

## **6th EISA Exploratory Symposia**

**Rapallo, Italy**

**25-28 October, 2017**

***5 proposals, 27 participants***

### **Symposia:**

#### **Contested Spaces in the Middle East**

This proposal seeks to discuss a number of different theoretical approaches to understanding and engaging with the concept of *contested space*. It aims at continuing discussions to be held at Lancaster University (21.07.17) about the politics of contested spaces with the aim of publishing in an edited collection. There has been initial interest from Routledge, Hart and I.B. Tauris. Also, it aims to work towards the establishment of an EISA working group on the *Politics of Contested Spaces* by identifying a number of broader research questions for further exploration, and to begin work for an ERC funding bid on the topic of contested spaces.

#### **Participants**

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Participant: TBC.

#### **Law, Empire, and Global Political Economy**

The purpose of this proposal is to launch a new interdisciplinary research project that aims to bring together international relations, international law and international political economy in the analysis of the making of the international from a global histories perspective. Participants will write a grant application to support this project. The proposal will target the German Gerda Henkel Foundation, which supports research projects located at the intersection of history and social sciences. Long-term outputs will be: An edited book project on 'Postcolonialism and Global Political Economy' will result from this project, and six peer reviewed articles in internationally recognized IR and IPE journals. We envision this project as interim. It will lead to a larger scale H2020 ERC Starter and/or consolidator grant.

#### **Participants**

Zeynep Gulsah Capan, Istanbul Bilgi University

Filipe dos Reis, University of Erfurt

Maj Grasten, Copenhagen Business School

Oliver Kessler, University of Erfurt

Duncan Wigan, Copenhagen Business School

### **Surveillance in International Climate and Energy Governance and Foreign Policy Steering through Monitoring?**

This proposal for a special issue will discuss to what extent surveillance can serve as a steering tool in issue areas characterized by strong internal political cleavages, which threaten to slow integration or even drive disintegration, while there is high external pressure to take action and to negotiate with third parties. The symposium will focus on the Energy Union as a key example of these dynamics. The editing of the proposed special issue will be supported by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (reference: 03SFK4P0, Consortium ENavi, Kopernikus).

#### **Participants**

Michèle Knodt

Jonas Schoenefeld

Rainer Mueller

4 more participants TBC (they have a very big group and asked if it would be possible to accommodate further participants, 2 more places were allocated to the group).

### **A World Undone? Transnational communities of practice and the crisis of multilateral organisations**

The aim of this proposal for an EISA Exploratory Symposium is to bring together the above mentioned participants in order to work on a common research grant application. The objective for the project is to further advance the research agenda on practice approaches in IR by way of asking why, how and with what consequences transnational communities of practice shape multilateral organizations in Europe. The application will primarily target research funders in Scandinavia (e.g. Vetenskapsrådet, Riksbankens jubileumsfond, Norges forskningsråd, Nordforsk) but European funders will also be considered (e.g. European Research Council, the European Commission's Horizon 2020 programme).

#### **Participants**

Federica Bicchi, LSE/EUI

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### **Human (in)security in the Mediterranean (HiSMed)**

The proposal on Human (in)security in the Mediterranean (HiSMed) seeks to investigate new challenges affecting human beings and determining human insecurity and new forms of protection requires for people on the move. It will provide a more comprehensive and nuanced understanding of the approaches to human (in)security and (im)mobility in the Mediterranean



and their implications for moving people and for the EU and its member states. A special issue of Global Affairs or an edited volume (e.g. PSIR) is envisaged.

### **Participants**

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