

## SPSA Conference 2020

3-4 February, Lucerne

International Political Sociology Section

*Program*

### 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](#), [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

[Jonathan Luke 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 Jo Beerli](#): Materialities of (In)Humanity: An Audio-Visual Odyssey into the Monitoring of IHL Violations

[Raphael Leduc](#): Exploring Change in Warfare through War Monuments

[Jonathan Luke Austin & Anna Leander](#): Designing-With/In World Politics

[Ceren Bulduk & Annabelle 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: Sensory International Relations**

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

This talk is a preliminary theoretical exploration of the intersections between different approaches to and ideas of sense in/of global politics. By 'sensory' IR, I look to think about sense and sensibility in the practice of global politics, while also practicing the sensory study of global politics. The talk looks to discuss sense in global politics (how it is experience in terms of smell, touch, sound, taste, and sight, as well as emotion and affect), sensory deprivation in global politics, sensibilities in/of global politics, and sensory methods for making and performing research in global politics. In the talk, I look to make links across epistemological, ontological, and methodological insights of sense in/of IR to begin to map out what sense/sensory IR might look like.

Keynote: Laura Sjoberg

Discussant: Jonathan Luke Austin

Chair: Rahel Kunz

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

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

Chair: Anna Leander

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 Iglesias Lopez: Marginal Geopolitics