

# Newsletter No. 12 October 2023



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,

we are pleased to welcome the third cohort of doctoral researchers to the Research Training Group. We hope that work with the new cohort can both benefit from many lessons learned over the past six years, but are certain that our new colleagues will also bring to the group a range of fresh ideas!

Best wishes,

Prof. Dr. Mathias Albert  
Speaker of the RTG



RTG Workshop 1-2 September 2022, photo by Nilay Barlas.

## Third Cohort of Doctoral Researchers (2023-2026)



**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 20<sup>th</sup> Century Europe from the Perspective of International Organizations and Global Elites***



**Saba Mirhosseini**

Doctoral Project:

***God's Spirit Meets "The Great Satan": The Implications of the Iran-U.S. Political Conflicts for Iranian Women Between 1980 and 2001***



**Julia Pfau**

Doctoral Project:

***Memebership Categories as Tacticals Terms in Political Discourse. Ism inspired by Politicians in World Politics.***



**Basak N. Simsek**

Doctoral Project:

***Jus in Bello: A Fundamental Element of the Passage Towards a World Society***



**Nicole Sommer**

Doctoral Project:

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



**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:

*Outer Space as the Next Frontier? The Influence of Spatial Extension on the Mode of Observation within World Society*





## 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

Jonas successfully finished his doctoral thesis titled *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* in September 2023. He began his start-up project on 1 October.



### Simon Hecke

Doctoral Project:

*Unmasking Empire: Forms of Observing Informal Empire in the 20<sup>th</sup> 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

Robin successfully finished his doctoral thesis titled *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* in September 2023. He began his start-up project on 1 October.



### Oday Uraiqat

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. Disha Karnad Jani**

Post-Doctoral Project:

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

## Scientific Coordinator



**Dr. Mustafa Aksakal**

## New Publications

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Albert, M. (with H. Brunkhorst, I.B. Neumann, S. Stetter) (2023). *The Social Evolution of World Politics*. Bielefeld: transcript;

Aksakal, M. (with P. Wolfesberger) (2023). *Der Migrations- und Kirsten-Nexus. Analytische Perspektive auf (nicht-) solidarische Mobilisierungspraktiken. Polarisierte Welten. Verhandlungen des 41. Kongresses der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie 2022;*

Jani, D. K. (2023). "Revolution" in *Geschichtstheorie am Werk*, 26 September 2023, URL: <https://gtw.hypotheses.org/18566>;

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

Schulze Waltrup, R. (with A. Shriwise, M. Babirye, J. Berten, F. Besche-Truthe, A. Boyashov, J. Cunmulay, S. Cufre, V. Knebusch, T. Ooms, M. Selivanov) (2022). *Global Social Policy Digest 23.2: Holding the line to prevent (further) backsliding?* *Global Social Policy*, Vol. 23, No. 2, pp. 373–401;

Schulze Waltrup, R. (with A. Shriwise, J. Cunmulay, M. Babirye, J. Berten, F. Besche-Truthe, A. Boyashov, S. Cufre, V. Knebusch, T. Ooms, M. Selivanov) (2022). *Global Social Policy Digest 23.1: Cost of living increases and looming crises*. *Global Social Policy*, Vol. 23, No. 1, pp. 188–218.



## Research Stays

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Uraiqat O. Archival visit in the Institute for Palestine Studies. 23-30 September, Beirut, Lebanon;

Jani, D. K. Archival Research. 2 July-10 September 2023, Athens, Paris, London, Manchester, Glasgow and Dublin;

Saraseko, T. 58th sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (SB58 UNFCCC), 5-15 June 2023, Bonn, Germany;

Uraiqat O. Archival visit in the Institute for Palestine Studies. 23-29 April, Beirut, Lebanon.

## Conferences, Workshops, Winter Schools and Lectures

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Annual Conference of the Working Group Historical Sociology 2023, “Kontinuität und Permanenz: Phänomene sozialer Dauer in Zeiten proklamierten Wandels”. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany, 4-5 October 2023. Participation by Frank Meyhöfer;

Workshop: “Military Thought and World Polity Theory”. Bielefeld, 20-21 September 2023. Participation by Alina Isakova;

16th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, University of Potsdam, 5-9 September 2023;

Papers presented:

- a) “Adoption and Re-Invention of World Cultural Models by International Bureaucracies: Constructing Conflict Early Warning in the OSCE”, Alina Isakova;
- b) “R2P-Niche Diplomacy and Norm Development in Times of Politicization: A Look at Denmark, the Netherlands, and Sweden”. Paper presented on the panel “International Organizations and Atrocity Prevention: Norms, Ethics and Duties”, Jonas Fritzler;
- c) “Contestation in Prism. Patterns of norm evolution, consolidation, and decay”, Jonas Fritzler;
- d) “Eco-Social Policy in the Global Political Economy: Analysing Shifting Discourses of Agricultural Subsidies”, Robin A. Waltrup Schulze.

The American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2023, paper presented: “The Modern Construction of Conflicts in the Context of World Society”, Philadelphia, USA, 17-21 August 2023. Participation by Oday Uraiqat;

ECPR Winter Methods School 2023, teaching assistant at courses “Qualitative Data Analysis” and “Advanced Qualitative Data Analysis”, 31 July-4 August 2023. Online participation by Alina Isakova (with Paré, M.-H.);

10th European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS) 2023, , Amsterdam, Netherlands, 12-14 July 202. Paper presented by Alina Isakova “Hierarchies Among Heavyweights: Inter-Organizational Cooperation in Conflict Early Warning and Response Since 1990s”;

Laureate’s Colloquium with Susan G. Pedersen “Unlikely Actors in International Spaces”, Conveners: U. Davy and W. Steinmetz, Bielefeld University. 30 June 2023. Participation by Simon Hecke;

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United Nations Summer Academy 2023. Governance for Sustainable Development: “Multilevel Governance, Green and Just Transitions, and Governance for the Future”, Germany, online, 26-30 June 2023. Paper presented by Tatiana Saraseko; "Navigating Sustainable Development Through Backcasting Strategies”;

6th International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP6), Toronto, Canada, 28 June 2023  
Paper presented by Cansu Erdoğan: “The Introduction of Long-Term Care Policies in Turkey: How Non-Issues Turned into Policy Issues”;

The International Sociological Association World Congress 2023, Melbourne, 25 June-1 July 2023  
Paper presented by Oday Uraiqat “Conflict As a Global Social System: A Treatise on Sociological Theory”;

BISA Conference 2023, Glasgow, 21-23 June 2023. Paper presented by Alina Isakova: “Inter-Organisational Cooperation in Conflict Early Warning and Response Since 1990s: A Cross-Case Study of Heavyweights”. Paper presented at the panel “Feminism and changing international institutions”;

“Thinking against Empire” with Julian Go (Chicago), Bielefeld University, 22 June 2023  
RTG workshop organised by Simon Hecke and Frank Meyhöfer;

SFB 1288-Workshop: “The Constitutive Force of Colonial Comparisons” (organised by N. Al Bayaa, M. Petzke & R. Rapior.), Bielefeld University, 21-22 June 2023. Participation by Frank Meyhöfer and Simon Hecke;

SNIS Conference 2023, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, 13-14 June. Paper presented by Alina Isakova : “How Do International Bureaucracies Cooperate? Choice Rationalisation and Hierarchies in Cooperation Among Conflict Early Warning Heavyweights”;

Colloquium of the Forum Internationale Wissenschaft, Bonn University, online, 13 June 2023. Paper presented by Oday Uraiqat : “The Construction of Anti-Colonial Struggles in World Society”;

Isakova, A. Discussant at the ‘Global Cooperation and Global Challenges. A Roundtable Discussion’. 6 June 2023, Bielefeld University.



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Workshop: "Grovinity", Kassel University, 20-21 April 2023. Paper presented by Robin A. Schulze Waltrup: "Towards Global Eco-Social Policy. An Assessment of the OECD";

Publication Support Series Online Workshops, 19-21 April and 4-6 October 2023. Paper presented by Alina Isakova: "Exploring the EU roles and partnerships in early warning and response to violent conflicts";

Jani, D. K. (2023). "Merchants of Virtue: Disha Karnad Jani interviews Divya Cherian". In Theory: The JHI Podcast. Soundcloud plattform. URL: <https://soundcloud.com/jhi-blog>

Urban95 Academy led by the London School of Economics & Political Science and the Bernard van Leer Foundation, online, February-April 2023. Participation by Tatiana Saraseko.

DAAD Centres Conference of German and European Studies, 28-31 March, Berlin, Germany. Paper presented by Tatiana Saraseko: "Subnational Response to Global Climate Disorder and Multilevel Governance at EU and UNFCCC".

## Guest Lecturers and Events

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25 April 2023, Emanuel Adler, Mathias Albert, Silke Schwandt and Stephan Stetter: "The Evolution of Orders: Uncertain Futures and the (Im)possibilities of Progress" Roundtable organized by of the Institute for World Society, the Research Training Group RTG 2225 "World Politics" and the Centre for Uncertainty Studies and members of the SFB 1288 "Practices of Comparison";

23 May 2023, Guest lecture by Stephen Curtis (London): "Publishing in English: taking your written English to the next level"



## News

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We are pleased to announce that Jonas Fritzler and Robin A. Schulze Waltrup successfully defended their dissertations in September. Congratulations!

They will continue with the RTG under the start-up funding scheme until September 2024.



## Upcoming Events in the Winter Semester 2023/2024

### *RTG Guests:*

27 November 2023, workshop with Stephan Wenham (Bristol University Press)

### *IW lecture series:*

31.10.2023, 18h c.t., Markus Ciesieski (Gießen/Hildesheim): "Claiming in Columbia: A regional approach to social rights insights", venue: X-C3-107;

14.11.2023, 18h c.t., Marcel van der Linden (Amsterdam): "Coerced and free labour in global perspective", venue: X-C3-107

05.12.2023, 18h c.t., Octavio Luis Motta Ferray (London): "The right to health and the Amazon forest: Brazil, the Americas and the world", venue: X-C3-107

23.01.2024, 18H c.t., Angelika Siehr (Bielefeld): "The human right to water", venue: X-C3-107

### *Retreats:*

30 November-1 December 2023. Annual retreat of the Institute for World Society, in Bad Salzuflen

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