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**Workshop on Blind spots of International Financial Institutions: New Directions in Research**

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International Financial Institutions (IFIs) such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank play a crucial role in the international economic system as well as in domestic politics and economics of borrowing countries via their surveillance, lending, and policy advisor functions. In these roles, they are recently confronted by ‘new’ political issues such as climate change, gender equality, racial discrimination, and technical and economic knowledge and data production and use.

This workshop brings together recent research on international financial institutions speaking to the current blind spots. Papers looking at previously neglected aspects of the impact of and policymaking processes within IFIs are invited. Topics might include (but not limited to) gendered consequences of IMF and World Bank programs, the ‘good governance’ turn at the IFIs and their engagement with anti-corruption policies, the climate policy and the impact of these institutions on national climate policies, and the processes through which macroeconomic data are produced and (re)used.

The workshop endorses methodological and theoretical pluralism and welcomes papers using a variety of qualitative, quantitative, mixed, and critical methodologies. Employing multiple perspectives, it aims to understand the new issues that confront international financial institutions and their responses as well as underlying reasons for policy choices, preferences, and discourses.