

The Practice-Normativity Nexus in International Relations Theory

15-16 June 2018 - The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland

Workshop program

Friday 15 June 2018	
9:00-10:30	Welcome/Opening: <i>The Practice-Normativity Nexus in IR Theorizing, Framing the Discussion</i> Anna Leander, The Graduate Institute Philip Liste, University of Hamburg Ole Jacob Sending, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs Antje Wiener, University of Hamburg <i>Discussants:</i> Keith Krause and Annabelle Littoz-Mottet /The Graduate Institute
10:30-10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45-12:15	Public Roundtable 1: <i>Normativity in Practice: Reflections on the Violence Prevention Initiative</i> Chair: Ole Jacob Sending, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs Jonathan Austin, CCDP/The Graduate Institute Alice Baroni, CCDP/The Graduate Institute Victor Santos Rodriguez, The Graduate Institute/ Jet d'Encre Hugo Slim, ICRC Rahel Kunz, University of Lausanne
12:15-13:15	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Normative Theory Engaging Practice Theorizing</i>	
13:15-15:15	Paper Session I: <i>Practices of Normative Theorizing</i> Mervyn Frost, King's College London Philip Liste, University of Hamburg <i>Discussant:</i> Oliver Jütersonke, CCDP/The Graduate Institute
15:15-15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45-17:15	Public Roundtable 2: <i>Normative Interventions? The Ethics of Academic Responsibility in Times of Crisis</i> Chair: Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou, The Graduate Institute Mervyn Frost, King's College London Antje Wiener, University of Hamburg Thomas Biersteker, The Graduate Institute Elisabeth Prügl, The Graduate Institute
	<i>Workshop Dinner</i>

Saturday 16 June 2018	
<i>Normative Theory Engaging Practice Theorizing (continued)</i>	
9:00-11:00	Paper Session II: <i>Normative Epistemologies in Practice</i> Antje Wiener, University of Hamburg Ole Jacob Sending, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs <i>Discussant:</i> Nico Krisch, The Graduate Institute
11:00-11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
<i>Practice Theory Engaging Normative Theorizing</i>	
11:15-13:15	Paper Session III: <i>The Normativity of Practice Theorizing</i> Maren Hofius, University of Hamburg Anna Leander, The Graduate Institute <i>Discussant:</i> Jean-Christophe Graz, University of Lausanne
13:15-14:15	<i>Lunch</i>
14:15-16:15	Session IV: <i>Practical Normative Epistemologies</i> Jonathan Austin, CCDP/The Graduate Institute Xymena Kurowska, Central European University <i>Discussant:</i> Klaus Dingwerth, University of St. Gallen
16:15-16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30-17:30	Closing Discussion: <i>The Practical Ends and Implications of Theorizing the Practice Normativity Nexus</i> Anna Leander, CCDP/The Graduate Institute Antje Wiener, University of Hamburg Stefano Guzzini, Danish Institute of International Studies/Uppsala University/PUC Rio de Janeiro

Workshop Participants

Jonathan Luke Austin is a political sociologist and Lead Researcher for the Violence Prevention (VIPRE) Initiative at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding of the Graduate Institute, Geneva. His research explores – principally – the global ontologies of political violence, with his expertise thus focused on social theory and philosophy, the possibility and prevention of political violence, Middle Eastern politics, and related topics, as well as the roles of art and literature in world politics. He possesses over a decade of research and field experience on/in the Middle East (Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Palestine, Jordan, and Turkey) and regularly consults for NGOs and the media on ongoing conflicts. Austin’s work has been published in leading journals including *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Political Sociology*, *Security Dialogue*, *Review of International Studies*, *European Journal of International Security*, and beyond.

Thomas Biersteker is Gasteyer Professor of International Security and Director of Policy Research at the Graduate Institute, Geneva. He previously directed the Graduate Institute's Programme for the Study of International Governance, the Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University and has also taught at Yale University and the University of Southern California. He is the author/editor of ten books, including *State Sovereignty as Social Construct* (1996), *The Emergence of Private Authority in Global Governance* (2002), and *Targeted Sanctions: The Impacts and Effectiveness of United Nations Action* (2016). His current research focuses on targeted sanctions, transnational policy networks in global security governance, and the dialectics of world orders. He was the principal developer of *SanctionsApp*, a tool for mobile devices created in 2013 to increase access to information about targeted sanctions at the UN. He received his PhD and MS from MIT and his BA from the University of Chicago.

Mervyn Frost, D.Phil. (Stellenbosch), is Professor of International Relations in the Department of War Studies at King’s College, London. Currently he is Visiting Professor at the Wissenschaft Zentrum Berlin (WZB) during his sabbatical leave Jan-Feb 2018. Publications include: *Towards a Normative Theory of International Relations* (CUP, 1986), *Ethics in International Relations* (CUP, 1996), *Constituting Human Rights: Global Civil Society and the Society of Democratic States* (Routledge, 2002) and *Global Ethics: Anarchy, Freedom and International Relations* (Routledge, 2009). He has edited a four-volume reference work entitled *International Ethics* (Sage 2011). His recent work, with Dr Silviya Lechner, is focused on the “practice turn” in International Relations, resulting in two publications: “Two Conceptions of International Practice: Aristotelian praxis or Wittgensteinian language-games?” and “Understanding international relations from the internal point of view.” His book, co-authored with Dr Lechner, *Practice Theory and International Relations*, is being published by Cambridge University Press in 2018.

Jean-Christophe Graz is Professor of International Relations at the Institut d’études politiques, historiques et internationales (LEPHI) at the University of Lausanne and co-founder of the Centre for International History and Political Studies of Globalization (CHRIM). His main area of work focuses on the global political economy, in particular informal power mechanisms and non-state actors in the transnational regulation of capitalism. He was researcher and visiting professor at various universities in Switzerland, France, the United Kingdom and Canada. He is the author of *La gouvernance de la mondialisation (La Découverte “Repères”, 2013, 4e éd.)*, *Services sans frontières: mondialisation, normalisation et régulation de l’économie des services (Presses de Science Po, 2013 - avec N. Niang, eds)*, *Transnational Private Governance and its Limits*

(Routledge, 2008 - with A. Nölke, eds), and *Aux sources de l'OMC: La Charte de La Havane, 1941-1950* (Droz, 1999). He is currently working on a monograph entitled *The Power of Standards: Hybrid Authority in the Globalisation of Services*.

Stefano Guzzini is Professor at Uppsala University and PUC-Rio de Janeiro, and Senior Researcher at the Danish Institute for International Studies. His research focuses on international theory, social and political theories of power, critical security studies, approaches to foreign policy analysis, and interpretivist methodology. He has published nine books, including *The Return of Geopolitics in Europe? Social Mechanisms and Foreign Policy Identity Crises* (Cambridge UP), and *Power, Realism and Constructivism* (Routledge), winner of the 2014 ISA Theory Section Best Book Award. He currently serves as President of the Central and East European International Studies Association (CEEISA).

Maren Hofius is a postdoctoral researcher at the Chair of Political Science, especially Global Governance, at the Department of Social Sciences, University of Hamburg. She obtained her PhD in Political Science from the University of Hamburg in 2015 and holds an MA in Contemporary European Studies from the University of Bath as well as a BA in European Studies from Maastricht University. She is the author of the article "Community at the Border or the Boundaries of Community? The case of EU Field Diplomats" that was awarded the 2017 BISA Best Article in Review in International Studies (RIS) prize. Her research interests include International Political Sociology, esp. practice theory, norms research, diplomacy and border studies as well as interpretive methodology.

Oliver Jütersonke is Head of Research at the Graduate Institute's Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) since the centre's inception in 2008. Previously, he worked for six years at the Programme for Strategic and International Security Studies (PSIS). Since 2007, Oliver has also been affiliated with the Zurich University Centre for Ethics. He currently teaches courses on social inquiry and research methods for the Graduate Institute's inter-disciplinary Master's programmes, as well as for a number of executive education modules. Much of his current empirical research covers peacebuilding norms, the complex relationships between security and development, and the social and spatial dynamics of urban violence and security provision. Fieldwork has taken him repeatedly to Madagascar, Rwanda and Timor-Leste. Oliver is a member of the strategic board of the Swiss Commission for Research Partnerships with Developing Countries (KFPE).

Keith Krause has been a Professor of International Relations at the Graduate Institute since 1994. He has served as the Director of its Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) and its predecessor, the Programme for Strategic and International Security Studies (PSIS) since 1999. Until 2016, he was also Programme Director of the Small Arms Survey, an internationally-recognized research NGO he founded in 2001. He obtained his D.Phil in International Relations in 1987 from Balliol College, Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. Between 1987 and 1994 he was an Assistant and then an Associate Professor at York University

(Toronto), where he was also Deputy Director, and the Acting Director of the York Centre for International and Strategic Studies. His research concentrates on international security and political violence, as well as post-conflict peacebuilding and security governance. He has published *Arms and the State* (Cambridge), edited or co-edited *Critical Security Studies* (Minnesota), *Culture and Security*, and *Armed Groups and Contemporary Conflicts*, as well as having authored dozens of journal articles and book chapters.

Nico Krisch is a professor of international law and co-director of the Global Governance Centre at the Graduate Institute, Geneva. His main research interests concern the legal structure of international organizations and global governance, the politics of international law, and the postnational legal order emerging at the intersection of domestic, transnational and international law. Originally from Germany, he holds a PhD in law from the University of Heidelberg. His 2010 book, entitled *Beyond Constitutionalism: The Pluralist Structure of Postnational Law* (OUP), received the Certificate of Merit of the American Society of International Law. His most recent work focuses on the ‘interface law’ that governs the relation between norms from different spheres of authority in the global realm, and on processes of change in the international legal order. For the latter project, he was awarded a European Research Council Advanced Grant in 2017.

Rahel Kunz is a senior lecturer at the Institute for Political, Historical and International Studies at the University of Lausanne. Her research interests are feminist international political economy, gender issues in migration and development, gender and security sector reform, and feminist poststructuralist and postcolonial thought. She has published in *International Political Sociology*, *Journal of European Integration*, *Migration Studies*, *Review of International Political Economy* and *Third World Quarterly*. She is the author of *The Political Economy of Global Remittances: Gender, Governmentality and Neoliberalism* (Routledge, 2011).

Xymena Kurowska is a Marie Skłodowska Curie Research Fellow at Aberystwyth University and Associate Professor of International Relations at Central European University. She is an IR theorist interested in interpretive policy analysis and received her doctorate from European University Institute in Florence, Italy. She works within International Political Sociology and at the intersection of psychoanalysis and politics, with particular focus on security theory and practice, border politics, subjectivity, and interpretive methodologies. She was a grantee of the European Foreign and Security Policy Studies Programme to research border policies in Eastern Europe. She also served as the CEU principal investigator in ‘Global Norm Evolution and Responsibility to Protect’, a project to study Russian approaches to humanitarianism.

Anna Leander is Professor of International Relations at the Graduate Institute in Geneva and affiliated with the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro and at the Copenhagen Business School. She is known primarily for her contributions to the development of practice theoretical approaches to International Relations and for her work on the politics of commercializing military/security matters. She has recently edited the Routledge Handbook of Private Security Studies (w. Abrahamsen) and *Commercializing Security in Europe* and published articles in *EPD: Space and Society*, *European Journal of Social Theory*, *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies* and *International Studies Perspectives*. Anna Leander has a long standing commitment to the communication of academic knowledge. She has extensive editorial experience. She is currently editing the Cambridge Elements in International Security, *Contexto Internacional* and the Routledge series of Private Security Studies. She has also been the member of a number of research councils, policy-advisory bodies and boards of professional associations.

Silviya Lechner holds a PhD in International Relations from the University of Aberystwyth, Wales. Currently she is a visiting researcher at King's College London, Department of War Studies, where she was previously a lecturer. She specialises in IR theory and philosophy, especially social and political philosophy and philosophy of action. Her articles have appeared in *The Journal of International Political Theory*, *The Review of International Studies*, *International Studies Review*, *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy* and *The American Journal of Bioethics*. Her book, *Practice Theory and International Relations*, co-authored with Mervyn Frost, is to be published by Cambridge University Press in 2018.

Philip Liste is Senior Researcher and Lecturer in Political Science at University of Hamburg. He has replaced the chair of Political Science, especially Global Governance (Vertretungsprofessur) at University of Hamburg from 2015-2017. Before, he has been Fellow of the Berlin Postdoctoral Fellow Program "Rechtskulturen" at Humboldt University and Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (Institute of Advanced Studies) and SIAS Postdoc Fellow in 2011 (Berlin) and 2012 (Bloomington, IN). Philip holds a PhD in Political from Goethe University Frankfurt. His research interests include Transnationalism, International Political Theory, Globalization of Politics and Law, Human Rights, Inequality, Walter Benjamin, Constitutionalism, and Critical Geography. He has taught courses on Globalization and Global Governance, Theories of International Relations, International Law, International Norms and Organizations, International Political Theory, and Introduction to Political Science. Philip has also published in refereed journals like *European Journal of International Relations*, *Transnational Legal Theory*, *International Political Sociology*, and *Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen*.

Annabelle Littoz-Monnet is Associate Professor of International Relations/Political Science and co-director of the Global Governance Centre at the Graduate Institute, Geneva. Before joining the Institute in 2009, she was Assistant Professor at the Central European University, Budapest (2005-2009) and has also worked for the Socio-Legal Studies Centre at Oxford University and as a Research fellow at the Royal Institute of International Relations, Brussels (2004-2005). Her articles have appeared in journals such as the *International Studies Quarterly*, the *European Journal of Political Research*, *Governance*, the *European Journal of Political Research* and the *Journal of Common Market Studies*. Her current research interests include global governance, the politics of knowledge, international organisations, bureaucratic expansion and the concept of ethical expertise. She is now working on a SNSF research project examining uses of ethical experts by bureaucrats and policy-makers while co-director of the Global Governance Centre.

Elisabeth Prügl is Professor of International Relations/Political Science at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies since 2009. Former Deputy Director of the Graduate Institute from 2010 to 2014, she now directs the Institute's Gender Centre. In the course of her academic career in the US and Switzerland her research and teaching have focused on gender politics in international governance. She has published extensively on issues including the regulation of home-based labor, gender and agriculture in the European Union, and the neoliberalization of feminism. She currently directs several research projects, including the DEMETER project on land commercialization, gendered agrarian transformation and the right to food; a project on the gender dimensions of violent conflict; and another on gender experts and gender expertise. She is a member of the UN's Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Civic Participation.

Victor Santos Rodriguez is a graduate of the University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute, Geneva, where he is currently a PhD candidate in the department of International Relations/Political Science. His thesis, under the supervision of Professor Keith Krause, draws on the so-called “critical” theoretical corpus in the field of IR to revisit the historical trajectory of Switzerland in the light of the interconnection between identity, migration and security. He is a teaching assistant as well as the coordinator of the department colloquium series. His approach, based on the founding premise that useful knowledge is shared knowledge, led him to co-found Jet d’Encre (www.jetdencre.ch), a participatory platform whose primary objective is to ensure the dissemination of compartmentalized academic knowledge that has the ability to positively contribute to citizen deliberations.

Ole Jacob Sending is Director of Research at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI). He is currently managing two research projects, one on the “Repertoires of Power Politics” (with Dan Nexon) and one on the “Market for Anarchy”, detailing changes in global governance (with Leonard Seabrooke). His latest book is “The Politics of Expertise: Competing for Authority in Global Governance” (University of Michigan Press). His works have appeared, inter alia, in *International Theory*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Review of International Studies*, and *European Journal of International Relations*. Sending is a former associate editor of *International Studies Quarterly*, editorial member of *Palgrave Studies in International Relations*, associate editor of the *Hague Journal of Diplomacy*, and board member of the European International Studies Association.

Hugo Slim is Head of Policy at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Geneva. Before joining ICRC in 2015, he was Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict (ELAC) at the University of Oxford where he led research on humanitarian ethics and the protection of civilians. Hugo has combined a career between academia and practice. He was Chief Scholar at the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue from 2003-2007 and Reader in International Humanitarianism at Oxford Brookes University from 1994-2003. Between 1983 and 1994, Hugo worked for Save the Children and the United Nations in Morocco, Sudan, Ethiopia, the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Bangladesh. He received his PhD in humanitarian ethics from Oxford Brookes University in 2002. His most recent books are *Humanitarian Ethics: A Guide to the Morality of Aid in War and Disaster* (2015 Hurst/OUP) and *Killing Civilians: Method, Madness and Morality in War* (2007 Hurst/OUP).

Antje Wiener (PhD Carl 1996, MA FUB 1989) has held the Chair of Political Science, especially Global Governance at the University of Hamburg since 2009. She is a By-Fellow of Hughes Hall, Cambridge and has been a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences since 2011. Before coming to Hamburg, she has taught in the USA, Canada, US and the UK, where she held Chairs in International Studies at Queen’s University Belfast and the University of Bath. In 2018, she is due to return to the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law at Cambridge as a Visiting Fellow. Her research centres on International Relations theory especially norms research, where her research addresses the normativity-practice nexus. She has served on boards of several leading academic journals and has been co-founding editor of *Global Constitutionalism* (CUP since 2012) with Jim Tully. Among her many book publications are three monographs: ‘European’ Citizenship Practice: Building Institutions of a Non-State (Westview 1998), *The Invisible Constitution of Politics: Contested Norms and International Encounters* (CUP 2008) and *A Theory of Contestation* (Springer 2014).