

Swiss Political Science Association Annual Conference
(3-4 February 2021)
Preliminary Program for the International Political Sociology Section

Summary

- Session 1: Thursday, February 4, 14.00–15.30
Workshop with Charlotte Heath-Kelly
- Session 2: Friday, February 5, 8.30–10.00
Parallel Sessions 2a, 2b, 2c
- Session 3 Friday, February 5, 10.15–11.45
Parallel Sessions 3a, 3b, 3c
- Session 4: Friday, February 5, 13.30–15.00
Parallel Sessions 4a, 4b
- Session 5: Friday, February 5, 15.15–16.45
Workshop w Siba Grovogui

Workshop Descriptions

Workshop 1: Practicing 'Relevant' IPS

Directed by Professor Charlotte Heath-Kelly, University of Warwick
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IPS researchers and research agendas stand in a complex relation to relevance. On the one hand they are pressured to cater for institutions and funders, sometimes directly serving them. On the other hand, if they go too far in doing so they risk reducing themselves to irrelevance. Professor Heath Kelly has faced this dilemma and explored its implications in the context of the counter-terrorism and de-radicalization policies. Liberal democracies are reluctant to endorse repressive countermeasures. In place of militarised counter-insurgency, liberal states they rely on preemptive counter-radicalisation interventions (CVE programs). These programs rely on a wide range of private actors as well as on the public sector including the branches concerned with defense, police and migration, but it also enrolls for example the public health-care, social services and education. But do these measures contravene democratic principles? Do they weaken the legal protections for free speech, free practice of religion and individual privacy? And if so what role do/should academics play? Public consternation about counter-radicalisation programs continues to grow. Civil society organisations have expressed deep-rooted concerns about the 'science' behind European CVE programs.

In this workshop Professor Heath-Kelly will take stock of the implications of the emergence of CVE programs for IPS researchers and research agendas, discuss how they have been dealt with and where she sees scope for further developments. She will do so engaging the participants about how to approach research design and methods in manner sensitive to these pressures.

Workshop 2: Practicing Racially Sensitive IPS

Directed by Professor Siba Grovogui, Cornell University, Africana Studies
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In recent years, awareness of the racial dimensions of IR theory and research practice has exploded. Professor Grovogui has been a pioneer in this area. In 2021 it will be ten years since Grovogui published his groundbreaking article *To the orphaned, dispossessed, and illegitimate children* outlining not only the racial and colonial origins of human rights but also the role of the Haitian revolutionaries in proposing alternatives. It will be five years since he published his volume *Beyond Eurocentrism and Anarchy* in which his argument is further elaborated and generalized and in which he looks at the role of the African “evolués” in redefining the International Relations and reinterpreting it.

In this workshop, Professor Grovogui will take stock of the development of racial sensibilities in IR, where he thinks in-roads have been made as well as where he sees scope for developing this further. He will engage the participants about racially sensitive research practices.

Session Details

panel	Name	Paper title
Infrastructures		
Chair: Yannick Perticone		
Discussant: Myriam Dunn Cavelty		
2a	Janine E. Bressmer	Entangled in/security: De-fracturing the im/material in humanitarian security management
2a	Dagmar Rychnovská	Infrastructuring (bio)security
2a	Rocco Bellanova	Controlling the Schengen Information System (SIS II): The Infrastructural Politics of Fragility and Maintenance
2a	Matthias Leese	Fingerprints to know them all: The co-constitution of biometrics, law enforcement, and border control in the EU
Governance		
Chair: Stefano Guzzini		
Discussant: Jean-Christophe Graz		
2b	Mathias Albert	Climate change and pandemics: the timescales of social evolution in world society
2b	Nina Klimburg-Witjes	Non-Performances of Security: Field Dynamics and the Research-ability of Security Infrastructures
2b	Annabelle Littoz-Monnet	Private Expertise in public Health
2b	Lucile Maertens	Climatizing the World? The Climate Crisis and the Transformation of Global Governance
Race		
Chair: Luisa Lobato Lobato		
Discussant: Siba Grovogui		
2c	Rahel Kunz	De/colonising through translation? Rethinking the politics of translation in the Women, Peace and Security agenda
2c	Pedro Paulo dos Santos da Silva	Racism through technicism: dissecting the racial logics of preventive policing
2c	Alice Baroni	'Too Few to Mention'? Jewish-Israeli Activists for Palestinian Rights: Failures and Potentials of a Solidarity 'from Within' the Israeli System
2c	Leah R. Kimber	Diversity in Debate at the United Nations : An Analysis through the Concept of Intersectionality

Images		
Chair: Lucile Maertens		
Discussant: Jonathan Austin		
3a	Muriel Bruttin	Building queer worlds on social media
3a	Ronald Bleiker	How Images Shape Attitudes Towards Victims of Humanitarian Crises
3a	Asees Puri	Rebel Inc.: Tracing the Aestheticization of State-Building
3a	Gabi Schlag	Looking at the North Atlantic Alliance - an aesthetic perspective on power and legitimacy
3a	Laura Sjoberg	Sidewalk Resilience and Window Communities: Everyday Coronavirus Art and Distant-Community?
Polities		
Chair: Stefano Guzzini		
Discussant: Jonas Haggmann		
3b	Bart Sebastiaan Gabriel	Pockets of Radicalism – Toward a networked understanding of the sociology of Lone Wolf perpetrators.
3b	Vassily Klimentov	The End of Democracy: Securitization and the Russia's Authoritarian Drift
3b	Jérôme Duberry	Artificial intelligence and citizen participation: a systematic literature review of the pitfalls of AI advances in liberal democracies
3b	Yannick Perticone	Digital platforms in the global political economy
Technologies		
Chair: Dagmar Rychnovská		
Discussant: Matthias Leese		
3c	Dennis Pauschinger	Police Dreams: Imaginaries of Drones as Security Technologies
3c	Pedro dos Santos Maia	Global Politics at the Interface
3c	Luisa Cruz Lobato	Entangling apps and in/security governance in the Global South
3c	Rune Saugmann	Machine vision, security knowledge, and the parameters of assembled subjectivity
Connections		
Chair: Rune Saugmann		
Discussant: Jerome Duberry		
4a	Jonas Haggmann	Urban Security Assemblages
4a	Oleksandra Tarkhanova	Politics of (im)mobility: The effects of the pandemic on the movement across the 'contact' line in Eastern Ukraine
4a	Eva Johais	Surviving Corona: The Survivor as Bearer of Hope and Fear in the Making of the Corona Crisis
4a	Florian J. Egloff	Attribution, Knowledge Creation Assemblages, and Truth Making in Cybersecurity Politics
Research		
Chair: Charlotte Heath Kelly		
Discussant: Mathias Alberts		
4b	Timo Walter	Foregrounding 'politics', losing track of 'sociology'? How IPS journeys towards a new blend of empiricism and normativity
4b	Klaus Dingwerth	"Feasible Climate Justice: Why Political Philosophy Need Sociology"
4b	Jonathan Austin	Designing-With/In World Politics
4b	Raphaël Leduc	Understanding Changes in Warfare through War Monuments