

Researching International Organizations Empirically

Workshop at the Justus-Liebig-University of Giessen,
convened by the GGS-Section “Norms and Change in Global Politics”

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Time: Thursday, November 15th 2018, 12.00-19.30

Venue: Erwin-Stein-Building, Goethestr. 58, Room 201, 35390 Giessen



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International organizations such as the United Nations (UN) are a hub of global politics, producing international law, potent norms, principles and structures with effects on every level. At the same time, they are exposed to a variety of formal as well as informal factors, including non-state actors such as NGOs and transnational companies. The workshop is dedicated to shedding light on the methodological challenges that come with the complexity of international organizations, addressing and simultaneously bridging differing perspectives between interpretation and explanation. Cecilia Cannon from the Graduate Institute Geneva, an outstanding expert in the field, will initiate the workshop and comment on the papers.

Registration: Please register your participation with an e-mail to marcel.frentzel@student.uni-kassel.de, preferably before October 31th. Written papers will be circulated prior to the workshop to all participants in order to enhance and intensify discussion.

Program

12.00-12.10 p.m.: *Welcome and Introductory Remarks:* Janne Mende

12.10 - 12.45 p.m.: *Key Lecture:*

Cecilia Cannon (Geneva): **Tracing the Effects of IO Financing Reforms**

12.45 - 1.30 p.m.: *Paper Discussion:*

Marcus Walsh-Führung (Bremen): **The Brazilian National Government Undermines the International Monetary Fund (IMF): Tax Rebates and Incentives**

Chair: Janne Mende

Discussant: Cecilia Cannon

2.00 - 3.30 p.m.: *Paper Discussion:*

Julia Drubel (Giessen): **The Prohibition of Forced Labour in the ILO**

Janne Mende (Giessen): **Explanation and Interpretation: Researching International Organizations with an Explanatory Qualitative Content Analysis**

Chair: Helmut Breitmeier

Discussant: Cecilia Cannon

4.00 - 5.30 p.m.: *Paper Discussion:*

Regina Heller (Hamburg): **From Community Politics to the Politicization of Community: The Role of Identity in Eurasian Economic Integration**

Nina Wüstemann (Hannover): **Women, Peace and Security Organizations – Gender Norms and NATO**

Chair: Falk Ostermann

Discussant: Cecilia Cannon

6.00 - 7.30 p.m.: *Work in Progress:*

Nina Reiners (Potsdam): **Decision-Making by Expert Committees in the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies**

Michael Knipper (Giessen): **Human Right to Health: Discourses and Practices in the IOM and the WHO**

Zena Mouawad (Bochum): **Organizational Impediments of Coordinators in Inter-Organizational Relations**

Chair: Julia Drubel

Discussant: Cecilia Cannon

7.45 p.m.: *Joint Dinner*