Overview

Research Area 4 is located at the interface between Global Governance, Constitutionalism and World Society Theory. Special attention is payed to critical norms research, especially in terms of the contestation of normativity in national, international, and transnational contexts. Projects of RA 4 discuss challenges and opportunities concerning justice and legitimacy on a global scale.

Main Research Questions

• Does increased constitutionalization of international relations enhance constitutional quality in the global realm?
• To what extent do non-state actors challenge the concept of state sovereignty in international society? What impact do they have on the stability of international society?
• How is normativity possible outside the limited territory of modern liberal democracies?
• Does referencing of legal or constitutional norms across jurisdictional boundaries trigger a community beyond the nation state?

Projects

Constitutionalism Unbound: The Contested Narrative of (Global) Constitutionalisation, Hamburg Research and Science Foundation
TransCoop – Evaluating the Global Community of Courts’ Thesis: A Case Study of Counterterrorism Measures in Canada and Germany, AHumboldt Foundation
FISHEU – Contested Norms of Fisheries Governance, VW
RECON – Activating Normative Structures and Failed Coordination of Security Policy in Europe, European Commission’s Sixth Framework Programme for Research
Migration Policy – Beyond National Models? Managing Immigration and Integration in Systems of Multi-level Governance – a transatlantic comparison, Marie Curie Action, International Incoming Fellowship (IIF)

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