

Working Group

IR Theory Working Group

Department of Social Political Sciences

ABSTRACT

This group meets every two weeks during the academic year; it is for researchers and post-doctoral fellows working with Checkel and Guzzini and is run by them.

We use it as a forum for presentations of work-in-progress (prospectuses, thesis chapters, drafts of conference papers); discussing current trends and controversies in IR theory, be they over ethics, data, meta-theory, theory or method; and critically evaluating arguments in the literature (journal articles, book chapters). The focus is on helping researchers and fellows make better arguments in their projects; skill building; and a bit of professional socialisation.

CONTACT

<https://www.eui.eu/research-hub?id=ir-theory-working-group>

Schedule of Presentations, Third Term, Academic Year 2023-2024

- **17 April 2024** - 16.30-18.30 (Seminar Room 4, Badia)
Juliette Saetre, Draft Article, 'Why Chile's Voice Echoed Louder: The Impact of Refugee Influx on Transnational Solidarity'
- **22 April 2024** - 14.00-18.00 (Sala Belvedere, Villa Schifanoia)
Prospectus Session Anna Reissig, "Contested Sites: Understanding Border Politics through (In)visibility, Temporality and Memory".
Andreea Tanasie, "Order or Ordering? Culture, Hierarchy and Status: East-Central Europe in World Politics"
Esteban Scuzarello, "Performing Asylum: A Study on the Interaction between Identity and Refugee Status Determination in Mexico and Brazil".
Ediz Topcuoglu, "Futures for the Taking? The Emergence of Strategic Foresight in Regional International Organisations".
Dominik Rehbaum, 'Whose Norms Count? Contestations of European Democracy Promotion'.
- **2 May 2024** - 10.00-12.00 (Seminar Room 3, Badia)
Ophelia Nicole-Berva, Thesis Empirical Chapter, "Emotional Textures"
- **15 May 2024** - 16.30-18.30 (Seminar Room 4, Badia)
Liv Moe, Thesis Empirical Chapter, "Comparing the Body and the Concept of Threat"
- **28 May 2024** - 10.00-13.00 (Seminar Room 4, Badia) - Double Session
Zuzanna Samson, Thesis Empirical Chapter, 'Who Buries the "Unwanted"? Exploring the Funeral Practices for Migrants on the Polish-Belarusian Border and the (Changing) Nature of Ascribed Identity'.
Jan Lepeu, Thesis Empirical Chapters, 'Ain't No Sanctions when You're Gone: The Premises of EU Sanctioning under the European Political Co-operation' (Chapter 4); and 'Ontological Improvisation: The Balkan Wars and the Bumpy Invention of EU Sanctioning' (Chapter 5)
- **13 June 2024** - 10.00-13.00 (Seminar Room 2, Badia) - Double Session
Marius Ghincea, Revised Journal Article, 'Manufacturing Consensus: Political Contestation, Partisan Entrapment, and Military Interventions'
Mariusz Bogacki, Thesis Empirical Chapter, 'The National Security Law and Hong Kong Identity: Institutional and Ideological Structures'

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- **10 January 2024** - 10.00 - 12.00 | Seminar Room 4 (Badia)
Marius Ghincea, "Manufacturing Consensus: Partisan Contestation, Political Entrapment, and Military Interventions" (Draft Article)
- **24 January 2024**
10.00 - 12.00 | Seminar Room 4 (Badia)
- **7 February 2024** - 10.00 - 13.00 (Double Session) | Seminar Room 4, Badia Fiesolana
Ophelia Nicole-Berva, "Stories from the borderlands" (empirical chapters)
Nora Söderberg, "Theorising the infrastructure of migration categories"
- **21 February 2024** - 10.00 - 12.00 | Sala del Capitolo (Badia)
Anastasia Prokhorova, "Protection Bricoleurs: A Theoretical Framework for Analysis of Governance in Peace Operations"
- **6 March 2024** - 10.00 - 13.00 (Double Session) | Teatro (Badia)
Mariusz Bogacki, "Explaining the Hong Kong Identity Conundrum – Theoretical Overview" (PhD chapter 3) and "Cultural Identity in post-2019 Hong Kong – Empirical Chapter" (PhD chapter 5)
Jan Lepeu: "The Balkan wars and the bumpy invention of EU sanctioning" (PhD chapter 4)
- **13 March 2024**
16.30 - 18.30 | Seminar Room 4 (Badia)
- **27 March 2024** - 10.00 - 13.00 (Double Session) | Seminar Room 4 (Badia)
Liv Kristine Moe, "Theorising Gender and Preventing Violent Extremism" (PhD chapter 2) and "Incels, Activists, and Girlfriends: Gender in Canada's Countering Violent Extremism Architecture" (PhD chapter 6)
Maxine Both, "(Trans)bordering solidarity in immigration detention: Findings from Italy"

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- **18 October 2023**
10.00-12.00 | Seminar Room 3 (Badia)
Frederik Windfeld, Draft Article, "Embodied Apprenticeship in International Diplomacy, or: How I Became Another Replaceable Intern at the OECD"
- **8 November 2023**
10.00-11.30 | Seminar Room 2 (Badia)
Zuzanna Samson, Draft Paper, "The Gender and Racial Lenses of Border (Im)mobility: The Case of Poland"
11.30-13.00 | Seminar Room 2 (Badia)
Lars Gjerde, Thesis Chapters, "The Question of the State and State Power: A Weberian-Foucauldian Theory" (Chapter 2); and "Soft Leviathan? Examining the Politics of COVID-19 in Sweden" (Chapter 6)
- **22 November 2023**
10.00-11.30 | Seminar Room 3 (Badia)
Selma Kropp, Revised Conference Paper, "The AU's Children's Rights Regime: Interaction between Regional and Global Norms"
11.30-13.00 | Seminar Room 3 (Badia)
Jan Lepeu, Thesis Chapters, "Sanctions as a Foreign Policy Practice" (Chapter 2); and "Genealogy of Practices as a Methodology" (Chapter 3)
- **5 December 2023**
10.00-12.00 | Seminar Room 4 (Badia)
Marius Ghincea, Draft Article, "Political Entrapment: Military Intervention and Foreign Policy Consensus"

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- **11 April** – Lars Gjerde, Draft Thesis Empirical Chapter, “The Leviathan Lives: Exploring the Anatomy of the Politics of COVID-19 in Norway”
- **25 April** – Marius Ghincea, Draft Thesis Case-Study Chapter, “The Kosovo War: The Manufacturing of a German Consensus”
- **10 May** – Selma Kropp, Draft Thesis Case-Study Chapter, “The Global Children’s Rights Regime: Norm Diffusion and Contestation by Regional Organizations”
- Wednesday, **24 May** – Wolfgang Minatti, Draft Thesis Case-Study Chapter, “Sustaining Legitimacy: The FARC’s Governance in the Village of Buenavista”
- Tuesday, **6 June** – Nora Soderberg, Draft Conference Paper, “Multi-Sited Research Slowed Down: Following the Transnational through Chokepoints”
- Tuesday, **20 June** – Danielle Flonk, Draft Journal Article, “Hollow Multilateralism: How Autocracies Contest Norms and Procedures of International Organizations”

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- Wednesday, **25 January** – Selma Kropp and Wolfgang Minatti, Draft Journal Article, “Whither Willkommenskultur? National Identity Change Following the Arrival of Refugees in Germany in 2015/16”
- Tuesday, **7 February** – Danielle Flonk (and Maria Debre), Working Paper, “Why Bad Neighbors Make for Good Company: The Re-Autocratization Effect of Regional Organizations”
- Wednesday, **22 February** – Liv Moe, Draft Thesis Case-Study Chapter, “Terrorist or Facilitator? The Intersection of Gender and Ideology in the Norwegian Approach to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism”
- Tuesday, **7 March** - Zuzanna Samson, Draft Prospectus, “Crossing Thick Social Boundaries: A Comparative Study of Refugee Integration in Poland” - Nora Söderberg, Draft Prospectus, “The Politics of Knowing Environmental Migration: Categorisation Practices and Knowledge Production in EU-East African Development Cooperation”
- Wednesday, **8 March** - Anastasia Prokhorova, Draft Prospectus, “Protection? What Do You Mean? Western, African and Chinese Peacekeepers as Bricoleurs” - Frederik Windfeld, Draft Prospectus, “Artificial Agency and International Security: The Case of Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems”
- Monday, **27 March** – Ophelia Nicole-Berva, Draft Thesis Chapter, “Embodiments of Borders: Activists Supporting People on the Move and the Gap Between Ideals and Reality”

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- **5 October** – Jan Lepeu, Draft Article MS, “The Reluctant Birth of a ‘Super-Sanctioner’: The Drivers of European Sanctions before Maastricht”
- **19 October** – Marius Ghincea, Thesis Theory Chapter, “Identity Contestation and Cross-Party Consensus on Foreign Policy”
- **2 November** – Raffaele Mastrorocco, Term Paper / Draft Article, “Continuities and Changes in Bulgaria’s Relations with Russia”
- **9 November** – Sam Ritholtz, Job Market Paper, “Waging Stigma: The Puzzle of Anti-LGBT Paramilitary Violence”
- **23 November** – Juliette Saetre, Draft Article, “Performances that Travel: ‘Un Violador en tu camino’ - A Transnational Feminist Anthem”
- **13 December** – Maxine Both, (Pre-) Theory Chapter, “Rethinking the Transnational: Traversing the Borders of Immigration Detention Centres” Archived on 7 October 2022

Schedule of Presentations, Third Term, Academic Year 2021-2022

- **21 April**, 12:00-13.30 – Ophelia Nicole-Berva, Draft Theory Chapter, “Supporting Migrants at Borders: From Solidarity to Civil Disobedience” Sala Seminario, Villa Malafasca
- **12 May**, 13:00-15:00 – Liv Moe, Draft Theory Chapter, “Countering Violent Extremism: Add Gender and Stir - A Feminist Human Rights and Grounded Theory Approach” Seminar Room 4, Badia
- **25 May**, 13:00-15:00 – Jan Lepeu, Draft Theory Chapter, “Ordering the International Society: Unilateral Sanctions as International Punishment” Teatro, Badia
- **9 June**, 13:00-15:00 – Marius Ghincea, Draft Theory Chapter, “Identity Contestation” Cappella, Villa Schifanoia; or Seminar Room 1, Badia
- **June 23**, 13:00-15:00 – Selma Kropp & Wolfgang Minatti, Draft Article, “Constitutional Patriots or Ethnic Nationals? National Identity Change following the Arrival of Refugees in Germany in 2015” Seminar Room 2, Badia Archived on 30 March 2022

Schedule of Presentations, Second Term, Academic Year 2021-2022

- **12 January**, 10.00-12.00 - Melanie Sauter, Thesis Theory Chapter, 'Humanitarians under Attack: The Logic of Violence against Aid Workers'
- **26 January**, 10.00-12.00 - Marius Ghincea, Thesis Theory Chapter, 'Identity Contestation and Foreign Policy Consensus'
- **9 February**, 10.00-12.00 - Jeff Checkel, 'Institutions at Bay? Regional Integration and Identity Politics'
- **23 February**, 10.00-12.00 - Wolfgang Minatti, Thesis Theory Chapter, 'Legitimacy, Governance and Agency in World Politics: Towards a Procedural Theory of Legitimation'
- **9 March**, 10.00-12.00 - Maxine Both, Juliette Saetre, Raffaele Mastrorocco, 'Full Drafts of Thesis Prospectuses'
- **23 March**, 10.00-12.00 - Ben Mueser, Draft Article, 'Why Westphalia still Matters: Rethinking Territory before 1648'

Schedule of Presentations, First Term, Academic Year 2021-2022

- **28 October 2021** – Lars Gjerde, Draft Paper, “Biopolitical and Juridical Creations of the Quarantine Hotel: A Discourse Analysis of the Norwegian Case”
- **11 November 2021** – Melanie Sauter, Dissertation: Empirical Chapters, “The Fallacy of UN Integration – The Case of Mali”
- **18 November 2021** – Jeff Checkel, 9.21 APSA Conference Paper, “Process Tracing – Towards a New Research Agenda”
- **25 November 2021** – Mariusz Bogacki, Draft Journal Article, “What about Europe? European Identity and Spatial Imaginaries of Europe among Poles in Post-Brexit Scotland”
- **9 December 2021** – Marius Ghincea, Dissertation: Theory Chapter, “Identity Contestation and Foreign Policy Consensus”