schulze Waltrup, R. (with A. Shriwise, F. Besche-Truthe, A. Boyashov, M. Babirye, J. Berten, S. Cufre, T. Ooms, C. Prempeh) (2022). Global Social Policy Digest 22.3: The pros and cons of digitalization. *Global Social Policy* Vol. 22, No. 3, pp. 604-630.

## RESEARCH STAYS

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Isakova. A. Archival Research at the African Union Commission Archives/Research Interviews. 11 November-8 December 2022, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;

Saraseko, T. Field research at the 27th Conference of Parties United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27 UNFCCC), 06-18 November 2022, Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt;

Schulze-Waltrup, R. Visiting Researcher at University of Leeds, September 2022-January 2023, Leeds, United Kingdom;

Volkov, K. Visiting Researcher at University of Newcastle, November 2022-March 2023, New Castle, United Kingdom.

## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, WINTER SCHOOLS AND LECTURES

International Studies Association Annual Convention 2023, paper presented: "Leadership styles and international agenda-setting: Understanding small state and middle power influence on Responsibility to Protect", Jonas Fritzler (with Grøn, C.H., Wivel, A.), Montréal, Canada, 15 - 18 March 2023;

International Studies Association Annual Convention 2023, paper presented: "Small State R2P-niche Diplomacy in Times of Politicization", Jonas Fritzler, Montréal, Canada, 15 - 18 March 2023;

International Studies Association Annual Convention 2023 roundtable '*Small States in a Very Big World: Foreign Policy Challenges and Opportunities in a Shifting International Order*', participation by Jonas Fritzler, Montréal, Canada, 15 - 18 March 2023;

The annual research-workshop of the working group Soziologie des Geistes, paper presented: "World Diagnoses. How can and to what end should we historicize a genre of sociology?", Frank Meyhöfer, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, Germany, 18 February 2023;

Teaching assistant at ECPR Winter Methods School: '*Qualitative Data Analysis*' courses (QDA-1, QDA-2), Alina Isakova (with Paré, M.-H.), online, 13-17 February 2023;

The research group Economics and Policy for Sustainability, paper presented: "Exploring the Merging of Environmental and Social Policy in the OECD and World Bank", Robin Schulze Waltrup, University of Leeds, United Kingdom, 18 January 2023;

Guest lecturer at Munster University, "City Engagement at the UNFCCC Process: Globalization and Localization of Climate Change as a Policy Issue," Tatiana Saraseko, Munster, Germany, 14 January 2023;

The research group Social and Political Dimensions of Sustainability, paper presented: "Exploring the Merging of Environmental and Social Policy in the OECD and World Bank", Robin Schulze Waltrup, University of Leeds, United Kingdom, 11 January 2023.



## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, WINTER SCHOOLS AND LECTURES

Guest lecturer at Bremen University, “The Turkish Health System: Re-thinking Universalism Through Public-Private Partnership”, Cansu Erdogan, Bremen, Germany, 24 November 2022;

The Annual Retreat of the Institute for World Society Studies (Bielefeld University), Bad Salzulfen, Germany, 10-11 November 2022.

Papers presented:

- a) “Constructing Global Challenges and Solutions: Active Ageing, Informal Care, and Intergenerational Solidarity Nexus”, Cansu Erdogan;
- b) “Preserving the R2P-momentum: States’ Continued Framing of Mass Atrocity Crimes”, Jonas Fritzler;
- c) “Global Challenges in World Politics. Actors, Discourses and Outcomes”, Robin Schulze Waltrup;
- d) “Between Interwar Anti-Imperialism and the Long-Durée Labour/Trade Nexus”, Disha Jani;
- e) “Global Challenges and the Unity of the Scientific System: A Sociological Inquiry”, Oday Uraiqat.

## (GUEST) LECTURERS AND EVENTS

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10 January 2023, Guest lecture by Bernd Bucher (St. Gallen): "Football's contribution to international order: the ludic and festive reproduction of international society by world societal actors";

12 December 2022, Guest lecture by Peter Lenco (Antigonish): "The Other Social Science; Three Centuries of Common Heterodoxy";

06-10 November 2022, Guest lecture by Carlos Ballestreos (Mexico City): "How things stand? Global society and the geopolitical turn";

21-29 November 2022, Guest lecture by Katja Freistein (Duisburg-Essen): "Visualität, Affekt und Narrative im Kontext rechtspopulistischer Strategien".

### *Institute of World Society Lecture Series:*

24 January 2023, Lecture series of the Institute of World Society. Raewyn Connell (Sydney): "Resources for Change in World Society Research";

13 December 2022, Lecture series of the Institute of World Society. Manuela Boatcă (Freiburg): "Most Common, Most Deceptive: Society as a Unit of Analysis";

25 October 2022, Gurminder Bhambra (Sussex): "How Eurocentric is Sociological Globalization & World Society Research and What Can We Do About It?".

### Retreats:

10-11 November 2022 annual retreat of the Institute for World Society.

## NEWS

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The Research Training Group World Politics: The emergence of political arenas and modes of observation in world society at the Faculty of Sociology, Bielefeld University is looking for doctoral researchers, taking part of the third cohort as of 01 October 2023. Within this cohort, 10 research fellows (65%) will be recruited for a period of 36 months. Applicants from the fields of Political Science, IB, History, Sociology and Law are invited to submit their application. The application should include a) a cover letter, b) CV, c) research proposal (max. 10 pages). Application deadline is 15 April 2023. Further information on:

<https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/fakultaeten/soziologie/forschung/worldpolitics>

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE SUMMER TERM 2023

### RTG Guests:

25 April 2023: Roundtable "The Evolution of Orders: Uncertain Futures and the (Im)possibilities of Progress" (with Emanuel Adler, Mathias Albert, Silke Schwandt and Stephan Stetter), organized by members of the SFB 1288 "Practices of Comparison", the Institute for World Society, the Research Training Group RTG 2225 "World Politics" and the Centre for Uncertainty Studies.

18-25 April 2023: Emanuel Adler (Toronto) is visiting the RTG

- 18 April, 16.00: Discussion of the paper: "Epistemic Communities of Practice", venue: X-B2-103

-19 April lecture in the Collaborative Research Centre 1288

-25 April roundtable: "The Evolution of Orders: Uncertain Futures and the (Im)possibilities of Progress" (together with Mathias Albert, Silke Schwandt and Stephan Stetter), venue: X-B2-103

23 May 2023: Stephen Curtis is visiting the RTG and gives a talk on: "How to turn a doctoral thesis into a book".

### IW Lecture series:

02 May 2023, 18.00 c.t., Benedikt Stuchtey (Marburg): "Writing the history of the British Empire", venue: X-C3-107;

13 June 2023, 18.00 c.t., Andrea Muehlebach (Bremen): "Can waves have rights? From Rights of nature to earth law", venue: X-C3-107;

19 June 2023, 18.00 c.t., Ina Kerner (Koblenz): "Toward a post-secular feminist critique of religion", venue: X-C3-107;

04 July 2023, 18.00 c.t., Tobias Berger (Berlin): "Worldmaking from the margins: How southern actors shape global order", venue: X-C3-107;

11 July 2023, 18.00 c.t., Larissa Buchholz (Northwestern): "The global rules of art", venue: X-C3-107.

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