



Centre for  
**Global  
Cooperation  
Research**

## 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 Brasília, 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

More information: <https://www.sowi.hu-berlin.de/en/lehrbereiche-en/divpol-en/staff/kermer-en>

### 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

More information: <http://www.qcr21.org/fellows/research-unit-1/gerardo-bracho/>



**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

More information: <http://www.qcr21.org/fellows/research-unit-3/alessandra-cappelletti/>



### **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

More information: <http://www.qcr21.org/de/fellows/forschungsbereich-1/paula-castro/>



### **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

More information: <http://www.gcr21.org/fellows/research-unit-4/jennifer-gronau/>



**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

More information: <http://www.gcr21.org/fellows/research-unit-1/heike-hennig-schmidt/>



**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).

More information: <http://www.gcr21.org/fellows/research-unit-1/ariel-hernandez/>



**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.qcr21.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/>).

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

More information: <http://www.qcr21.org/fellows/research-unit-1/xavier-mathieu/>



### **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

More information: <http://www.qcr21.org/fellows/research-unit-2/mariana-nardone/>



### **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

More information: <http://www.gcr21.org/fellows/research-unit-3/sigrid-quack/>



**Prof. Galya Ruffer**

Senior Fellow, June – December 2016

Research Project: *Does the Refugee Convention Regime Contribute to Refugee Protection? Understanding 'Success' in the Implementation of Refugee Status Determination Systems through a Case Study of the Emerging Asylum Systems in Turkey and Israel*

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

More information: <http://www.gcr21.org/fellows/research-unit-2/galya-ruffer/>



**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

More Information: <http://www.gcr21.org/fellows/research-unit-1/liam-swiss/>



**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

More Information: <http://www.gcr21.org/fellows/research-unit-4/dvora-yanow/>



**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).

More information: <http://www.qcr21.org/fellows/research-unit-3/fariborz-zelli/>