

# Newsletter No. 7 April 2021



**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,

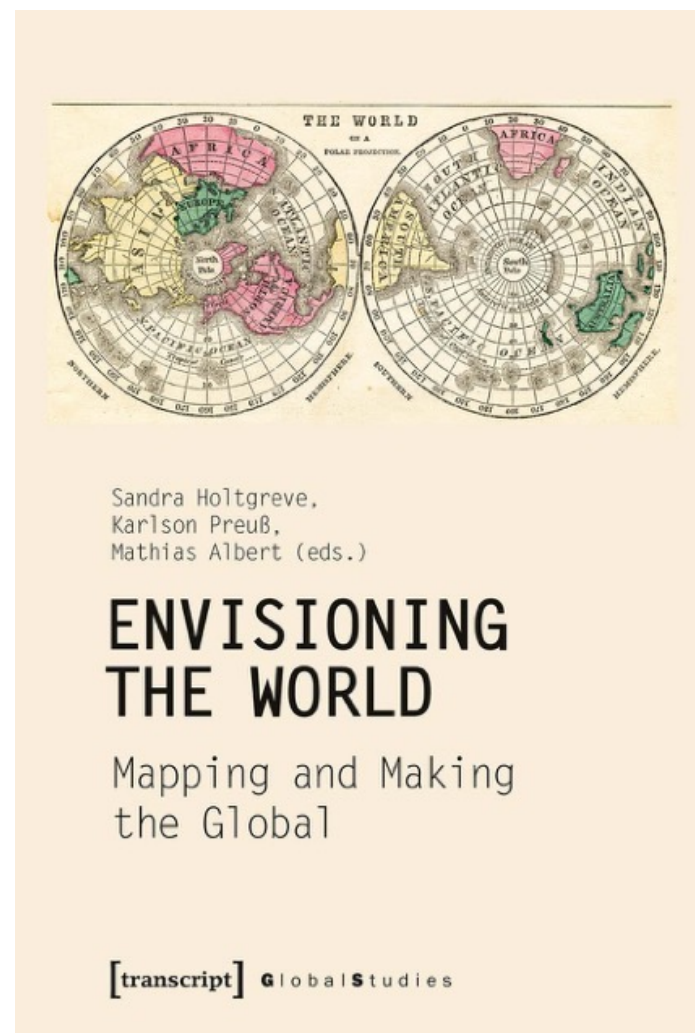
while we are continuing in ‘virtual mode’ both internally as well as in our conversations with guests, participation at conferences, etc., we are now hopeful that after the summer we will be able to resume some ‘regular’ activities which include physical presence. Thus, for example, the doctoral researchers are currently busy organizing a workshop on ‘Global Challenges’ for December and look forward to take up (often now delayed) field and archival work soon.

We are happy to report on the two edited volumes that have resulted from workshops organized by the first cohort of doctoral researchers. ‘Envisioning The World’, ed. by S. Holtgreve, K. Preuß and M. Albert, has been published in March; ‘Competition in World Politics’, ed. by D. Russ and J. Stafford, will be out in June.

Meanwhile, the application for a second funding period of the RG has been submitted and there will be a review taking place online in September. We sincerely hope that this event in September will not only be success on its own, but pretty much also coincide the resumption of live interaction!

Stay healthy and best wishes,

Prof. Dr. Mathias Albert  
Speaker of the RTG



We are happy to announce that our first open Access edited volume is now out. You can access the book under the following URL: <https://www.transcript-verlag.de/978-3-8376-5529-2/envisioning-the-world-mapping-and-making-the-global/?c=31100027>



## 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 Between 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: 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:

***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, 1945-2020***



## Researchers of the RTG

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### First Cohort of Doctoral Researchers (2017-2020)



#### Anatoly Boyashov

Start-Up Project:

***Functional Dedifferentiation? Interrelation of Peace and Security, Development, and Human Rights at the United Nations***

Anatoly successfully finished his PhD titled *Networks of the UN Human Rights Council in the Prevention of Human Rights Violation*, on 30 September 2020. He currently works on a project application with start-up funding



#### Aziz Elmuradov

Start-Up Project:

***Towards a Concept of Political Power in Russia***

Aziz successfully finished his PhD titled *Russia and the EU in the New World Disorder - Revisiting Sovereignty and Balance of Power in the Study of Russian Foreign Policy*, on 14 September 2020. He is currently a post-doctoral researcher at Bielefeld University



#### Sandra Holtgreve

Doctoral Project:

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

Sandra is currently a Lecturer at the Hochschule Rhein-Main



#### Marc Jacobsen

Doctoral Project:

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

Marc is currently a Research Associate at Bielefeld University



#### Madeleine Myatt

Doctoral Project:

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

Madeleine is currently a Research Associate at the German Council for Foreign Relations



**Johannes Nagel**

Doctoral Project:

***The U.S Military During the Global Transformation, 1865-1905***

Johannes is currently a Research Fellow in the CRC 'Practices of Comparison'



**Karlson Preuß**

Doctoral Project:

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

Karlson is currently a Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Jena



**Dr. Daniela Russ**

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



**Dr. Yasin Sunca**

Start-Up Project:

***Historicizing Conflict and Decolonizing Peace-Formation in the Kurdish Political Space***

Yasin successfully finished his PhD titled *The International Constitution of Democratic Confederalism: Lineages of Hegemony and Resistance in the Kurdish Political Space*, on 14 September 2020. Yasin currently develops a post-doc project with start-up funding at Bielefeld University



**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)***

## Post-Doctoral Researcher



**Dr. James Stafford**

Post-Doctoral Project:

***Commercial Treaties Between "Political Economy" and "International Law", 1740-1914***

## Scientific Coordinator



**Dr. Mustafa Aksakal**

## PUBLICATIONS

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### 1. RTG Edited Volume:

**Holtgreve, S., Preuß K. and Albert, M.** (2021). *Envisioning the World: Mapping and Making the Global*. Bielefeld: transcript. URL: <https://www.transcript-verlag.de/978-3-8376-5529-2/envisioning-the-world-mapping-and-making-the-global/?c=311000027>.

#### *Contributions:*

**Elmuradov, A.** (2021). 'Russia and the EU in a Multipolar World: Invoking the Global in Russian Terms', pp. 151-163.

**Holtgreve, S., Preuß, K. and Albert, M.** (2021). 'Introduction: Envisioning the World, Mapping the Global', pp. 13-25.

**Holtgreve, S.** (with C. Giebeler) (2021). 'Determining the Global from a Social Work Perspective', pp. 79-94.

**Jacobsen, M.** (with T. Werron) (2021). 'The World of Anti-Semitism. A Historical-Sociological Analysis of the Global Element of Hostility Against Jews in Germany (1780-1925)', pp. 41-57.

**Preuß, K.** (2021). 'Envisioning a World Law. Reflections on the Congrès international de droit comparé (1900) and the Latent Underpinnings of Comparative Legal Practice', pp. 59-77.

**Sunca, Y.** (2021). 'The Revolution in Rojava and the International', pp.105-124.

**Vásquez Zavallós, G.** (2021). 'From Region to World, and Back Again: How Latin Americans Envisioned the Global, 1810s-1830', pp. 27-40.



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### 2. RTG Edited Volume:

**Russ, D. and Stafford, J.** (2021). *Competition in World Politics: Knowledge, Strategies and Institutions*. Bielefeld: transcript (in print). URL: <https://www.transcript-verlag.de/978-3-8376-5747-0/competition-in-world-politics/?c=313000000&number=978-3-8376-5747-0>.

#### *Contributions:*

**Boyashov, A.** (2021). 'European Union in Network Competition at the UN Human Rights Council'.

**Myatt, M.** (2021). 'Small, smart, powerful? Small States and the Competition for Cybertech Superiority in the Digital Age'.

**Nagel, J.** (with T. Werron) (2021). 'The Civilizing Force of Competition: U.S. Nationalist Reasoning in the Mid-to-late Nineteenth Century'.

**Russ, D.** (with T. Turnbull) (2021). 'Competing Powers Engineers, Energetic Productivism, and the End of Empires'.

**Russ, D. and Stafford, J.** (2021). 'Introduction'.

**Stafford, J.** (2021). "'Free Trade" and the Varieties of Eighteenth-Century State Competition'.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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**Boyashov A. and Schulze Waltrup, R.** (with J. Berten, F. Besche-Truthe, C. Crockett, S. Cufre, E. Igbojekwe, A. Kaasch, M. Laws and A. Shriwise) (2021). 'Global Social Policy Digest 21.1: an equitable and sustainable recovery from Covid-19?', *Global Social Policy*, Vol. 21, No. 1, pp. 153-182.  
URL: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1468018121996078>.

**Boyashov, A.** (2020). 'UN Agenda on Prevention of Human Rights Violations', *Journal of the Belarusian State University, International Relations*, No. 2, pp. 9-18.  
URL: <https://journals.bsu.by/index.php/internationalRelations/article/view/3373>.

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URL: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1468018120966662?icid=int.sj-full-text.similar-articles.1>.

**Elmuradov, A.** (2021). 'Uzbekistan between modernity and tradition: subject and symbolic order', in: C. Pierobon, N. Becker and S. Schlegel (eds.), *Central Asia after Three Decades of Independence. Politics and Societies between Stability and Transformation*. Baden-Baden: Nomos.

**Erdoğan, C.** (2020). 'Expanding Supplementary Voluntary Private Health Insurance in Turkey: How and Why?, How "Social" is Turkey?', working paper No. 5, Bielefeld University. URL: <https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/soz/massit/Working-Paper-V.pdf>.

**Meyhöfer, F.** (2021). 'Aus "Not und Hoffnung"? Das Charisma soziologischer Krisendiagnostik', in: P. Gostmann and P.U. Merz-Benz (eds.), *Macht und Herrschaft. Zur Revision zweier soziologischer Grundbegriffe*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS.

**Meyhöfer, F.** (with M. Galla) (2021). 'Brauchbarer Abfall. Über das Lesenlernen soziologischer Texte', in: T. Hoebel and S. Lahm (eds.), *Kleine Soziologie des Studierens. Eine Navigationshilfe*. Opladen/Toronto: Barbara Budrich, pp. 98-103.

**Meyhöfer, F.** (with F. Neumann and S. Lahm) (2021). *Schreibkonzepte an Hochschulen. Fallstudien und Reflexionen zum Schreibenlehren und -lernen*. Bielefeld: wbv.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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**Neuwinger, M.** (2021). 'Bedingungsloses Grundeinkommen – Das Experiment Warum Grundeinkommensexperimente eine gute Idee sind und weshalb man sie nicht so nennen sollte', in: O. Pawlak and F. Rahn (eds.), *Ein transdisziplinäres Panoptikum. Aktuelle Forschungsbeiträge aus dem wissenschaftlichen Nachwuchs der Universität Bielefeld*. Wiesbaden: Springer, pp. 107-119. URL: [https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-658-31797-3\\_9](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-658-31797-3_9).

**Stafford, J.** (2021). 'International Relations: Power, Peace and the People', in: A. Plassart, M. Mosher and E. Biagini (eds.), *The Cultural History of Democracy in the Age of Enlightenment*. London: Bloomsbury Academic, pp. 201-217.

**Stafford, J.** (2021). 'The "Long Twentieth Century" and the Making of World Trade Law', in: M. Albert and T. Werron (eds.), *What in the World? Understanding Global Social Change*. Bristol: Bristol University Press, pp. 211-227. URL: <https://bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/what-in-the-world>.

## CONFERENCES AND SUMMER SCHOOLS\*

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**Elmuradov, A.** 'Decoloniality: Webinar with W.M. Mignolo'. Presentation as part of the online lecture series 'Theory from the Margins and CoFutures', 18 November 2020.

**Erdoğan, C., Isakova, A., Saraseko, T. and Volkov, K.** Organisation of the online gender equality workshop 'Storytelling Techniques for Female Scientists', 23 April 2021.

**Erdoğan, C.** (with A. Kaasch) 'Care Crisis during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Different Welfare Regimes, Different Policy Responses?'. Presentation held at Annual RC19 Conference 2020 'Globalization in Retreat? Welfare States amid Regional Turbulence', 03 December 2020.

**Erdoğan, C., Isakova, A., Saraseko, T. and Volkov, K.** Organisation of the gender equality workshop 'Networking Strategies for Women in Academia', Bielefeld University, 27 November 2020.

**Erdoğan, C., Isakova, A., Saraseko, T. and Volkov, K.** Organisation of the gender equality workshop 'How to Build your Career Strategy and find your Strengths and Goals as a Female Researcher', Bielefeld University, 20 November 2020.

**Erdoğan, C.** 'Introduction of Long-Term Care Policies in Turkey in Light of the EU Accession Process: Do Policy Problems Really Chase Policy Solutions?'. Paper presented at the virtual PhD Workshop 'Europeanisation and Policy Learning', Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence and Europa Institute at the University of Edinburgh, 12 October 2020.

**Fritzler, J.** Participation in the online workshop 'Planning, Thinking and Writing', by Dr. Vera Leberecht, 10-11 December 2020.

**Isakova, A.** Participation in the online ECPR Winter Methods School course 'Qualitative Data Analysis', 22-26 March 2021. Received ECPR 2021 Winter School Participation Grant.

**Isakova, A.** Participation in the webinar '(Dis)functional international security institutions? The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) today'. Organized by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) in the framework of the Virtual Stockholm Security Conference, 17-20 November 2020.

**Meyhöfer, F.** Participation in the annual research workshops of the 'Arbeitsgruppe Soziologie des Geistes', Goethe-University, Frankfurt am Main, March 2021-2023.

**Meyhöfer, F.** Attendance at the lecture series of the 'Institute for World Society Studies'. Organisation of two RTG workshops together with other doctoral researchers, planned for 2021 and 2022.

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**Saraseko, T.** Participation in the conference 'Inter-institutional Cooperation in Global Governance: Why Do Intergovernmental Organizations Participate in Transnational Public-Private Governance Initiatives', ECPR, 18 February 2021.

**Saraseko, T.** Participation in the conference "'World on the Edge": the crisis of the western liberal order', Department of International Relations, LSE, 16 February 2021.

**Saraseko, T.** Participation in the seminar 'Non-state actors as a formative factor in World Politics', Diplomacy and Global Affairs Research Seminar Series, University of Leiden, 09 February 2021.

**Saraseko, T.** Participation in the virtual conference 'International Perspectives on the Future of Architecture and Urbanism in the Post-COVID Age', Epidemic Urbanism Initiative, 29-30 January 2021.

**Saraseko, T.** Participation in the virtual conference 'The Race to Zero Coalition: From COVID-19 to COP26'. Hosted in partnership with the UNFCCC and C40 Group, 09 November 2020.

**Saraseko, T.** Participation in the webinar 'Implementation of SDGs in Global Cities: Cases of New York, Moscow and Buenos Aires'. Led by Mr. Nikolai Bobylev, Ph. D., UN-Habitat Expert, Associate Professor at the Saint Petersburg State University, 30 October 2020.

**Volkov, K.** 'International Cooperation: Navigating the Way Ahead'. Paper presented at the Stockholm Security Conference, Stockholm, 17–20 November 2020.

**Stafford, J.** 'The Reform of Empire: Rethinking the British-Irish Union of 1801'. Seminar held in 'Modern British History', Cambridge University, 29 October 2020.

## **GUEST LECTURERS AND RESEARCHERS\***

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\*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. 6) publication.

## NEWS

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### Several members of the RTG's first cohort have started new positions:

**Madeleine Myatt** has started in the winter semester 20/21 to work as a research fellow at the German Council for Foreign Relations (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik);

**Karlson Preuß** has started in the winter semester 20/21 to work as a lecturer at the Institute for Sociology, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg;

**Sandra Holtgreve** has started in the summer semester 2021 to work as a lecturer at the Faculty of Applied Social Sciences, Hochschule RheinMain;

**Dr. Aziz Elmuradov** has started in the summer semester 2021 to work as a research fellow in the project 'Institutional Change and Social Practice. Research on the Political System, Economy and Society in Central Asia and Caucasus', led by Prof. Dr. Andreas Vasilache at the Faculty for Sociology, Bielefeld University.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE SUMMER TERM 2021

### *Digital Workshop/ Lectures*

**23 April 2021, 9h c.t.** Guido Molina: Gender Equality Workshop “Storytelling Techniques for Female Scientists”;

**27 April 2021, 18h c.t.** Christina Morina (Bielefeld): “The Invention of Marxism. How an idea conquered the world” (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society);

**01 June 2021, 16 c.t** Julian Go (Chicago) “Doing global historical sociology” (Lecture in RTG research class);

**15 June 2021, 18h c.t.** Hedwig Richter (München): “How much democracy is good for democracy? Historical and comparative perspectives on the USA” (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society);

**29 June 2021, 18h c.t.** Lothar Brock & Hedrik Simon (Frankfurt a.M.): “Constituting World Order through the Justification of War. From Early Modernity to the Present” (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society).

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