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Preface

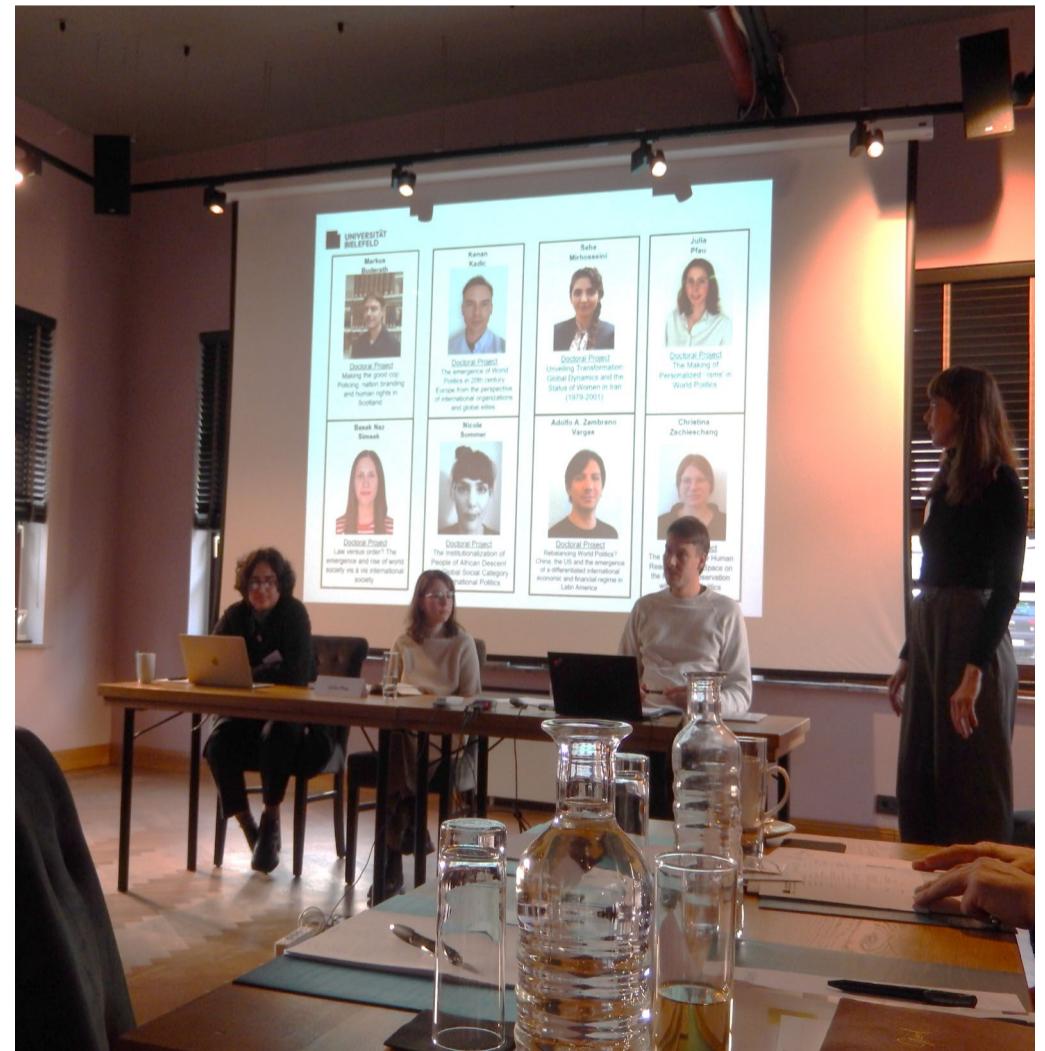
Dear friends and colleagues

as our third cohort of doctoral researchers is gathering momentum on their project in their second semester, we are starting to plan a range of activities over the coming months. We particularly look forward to engaging in conversations with members of the ZIF Research Group on "Understanding Transformations of World Politics", in the context of which a number of researchers will be in residence in Bielefeld from April to July. These researchers include both previous and new collaborators from IR, Sociology and History.

Have a good start into the summer semester 2024.

Best wishes,

Prof. Dr. Mathias Albert
Speaker of the RTG



Annual Retreat of the Institute for World Society in Bad Salzulfen, 30th Nov. – 1st Dec. 2023, photo by Penelope Alvarez and Paulina Arnal

Third cohort of doctoral researchers (2023-2026)



Iris Bartelt

Doctoral Project:

Moral authority and contestation in the International Labour Organization



Markus Buderath

Doctoral Project:

Making the Good Cop: Policing, Nation Branding and Human Rights in Scotland



Kenan Kadic

Doctoral Project:

The Emergence of World Politics in 20th Century Europe from the Perspective of International Organizations and Global Elites



Saba Mirhosseini

Doctoral Project:

Unveiling Transformation: Global Dynamics and the Status of Women in Iran (1979-2001)



Julia Pfau

Doctoral Project:

The Making of Personalized '-isms' in World Politics.

Basak N. Simsek

Doctoral Project:

Law versus order? The emergence and rise of world society vis à vis international society



Nicole Sommer

Doctoral Project:

The Institutionalization of People of African Descent as a Global Social Category in International Politics



Natia Tsaritova

Doctoral Project:

The role of Inter-Organizationa cooperation in the Arctic: Examining observers engagement in the Arctic Council



Adolfo A. Zambrano Vargas

Doctoral Project:

Rebalancing World Politics? China, the US and the Emergence of a Differentiated International Economic and Financial Regime in Latin- America



Christina Zschieschang

Doctoral Project:

The Influence of Outer Space Accessibility and Imaginaries on Cooperation in World Politics



Post-Doctoral Researcher



Dr. Disha Jani

Post-Doctoral Project:

(Un)free Labour and (Un)free Trade: Economic Sovereignty from the Haitian Revolution to the NIEO, 1791-1974



Jonas Fritzler (start up)

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



Robin Schulze-Waltrup (start up)

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

Scientific Coordinator



Dr. Mustafa Aksakal

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Aksakal, M. (with Calderon L.) (2023). Introducción: Migraciones, fronteras y desigualdades. *Carta Económica Regional* 35 (132): 5-16;

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Fritzler, J. (2023). R2P Niche Diplomacy and Norm Development in Times of Politicization: A Look at Denmark, the Netherlands, and Sweden, *Nordic Journal of Human Rights*. Advance online publication (04 Dec 2023). <https://doi.org/10.1080/18918131.2023.2284490>;

Isakova, A. (2024). ‘Early Warning Models in the OSCE: Adoption and Re-invention’, in: Mihr, A. and Pierobon, C. (eds). *Polarization, Shifting Borders and Liquid Governance. Studies on Transformation and Development in the OSCE Region*. Springer;

Meyhöfer, F. (with M. Eldracher) (2023). *Soziologisch denken mit Jacques Derrida*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS;

Meyhöfer, F. (with B. Schiffel and J. Winkelhaus) (2023) (ed.). *Kultur der Soziologie. Jahrbuch für Soziologiegeschichte*. Frankfurt am Main: Springer VS;

Meyhöfer F. (with B. Schiffel and J. Winkelhaus) (2023). ‘Die Kultur der Soziologie und ihre Kultivierung’, in: F. Meyhöfer, B. Schiffel and J. Winkelhaus (ed.), *Kultur der Soziologie. Jahrbuch für Soziologiegeschichte*. Frankfurt am Main: Springer VS, pp. 1-8;

Meyhöfer, F. (with S. Fichtner) (2023). ‘Die Dauer im Wandel. Bericht von der Jahrestagung des Arbeitskreises Historische Soziologie der DGS-Sektion Kulturosoziologie’ in: *Soziopolis – Gesellschaft beobachten*, <https://nbn-resolving.org/urn:nbn:de:0168-ssoar-91385-3>. Berlin, Germany, 5-6 October 2023;

Meyhöfer, F. (with B. Schiffel) (2023). ‘Fremd- und Selbstbilder Japans in den Sozialwissenschaften. Polarisierung und Dialogizität in Modernisierungsdiskursen 1910–1960’, in: P.-I. Villa (ed.), *Polarisierte Welten. Proceedings of the 41st Congress of the German Sociological Association 2022*, https://publikationen.soziologie.de/index.php/kongressband_2022/article/view/1592;

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Neuwinger, M. (2023). Are social experiments being hyped (too much)? *Journal for Technology Assessment in Theory and Practice* 32(3), 22–27. <https://doi.org/10.14512/tatup.32.3.22>;

Saraseko, T. (2024) ‘Upscaling climate change—glocalizing governance’, in: Isakova, A., Neuwinger, M., Schulze Waltrup, R. and Uraqat, O. (eds.), *Constructing Global Challenges in World Politics*. London: Routledge;

Schulze Waltrup, R. (2023). An Eco-Social Policy Typology. From System Reproduction to Transformation. *Global Social Policy*. Online-First;

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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, WINTER SCHOOLS AND LECTURES

The Annual Retreat of the Institute for World Society Studies (Bielefeld University), Bad Salzuflen, Germany, 30th Nov.- 1st Dec. 2023. Panel 1: ‘Perspectives on change and continuity on World Politics’. Participation by J. Disha, N. Sommer N., J. Pfau, M. Buderath and A. Zambrano;

Field research at the 28th Conference of Parties United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28 UNFCCC), T. Saraseko, Dubai, UAE, 30 Nov – 13 Dec 2023;

28th Conference of Parties United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change for early career researchers. Lecture presented by T. Saraseko, ‘Multilevel Action and Urbanization – Navigating the UNFCCC Complexity’, Just North Pavilion (Michigan Tech), Dubai, UAE, 6 December 2023;

Workshop ‘European Society. A New Approach to Europe, its Past and Future Challenges’. Presentation 'Peace OR Security: Constructing the European Society through the Security Challenges' by A. Isakova, EUI, Florence, Italy, 24-25 January 2024;

Teaching assistant at ECPR Winter Methods School: ‘Qualitative Data Analysis’ online course, A. Isakova, A. (with Paré, M.-H.), 5-9 February 2024;

Effective Partnerships for Sustainable Development, The Partnering Initiative, T. Saraseko February 2024, online;

Best Practices for Moderating Meetings and Facilitating Discussions, T. Saraseko, TUHH Hamburg University of Technology, October 2023;

Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology Retreat 2023, Bielefeld, ‘Law versus order? The emergence and rise of world society vis-à-vis international society’ Participation by B.N. Simsek.

(GUEST) LECTURERS AND EVENTS

31 October 2023, Guest lecturer Markus Ciesieslki (Giessen/Hildesheim): “Claiming in Columbia: A regional approach to social rights insights” (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society);

14 November 2023, Guest lecture Marcel van der Linden (Amsterdam): “Coerced and Free Labour in Global Perspective” (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society);

05 December 2023, Guest lecturer Octavio Luis Motta Ferraz (London): “The right to health in the Amazon Forest: Brazil, the Americas and the World” (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society);

23 January 2024, Guest lecturer Angelika Siehr (Bielefeld): “The human right to water” (Lecture series of the Institute of World Society);

Retreats:

30th Nov.- 1st Dec. 2023, The Annual Retreat of the Institute for World Society Studies (Bielefeld University), Bad Salzulfen, Germany.

NEWS

We are delighted to welcome Iris Bartelt and Natia Tsaritova in our group. Iris and Natia have been members of the GRK since 1 March and will be collaborating here on their exciting doctoral theses over the upcoming years.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE SUMMER TERM 2024

IW Lecture series:

07.05.2024, 18h c.t., Jan Busse (Munich): Reflection on a Global Historical Sociology of Political Order: The Complex Entanglement of Micro-Practices and Macro Structures?, venue: X-C3-107;

14.05.2024, 18h c.t., Jiwei Ci (Hong Kong): Democratization Today: Theoretical and China-Specific Reflections, venue: X-C3-107;

10.06.2024, 18h c.t., Roundtable UTOPIC – Understanding the transformation of World Politics, with members of the ZiF Resident Group "Understanding the Transformation of World Politics: Ordering Principles and Infrastructures of Communication“, venue: X-C3-107;

09.07.2024, 18h c.t., Bettina Mahlert (Innsbruck) and Heikki Patomäki (Helsinki): Universalism and Cosmopolitanism in World Politics, venue: X-C3-107.

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