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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

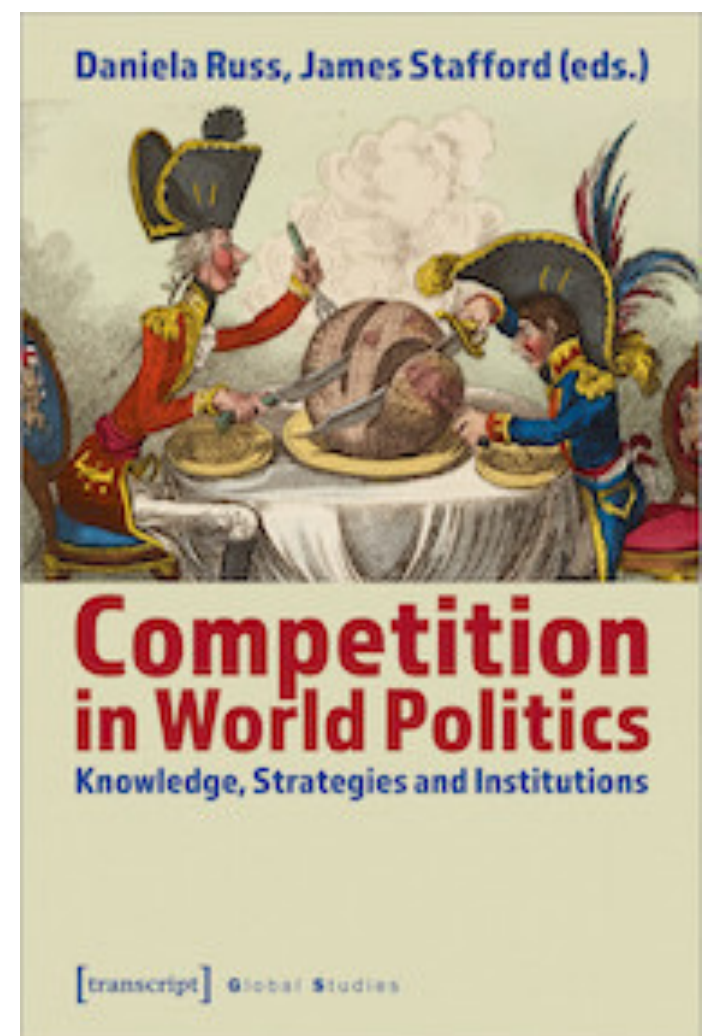
Dear friends and colleagues,

The biggest and happiest news to announce is that our Research Training Group has been approved by the *Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)* for a second funding period, running until September 2026. Thank you, a lot, to everyone involved in the process for all the effort put into this!

While this means that we are looking forward to another almost five years of exciting activities, we are at least hopeful that we can proceed with our planned in-person events in the near future. It does make a difference whether people meet sitting in front of computer screens, or whether they are together in the same room and can chat during coffee breaks or during dinner. After our group had finally started to have some internal in-person meetings again over the past months, some major planned activities at the end of the year needed to be turned into online-only ones again. Needless to say, the celebration of the approval of a second funding period will be one of the first events when we can open for live meetings again.

Best wishes and stay healthy,

Prof. Dr. Mathias Albert
Speaker of the RTG



We are happy to announce that our second Open Access edited volume is now out. You can access the book under the following URL: <https://www.transcript-verlag.de/978-3-8376-5747-0/competition-in-world-politics/?c=311000000&number=978-3-8376-5747-0>



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 20th 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



Dr. James Stafford

Post-Doctoral Project:

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

Scientific Coordinator



Dr. Mustafa Aksakal

PUBLICATIONS

Boyashov, A. (2021). 'Task Expansion of the CIS in Humanitarian Sphere: Potential of Eurasian Integration in Human Rights', *Eurasia.Expert*, No. 1, pp. 70-74 [original text in Russian, translated by the author].

Boyashov, A. (2021). 'Temperature is Rising: What Belarus' Initiative at the UN against the Politicization of Human Rights Means', *Eurasia.Expert*, 28 July 2021 [original text in Russian, translated by the author].

Boyashov, A. (2021). 'Rejection of 'Pseudo-Reforms': What is behind Belarus' Withdrawal from the EU Eastern Partnership', *Eurasia.Expert*, 20 July 2021 [original text in Russian, translated by the author].

Boyashov, A. (2021). 'What Rights do Citizens of Belarus and Russia Have under the Union State and the EAEU', *Eurasia.Expert*, 17 May 2021 [original text in Russian, translated by the author].

Boyashov, A. and Schulze Waltrup, R. (with A. Shriwise, M. Babirye, J. Berten, F. Besche-Truthe, C. Crokett, S. Cufre, E. Igbojekwe, A. Kaasch, M. Laws and T. Ooms) (2021). 'Global Social Policy Digest 21.2: Turning the tide in the battle against Covid-19?', *Global Social Policy*, Vol. 21, No. 2, pp. 349-377.

Elmuradov, A. (2021). 'Postcolonial/Decolonial Critique and the Theory of International Relations', *MGIMO Review of International Relations*, Vol. 14, No. 3, pp. 23-38 [original text in Russian, translated by the author].

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, pp. 225-266.

Neuwinger, M. (2021). 'The revolution will not be randomized: Universal basic income, randomized controlled trials, and "evidence-based" social policy', *Global Social Policy*, pp. 1-19. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/14680181211010102> (in press).

Schulze Waltrup, R. (with A. Kaasch) (2021). 'Introduction: Global eco-social policy: Contestation within an emerging policy era?', *Global Social Policy*, Vol. 21, No. 2, pp. 319-322.

CONFERENCES AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

Elmuradov, A. Presentation of webinar 'Russia-European relations: history, culture and politics', University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, online, 24 May 2021.

Erdoğan, C. Participation in the virtual conference 'Time in Care: the Temporality of Care Policy and Practice' held at the 5th Transforming Care Conference, Venice, Italy, online, 24-26 June 2021.

Erdoğan, C. (with A. Kaasch) 'Transforming Care Policies in Light of Global COVID-19 Pandemic: Different Welfare Regimes, Different Paths?' Panel Organisation at the Transforming Care Conference, Venice, Italy, online, 24-26 June 2021.

Erdoğan, C. (with R. Sukhampha and A. Kaasch) 'A Comparative Perspective on Healthcare Policy Responses of Thailand and Turkey to COVID-19 Pandemic'. Paper submitted for the RC19 Annual Conference, University of Fribourg, Switzerland, 25-27 August 2021.

Fritzler, J. 'Small State Norm Entrepreneurship in Times of "World Order Crisis"'. Paper presented at the virtual ECPR Joint Sessions Workshop 'European Small States in International Organisations – Strategies, Preferences and Adaptation', online, 17-23 May 2021.

Hecke, S. Participation in the workshop of the International Working Group 'Methods and Practices of Theorizing', Universität der Bundeswehr München, Munich, 23-24 September 2021.

Holtgreve, S. 'Semantic landscapes of "decolonization" in the Global Agenda 2020-2030'. Paper presented at the European Conference for Social Work Education, Tallinn University, Estonia, 16 June 2021.

Isakova, A. 'The European Union and its Partnerships in the sphere of Early Warning and Response to Violent Conflicts: Successful Cooperation?'. Paper presented at the Doctoral Researcher Workshop 'Security and the European Union'. FUTURES Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, Europa Institute, University of Edinburgh, UK, online, 22 April 2021.

Isakova, A. 'Normative influence of international bureaucracies on conflict prevention policies'. Paper presentation at the virtual ECPR General Conference 2021, Section: '21st Century International Organizations: Power, Politics, and Global Policy Making', online, 31 August - 03 September 2021.

Meyhöfer, F. Participation in the conference 'Post-Corona-Gesellschaft? Pandemie, Krise und ihre Folgen', held by the Collaborative Congress of the German (DGS) and Austrian (ÖGS) Association for Sociology, Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, online, 23-25 August 2021.

Saraseko, T. Participation in the virtual ECPR Summer Methods School course 'Case Study Research: Method and Practice', online, 02-03 August 2021.

CONFERENCES AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

Saraseko, T. Participation in the virtual ECPR Summer Methods School course 'Interviews for Qualitative Data Generation', online, 09-13 August 2021.

Saraseko, T. Participation in the virtual ECPR Summer Methods School course 'Advanced Qualitative Data Analysis', online, 16-25 August 2021.

Schulze Waltrup, R. 'The Emergence of Eco-Social Policy Discourses in the World Bank'. Paper presentation at the ISA (International Sociological Association) conference 'Drivers and challenges of social policy: Global, regional, national and local perspectives', Fribourg University, Switzerland, 25-27 August 2021.

Schulze Waltrup, R. (with H. Brown) 'Eco-social policy ideas in the food policy of the European Union'. Paper presentation at the ESPAnet 2021 virtual conference 'Up for the Future? Social policies in challenged societies', KU Leuven, online, 31 August - 03 September 2021.

GUEST LECTURERS AND WORKSHOPS

Guest Lectures:

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.

06 July 2021, 18h c.t. virtual guest lecture by **Lothar Brock & Hedrick Simon** (Frankfurt a.M.): *'The Intervention of Marxism. How an idea conquered the world'*, held as part of the public lecture series 'Signaturen der Weltgesellschaft' jointly organised by the RTG World Politics & the Institute of World Society.

22 June 2021, 16h c.t. virtual guest presentation by **Christian Reus-Smit** (Brisbane): Presentation of Current Research Activities and Discussion.

15 June, 18h c.t. virtual guest lecture by **Hedwig Richter** (Munich): *'How much democracy is good for democracy? Historical and comparative perspectives on the USA'*, held as part of the public lecture series 'Signaturen der Weltgesellschaft' jointly organised by the RTG World Politics & the Institute of World Society.

01 June 2021, 16 c.t. virtual guest lecture by **Julian Go** (Chicago): *'Doing Global Historical Sociology'*.

27 April 2021, 18h c.t. virtual guest lecture by **Christina Morina** (Bielefeld): *'The Intervention of Marxism. How an idea conquered the world'*, held as part of the public lecture series 'Signaturen der Weltgesellschaft' jointly organised by the RTG World Politics & the Institute of World Society.

Workshops:

17-18 June 2021 virtual workshop by **Roland Bluhm**: *'Good Scientifics Practice'*.

23 April 2021, 9h c.t. virtual guest workshop by **Guido Molina**: 'Storytelling Techniques for Female Scientists', organised by RTG World Politics doctoral students **Cansu Erdoğan, Alina Isakova, Tatiana Saraseko and Katerina Volkov** as part of the RTG's gender equality measures.

NEWS

RTG Review:

On the 8th of November 2021, after conducting a review earlier this autumn, the DFG announced its decision to extend the RTG 2225 "World Politics" for an additional four and a half years.

Postdoctoral Position Vacancy:

The RTG is searching for a suitable candidate for our vacant post-doc position, which would start on the 1st of April 2022 for a maximum duration of 6 years. All applicants are required to send the following documents via post or digitally via E-Mail in a single PDF file: cover letter; curriculum vitae; list of publications; project outline; as well as a copy of their PhD certificate. These documents must be sent to the RTG by the 9th of December 2021 in order for the application to be considered.

New Positions - WiSe 2020/21:

Marc Jacobsen has started a new position as Research Associate at the Faculty of Educational Science at Bielefeld University;

Dr. James Stafford has taken up a new role as an assistant professor at the Department of History at Columbia University in New York, USA.

Scholarship Announcements:

Both **Dr. Anatoly Boyashov** and **Dr. Yasin Sunca** have received the Fellowship of the Bielefeld Young Researchers Fund.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE WINTER TERM 2021/22

07 December 2021, 18h c.t. Willibald Steinmetz (Bielefeld): “What is new? The Corona-Pandemic compared to the earlier (20th- and 21st-century) pandemics” (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society);

13-15 December 2021 RTG Workshop “Global Challenges”;

16-17 December 2021 RTG Retreat to Bad Salzuflen with the Institute for World Society;

18-19 January 2022 Guest researcher Jans Bartelson;

25 January 2022, 18h c.t. Benedikt Stuchtey (Marburg): “Writing the history of the British Empire” (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society).

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