

Working Group

IRWG - International Relations Working Group

Department of Social Political Sciences

ABSTRACT

The International Relations Working Group at EUI offers a lively forum for researchers interested in IR. It promotes discussion through lectures, paper presentations, debates, and informal feedback sessions. Embracing interdisciplinary perspectives, it welcomes participants from all EUI departments. Meetings are held monthly, featuring various formats and distinguished guest speakers.

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Schedule of Talks, Second and Third Terms, Academic Year 2023-2024

- **10 June** Talk, 10.00 - 12.00 CEST: Presentation by Professor Michal Onderco (Erasmus University Rotterdam) and discussed by [Simone Tholens](#) (European University Institute and John Cabot University) "[So close or so far: The domestic determinants of EU Member States' preferences on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict](#)". Badia Fiesolana (Sala del Capitolo)* and Zoom.
- **03 June**, 10.00 - 11.30 CEST: Presentation by [Marius Ghincea](#) and discussed by [Alexander Mesarovich](#), '[Shrouded in secrecy: Explaining why some countries refuse to disclose their military aid to Ukraine.](#)' Badia Fiesolana (Refectorio).
- **15 April**, 16.00 - 17.30 CEST: Presentation by Prof. Giulio Pugliese '[Leadership and Japan's China policy: From diplomacy to grand strategy](#)'. Villa Schifanoia (Sala Belvedere)* and Zoom.
- **20 March**, 14.00-15.30: Presentation by Dr. Tobias Pforr (EUI), '[International Relations and the Collective Memory of the Global Financial Crisis: The case of the 'Economics Nobel Prize' in 2022](#)'. Badia Fiesolana, Seminar Room 2.
- **15 March**, 10.00-12.00: Book presentation by Prof. Elizabeth Saunders (Columbia University), [The Insiders' Game: How Elites Make War and Peace](#). Badia Fiesolana, Seminar Room 2.
- **28 February**, 14.00-15.30: Presentation by Prof. Tobias Lenz (Leuphana University). 'EU-centrism in comparative regionalism'. Badia Fiesolana, Sala del Capitolo. [Register here](#).
- **20 February**, 13.30-15.00: Presentation by Prof. Michael Zürn (Berlin Social Science Centre / WZB), 'Five Types of Contestations of the Liberal Script'. Badia Fiesolana, Sala del Capitolo and Zoom. [Register here](#).
- **15 February**, 09.00-13.00: Author Workshop with Prof. Peter Katzenstein (Cornell University). Badia Fiesolana, Sala del Capitolo, and Zoom. [Register here](#).
- **22 January**, 15:00-17:00: Book Launch - Reluctant Remilitarisation: Transforming the Armed Forces in Germany, Italy and Japan After the Cold War. Presented by [Fabrizio Coticchia](#) (University of Genoa), [Matteo Dian](#) (University of Bologna), and [Francesco Niccolo Moro](#) (University of Bologna & Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe). Discussed by [Giulio Pugliese](#) (EUI & University of Oxford). Badia Fiesolana (Sala del Capitolo) and Zoom. [Register here](#).

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- **7 December**, 16:00-17:30: Presentation by [Veronica Anghel](#) (EU), From Club to Common Resource Pool: Effects of Enlargement and Resource Sharing on International Organisations. Discussed by [Waltraud Schelkle](#) (EUI). Badia Fiesolana (Refectory) and Zoom. [Register here](#).
- **31 October**, 14:30-16:00: Presentation by [Simon Frankel Pratt](#) (University of Melbourne), Modular Sovereignty and Intelligence Contracting. Discussed by [Stefano Guzzini](#) (EUI). Badia Fiesolana (Sala del Capitolo) and Zoom. [Register here](#).

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- **6 June**, 16-18: Presentation by [Inés Bolaños Somoano](#) (EUI), The Know-How to Rule: Knowledge Creation, Dissemination, and Orchestration of P/CVE Governance among European Practitioners. Discussed by Kalypso Nicolaidis (Chair in Global Affairs, STG/EUI), Badia Fiesolana (Seminar Room 2) and Zoom.
- **23 May**, 10:00-12:00, [Natalia Tellidou](#) (EUI alumna), Sponsorship relationships in proxy wars. Evolving state strategies in conflicts, Teatro (Badia) and Zoom
- **27 April**, 16:00-18:00, [Elizabeth Maloba](#) (EUI), Reimagining global security governance, Villa Malafrasca (Seminar Room) and Zoom
- **22 March**, 16:30-18:30 – Two presentations jointly organised with the [European Union Studies Working Group](#), Villa Malafrasca (Seminar Room) and Zoom;
 - Andrea Carlo Martinez (German Historical Institute in Rome), Europe constructed, Europe contested: Italian media responses to the Treaties of Rome.
 - Marius Ghincea (EUI), *Zeitenwende*. Making Sense of Germany's Ukraine Policy.
- **23 February**, 16:30-18:30, Christiern Santos Rasmussen (EUI), Russia's strategical alignment of disinformation narratives and Nord Stream 2, Villa Malafrasca (Seminar Room) and Zoom
Wednesday 1 February, 16:00-17:30, Inés Bolaños Somoano (EUI), Remote Fieldwork: From a desperate measure to a conscious research design, Badia Fiesolana (Teatro) and Zoom, co-organised with the [Qualifie Working Group](#)

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- **10 October**, 17:00-18:00, Nicolas Mulder (Cornell University), The Economic Weapon: Sanctions and globalisation from the interwar period to today. Joint event with the Political Economy Working Group.
- **6 October**, 16:00-18:00, Nina Hall (Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies – Europe), Transnational Advocacy in the Digital Era, Think Global, Act Local (book discussion), Sala del Capitolo (Badia Fiesolana) and Zoom.
- **28 September**, 16:30-17:00, Sandra Destradi (EUI, Robert Schuman Centre), Theorising populist foreign policy. Joint event with Europe in the World Seminar Series.

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- **24 January**, 15:00-17:00 - Senior-year Researchers Presentations; Badia Fiesolana, in-person session. o Melanie Sauter - Not a target: Violence against humanitarian aid workers o Wolfgang Minati - Legitimation in Civil War: Processes of Legitimation and Governance in Columbia o Marius Ghincea - How Strong is the Nuclear Taboo? Experimental Evidence from Romania.
- **8 February**, 15:00-17:00, Joshua David Kretzer (Harvard University), Elite Misperceptions and the Domestic Politics of Conflict (paper presentation), on Zoom.
- **22 February**, 16:00-17:00, Roundtable with Anne-Marie Slaughter (New America), Thomas Wright (Brookings Institution), and Stephanie Hofmann (EUI) on the U.S. Foreign Policy Consensus and the Transatlantic Relations, on Zoom.
- **23 March**, joint session with 'Europe in the World Seminar', Simone Dietrich (Geneva), States, Markets, and Foreign Aid, in-person session.
- **4 April**, 15:00-16:30, Derek Beach (Aarhus University) and Levante Littvay (Central European University), A More Conscious Experimental Design: How Process Tracing Can Improve Experimental Research (paper presentation), on Zoom.
- **20 May**, 10:00-12:00, Glenda Sluga (EUI), The Invention of International Order: Remaking Europe after Napoleon; Theatre, Badia Fiesolana, hybrid session.
- **14 June**, 13:00-15:00, Or Rosenboim (City University London), The Uses of the History of Political Thought in International Relations, Sala del Capitolo, Badia Fiesolana, and Zoom (hybrid session). (continued next page) Schedule of Presentations, First Term, Academic Year 2021-2022
- **19 October**, 17:00 (in-person) – Joint PEWG/IRWG round table on G20 Summit in Rome in partnership with the Robert Schuman Centre. • **22 October**, 10:00 (in-person) – Roundtable: The Future of International Relations with Stefano Guzzini (Uppsala University), Stephanie Hofmann & Kalypso Nicolaïdis.
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