New Fellows at the Centre

Upcoming Fellows in December 2016

Prof. Dr Ina Kerner
Fellow, December 2016 – November 2017
Research Project: Matters of Difference in a Postcolonial World: Traces, Challenges, and Prospects

Ina Kerner is a political scientist and was Assistant Professor for Diversity Politics at the Humboldt University of Berlin. She studied in Berkeley, Bonn, Quetzaltenango, Chapel Hill, and the Free University of Berlin. She has been visiting professor in Brasilia, at the New School for Social Research in New York and in Islamabad and research fellow in Cape Town and at the University of London. She obtained her PhD on "Differences and Power. On the Relationship of Racism and Sexism" in 2006.

Research Interests: Gender Studies and Feminist Theory, Diversity and Intersectionality, Global Feminism, Contemporary Political Theory, Postcolonial Political Theory, Development Practice and Post-Development Thought


Current Fellows at the Centre

Gerardo Bracho
Senior Expert Fellow, April 2016 – March 2017
Research Project: The rise and fall of the modern aid industry: the Development Assistance Committee and the impact of the Southern Cooperation providers

After his Master in Development studies at the University of Sussex, Bracho made his PhD in Economic History at the Oxford University on "Unconcluded thesis on the transition to a market economy in Russia". Since 1990 Bracho has been working as a Mexican diplomat. He worked at the Mexican Embassy in Moscow and London and was a Mexican delegate in Paris to the OECD. From January 2012 to April 2013 I was posted in Mexico City as Deputy Director-General at the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, before returning to the OECD as Senior Policy Advisor at the Development Cooperation Directorate. Since January 2015 he has been working for AMEXCID again.

Research Interests: Mexican foreign policy, Development Agencies in Emerging Powers, OECD and international cooperation


Dr Alessandra Cappelletti
Postdoc Fellow, October 2016 – March 2017
Research Project: Cultural Diplomacy Along the Silk Road: Dynamics and Impact in the Obor Countries

Alessandra Cappelletti is Adjunct Professor of International Relations of East Asia at The American University of Rome. Alessandra is a Phd graduate in Eastern and Southern Asian Studies, and in Law with Specialization in Ethno-Sociology, with focus on Xinjiang contemporary socio-political development in the Kashgar and Shihezi areas. She is Sociologist and consultant for the Sino-German Poverty Alleviation Program – Kashgar Prefecture,
Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region and Member of AISC, Italian Association of Chinese Studies.

Research Interests: Development Sociology
Chinese Foreign Policy
Minority Studies
Fieldwork Methodology
Chinese Culture and Cultural Diplomacy
China in Central and South Asia
Cooperation of Minority Elites in the State Apparatus


Dr. Paula Castro
Postdoc Fellow, March 2016 – February 2017

Research Project: Cooperating for the climate: States’ positions on burden sharing of climate change mitigation and finance

After finishing her MSc in Environment and Development at the University of Reading, Castro worked until 2007 as consultant on political, social, technical and environmental aspects of biofuels in Peru. She joined the University of Zurich in 2007 as research assistant working on her PhD on “The CDM and incentives for climate change mitigation in developing countries”. Since 2011 she is a post-doctoral researcher at the Chair of Political Economy and Development at the University of Zurich.

Research Interests: Environmental policy and politics
International climate policy
Market mechanisms
Political economy
International negotiations
Renewable energy
Biofuels


Dr. Jennifer Gronau
Postdoc Fellow, June 2016 - May 2017

Research Project: External Legitimation Dynamics and Internal Working Practices of Transnational Clubs of States

Since April 2015 Jennifer Gronau works as Senior Researcher at the Institute of Political Science at the University Osnabrück. She wrote her dissertation on „self-legitimation of the G7/G8 and the G20 from 1975 respectively 1999 until 2014“ within the DFG-funded research group »Staatlichkeit im Wandel« in Bremen. From 2007-2014 she did research within the project »Die Legitimation politischer und ökonomischer Ordnungen« and also focused on empirical legitimation of the UNO, EU and IMF. In 2008 she was a guest researcher at the G8 Research Group at the University of Toronto.

Research Interests: International Institutions and Organisations
Informal governance-arrangements
Legitimation and Legitimacy within post-national constellation
Social movements and NGOs
Quantitative and qualitative methods

**Dr. Heike Hennig-Schmidt**
Fellow, September 2016 – February 2017

**Research Project:**
*On the Nature of Fairness in Bargaining – Experimental Evidence from Germany and PR China*

Before joining the Centre Heike Hennig-Schmidt worked as Guest Researcher at Bonn EconLab (Laboratory for Experimental Economics) at Bonn University. She also holds a position as Senior Researcher at the Department of Health Management and Health Economics at the University of Oslo. Hennig-Schmidt gained her PhD in Economics from the University of Bonn, Germany in 1998 on the topic: „Bargaining in a Video Experiment – Determinants of Boundedly Rational Behavior“ and worked as Researcher at Collaborative Research Centre (Sonderforschungsbereich) 303 „Information and Allocation of Economic Activities“ at the University of Bonn.

**Research Interests:**
- Experimental Economics
- Cross-cultural experiments
- Group decision making
- Health Economics
- Equity, Fairness and Justice
- Framing and presentation effects
- Video experiments and Content analysis
- Bargaining experiments


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**Dr Ariel Macaspac Hernández**
Fellow, October 2016 – September 2017

**Research Project:**
*Strategic Facilitation of Decisions – Scenarios of Sustainable Low Carbon Energy Systems*

**Research Interests:**
- Climate Change
- Energy Systems
- Sustainability Assessment
- Scenarios and Simulations
- Conflict Management
- Negotiations
- Countries with Emerging Economics

Dr. Ariel Hernandez holds a PhD in Economics and Social Science from the University of Cologne (Germany) and a PhD in Political Science from the University of Vienna (Austria). He is since 2014 a senior scientist at the Fraunhofer Center for International Management and Knowledge Economy (Leipzig, Germany) and from October 2016 on a visiting fellow at the Käte Hamburger Center for Global Cooperation Research of the University of Duisburg-Essen (Germany).

He was the chapter scientist of the energy chapter of the Fifth Assessment Report of the third working group of the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change as well as a research fellow and lecturer at the University of Leipzig between 2011 and 2014. He was program coordinator of the Processes of International Negotiation (PIN) Program of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Laxenburg, Austria (2008-2010).


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**Prof. Babacar Kanté**
Senior Fellow, October 2016 – March 2017

**Research Project:**
*African Regionalism*

**Research Interests:**
- Democracy in Africa
- Elections
- Decentralization and Natural Resources Management
- Conflict Management
- Ethics, Human Rights and HIV/AIDS
- Constitutional Justice
- Cultural Rights
Babacar Kanté is Honorary Dean of the Faculty of Law and Political Science at Gaston Berger University, St. Louis, Senegal. Before this, he was Professor of Public Law at Gaston Berger University. He obtained his PhD in public law at the University of Dakar, Senegal. He is member of the Scientific Council on the quality of higher education (ANAQ-SUP) in Senegal and Chairman of the journal Revue Africaine du Droit Public. From 2009-2013, he was advisor on secondment at the Supreme Court of Senegal, from 2009-2014, he was member of the Governing Council of the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France. Since 1992, he has done consultant work for the United Nations System and other international or non-governmental organizations, among them the WHO, UNAIDS and the UNESCO. He is Chevalier of the ordre des Palmes Académiques du Sénégal. More information: [http://www.gcr21.org/fellows/research-unit-2/babacar-kante/](http://www.gcr21.org/fellows/research-unit-2/babacar-kante/)

**Dr Xavier Mathieu**

Postdoc Fellow, October 2016 – September 2017

**Research Project:** Creating Difference in the International Society: The Construction of the 'Local' as Different in the Context of Statebuilding Interventions

Xavier Mathieu was awarded his PhD in International Relations at the University of Sheffield (UK) in November 2015. His thesis focused on “Performing Sovereignty: Civilisation and Savagery in the Old and the New World”. He is currently a Research Assistant at POLIS, University of Leeds, working on the project "The Responsibility to Protect in the context of the continuing War on Terror. A study of liberal interventionism and the Syrian crisis" ([http://eur2pe.leeds.ac.uk/current/the-responsibility-to-protect-in-the-context-of-the-continuing-war-on-terror-a-study-of-liberal-interventionism-and-the-syrian-crisis/](http://eur2pe.leeds.ac.uk/current/the-responsibility-to-protect-in-the-context-of-the-continuing-war-on-terror-a-study-of-liberal-interventionism-and-the-syrian-crisis/)).

**Research Interests:** International Relations Theory
Interventions and State-building
Intercultural Encounters
The Construction of Knowledge about Difference and the Other


**Dr. Mariana Nardone**

Postdoc-Fellow, April 2016 – March 2017

**Research Project:** UNHCR-NGO cooperation in “traditional”, “emerging” and “new” refugee resettlement countries from a neo-institutionalism perspective

Currently Nardone is working as consultant for the InterAmerican Heart Foundation on the Research project on “Child and youth obesity in Argentina (funded by UNICEF). From 2013 until spring 2015 Nardone was a Research Fellow at the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane. Before working in Brisbane Nardone finished her PhD in Social Sciences at FLACSO- Argentina in Buenos Aires in 2013 and worked as Lecturer at the Del Salvador University in Buenos Aires.

**Research Interests:** Migration and refugees
Social capital
Urbanization
Civil society in Latin America


**Prof. Sigrid Quack**

Senior Fellow, April – September 2016

**Research Project:** Contested authority in transnational governance: The epistemic, organizational and institutional dimensions

Since 2013 Quacks has been working as Professor of Sociology at the University of Duisburg-Essen, with a focus on Comparative and Transnational Sociology. As Leader of the Research Group on Institution Building across Borders she is also affiliated with the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in Cologne. From 1993 until 2007 Quack worked as researcher and project leader at the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung while finishing her habilitation at the Freie Universität Berlin in 2007.
Research Interests:  
Globalization and institutional change  
International standard setting (labour, environment, culture, finance)  
Comparative economic and organizational sociology  
Professions, expertise and transnational regulation  


Prof. Galya Ruffer  
Senior Fellow, June – December 2016  

Professor Ruffer is the founding Director of the Center for Forced Migration Studies at the Northwestern University in Illinois, USA. Her work centers on refugee rights and protection, regional understandings of the root causes of conflict and refugee crises, rule of law and the process of international justice with a particular focus on the Great Lakes Region of Africa. She has published on the role of experts in the refugee status determination process, testimony and justice in the DR Congo, asylum law and policy, human rights litigation in transnational courts and immigrant incorporation and integration in Europe. Her new research focuses on refugee protection outside of the international legal framework.  

Research Interests:  
Forced Migration and Refugee Studies, Citizenship, Comparative Constitutionalism, Testimony and International Criminal Justice; Conflict Studies  


Prof. Liam Swiss  
Senior Fellow, August 2016 – July 2017  
Research Project:  Developing Conformity: Foreign Aid and the Diffusion of Global Norms’  

Liam Swiss is Associate Professor of Sociology at Memorial University in St. John’s, Canada. His research examines the role of foreign aid in international norm diffusion, violence against aid workers, the politics of Canadian aid policy, and the causes and effects of women’s political representation in the Global South. His research has appeared in journals such as the American Sociological Review, Development Policy Review, International Sociology, Social Forces, and Third World Quarterly. He is a past President of the Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID), and worked previously at the Canadian International Development Agency on Canada’s aid program to Pakistan.  

Research Interests:  
Foreign Aid  
Globalization  
World Society  
Gender and Development  
Security, Conflict, and Development  
Violence against Aid Workers  


Prof. Dvora Yanow  
Senior Fellow, April 2016 – March 2017  
Research Project:  Citizen-making by the numbers: Counting, category-making, and the state  

Currently Yanow works as Guest Professor for the Social Sciences Department of the Wageningen University, the Netherlands. From 2005 to 2010 she was Strategic Chair in Meaning and Method at the Faculty of Social Sciences at the VU University Amsterdam. Before she was Professor at the Department of Public Affairs and Administration at the California State University. She did her PhD at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on “Planning, Policy, and Organizational Studies” in 1982.
Research Interests: Categories and immigration, nationality, and race-ethnicity
Interpretive policy analysis
Ways of knowing and doing
Practices studies
Social Science research ethics


Dr Fariborz Zelli
Senior Fellow, September 2016 – February 2017
Research Project: The Institutional Fragmentation of Global Governance - Impacts on Cooperation and Legitimation
Research Interests: Institutional Complexity
Political Theory
Global Environmental Governance
The World Trade Organization
Climate Change Governance
Forestry Governance

Fariborz Zelli is Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science at Lund University, Sweden. There he is directing a Formas-funded project on 'Navigating Institutional Complexity in Global Climate Governance'. Prior to that, he worked at the German Development Institute and the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research. Fariborz is vice-chair of the Environmental Studies Section of the International Studies Association and academic advisor to the Earth System Governance Project. His publications include the Encyclopedia of Global Environmental Governance and Politics (2015, Elgar), a special issue of Global Environmental Politics on institutional fragmentation (2013) and Global Climate Governance Beyond 2012 (2010, Cambridge University Press).