

# SPSA Conference 2020

Lucerne, 3-4 February

Program for the International Political Sociology Section

Conveners: *Rahel Kunz, Anna Leander & Matthias Leese*

## Session 1: Keynote + Roundtable Theorizing in/of IPS

*Monday, 3.2.2020 - 11:00-13:00 - Room 3.B47*

What kind of theoretical ambitions are entailed by studies in/of IPS? What does it therefore entail to make a theoretical contribution? And how might one communicate and formulate this in the context of a research project? These questions matter pragmatically for IPS scholars striving to persuade scholars inside and/or outside the field of the interest and value of their work. Not surprisingly therefore they have occupied a central place in recent discussions as scholars have come with different bids for answers. Huysmans and Nogueira have advocated “fracturing” as a strategy, Bigo has suggested we look for transversal lines, Weber that we Queer things, and a manifest of sort has recently been published calling for a recrafting of IR through a relationality attentive to tracing the logic of multiple worldings. These are just some examples from a broad panoply of IPS calls to rethink the meaning of theorization. In this panel we discuss the implications of these kinds of reformulations of the theoretical endeavor for how IPS scholars conceive of, argue about and present their theoretical contributions.

Keynote: Vivienne Jabri

Roundtable Participants: Stefano Guzzini, Elisabeth Prügl, Pedro dos Santos Maia

Chair: Anna Leander

## Session 2: Violence and Authoritarianism

*Monday, 3.2.2020 - 13:30-15:00 - Room 3.B47*

Chair: Rahel Kunz

John Austin: The Materiality of Violence in Action

Dennis Pauschinger: Beyond Smartness and Resilience: State Violence, Technology and (Non)Materiality of Security in the Age of Authoritarian-Populism in Rio de Janeiro

Pedro dos Santos Maia: (In)security images and the politics of a massacre

Vassily Klimentov: ‘Securitization’ after Beslan: Terrorism and Authoritarian Reforms in Russia in Fall 2004

## Session 3: Politics beyond Language

*Tuesday, 4.2.2020 - 09:00-10:30 - Room 3.B47*

Chair: Matthias Leese

Monique Beerli: Materialities of (In)Humanity: An Audio-Visual Odyssey into the Monitoring of IHL Violations

Raphael Leduc: Exploring Change in Warfare through War Monuments

John Austin & Anna Leander: Designing-With/In World Politics

Annelle Littoz-Monnet: The Production of Knowledge on Mental Health by Global Health Actors

#### **Session 4: International Organizations**

*Tuesday, 4.2.2020 - 11:00-12:30 - Room 3.B47*

Chair: Matthias Leese

Leah Kimber: The Architecture of Exclusion: Including UN's Civil Society

Lucile Maertens & Marieke Louis: Why International Organizations Hate Politics? Practices and Logics of Depoliticization within IOs

Aurel Niederberger: Trans-organizational interaction networks and the emergence of practice at International Organizations

Alexandrine Dupras: The implication of IT companies in the aid sector

#### **Session 5: Keynote: Technology and Materiality**

*Tuesday, 4.2.2020 - 12:30-13:30 - Room 3.B47*

In recent years, IPS scholarship has increasingly converged around the related themes of materiality and technology, incorporating New Materialist philosophy as much as Science and Technology Studies. This panel attempts to explore how diverse artefacts such as architectures and infrastructures, but also databases and interfaces, reconfigure the international as a space for political regulation and action.

Keynote: Mark Lacy

Discussant: John Austin

Chair: Rahel Kunz

#### **Session 6: Digital Spaces**

*Tuesday, 4.2.2020 - 13:30-15:00 - Room 3.B47*

Chair: Anna Leander

Lilly Muller: How Is Cyber(in)security Made? Unpacking the Socio-technical Co-production

Myriam Dunn Cavelty & Matthias Leese: Is Cybersecurity Finally Sexy? Design, Desire and Digital In-Security Production

Palmo Brunner: Mapping transnational mobilization in the digital age: An analysis of the Tibetan diaspora network online

Yannick Perticone, Jean-Christophe Graz & Rahel Kunz: Digital platforms in the global political economy

#### **Session 7: Borders and Migration**

*Tuesday, 4.2.2020 - 15:30-17:00 - Room 3.B47*

Chair: Rahel Kunz

Marco Bitschnau: Claims-Making in Turbulent Times: The Politicization of Immigration and Immigrant Integration in Switzerland

Matthias Leese: From Identity Production to Identity Management: Interoperability in the EU

Simon Noori: Rethinking Smart Borders' anti-political economy

Miguel Lopez: Marginal Geopolitics