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NARRATING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

EXPLORING NARRATIVE AS CONCEPT AND METHOD

Narratives are a powerful feature in a world characterized by political uncertainty, cultural diversity, and institutional complexity. With politics being increasingly described as 'post-factual' and 'populist', shaped by affect and fiction, narratives help make sense and meaningfully order political realities, forge collective identities and create normative guidance along future trajectories. Yet, narratives are not innocent, but the site of political contestation and a mode of politics. The outcome is a new complexity that reveals a polyphony of voices giving meaning to and seeking recognition on both the domestic and the international plane.

Despite its widespread use, narrative remains an underexplored concept in the International Relations (IR) discipline. The 'narrative turn' has been long proclaimed in the social sciences, but has had no lasting impact on IR. Building on these insights, this workshop seeks to take stock of extant uses of narrative in the IR discipline and to advance novel ways of engaging with narrative as both concept and method, exploring both how we study narratives and how we use narratives to study phenomena of world politics.

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27 August 2018, 9:00-14:00

Welckerstraße 8, rooms 2.16-2.18

Guests are welcome

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