

Forschungsprojekte

Bruna Bosi Moreira (PhD project, fully funded by CAPES): *The Influence of China's Energy Transition on its Rise in the International System*

The research aims on assessing how the clean energy transition in China influences the country's position in the international system. It does so by looking at how the energy transition affects certain dimensions of power in international relations, such as energy security, participation in global governance, status and soft power, and technology leverage.

Tanja Eckstein (PhD project): *Changes in Sino-US Relations during the Xi Era: Chinese Self-representation, the Perception by the US and the Implications for US and Chinese Foreign Policy and Role Conceptions*

Comparative discourse analysis of policy and other official/media statements of time period of US administrations of Barack Obama, Donald Trump and Joe Biden as well as of concurrent Chinese presidency of Xi Jinping with particular interest on foreign policies on each other over this timeframe, explorative Foreign Policy Analysis on continuities and differences in foreign policies by US and Chinese administrations with focus on each other, (possibly) including case studies on particular topics of contention such as the Trade Dispute under Trump

Dr. Connor Malloy (PhD project, funded by DFG, completed 2019): *Being Muslim in the Market: A Study of Huimin Communities in Two Chinese Cities*

This doctoral project examined the interplay between market activity and community maintenance among a Muslim ethnic group in China. Drawing on qualitative fieldwork with business owners, employees, and officials, it highlights how the halal/qingzhen concept is ascribed to new fields of activity through economic diversification and is driven by market mechanisms. This describes an ongoing process in which the Hui pursue participation in contemporary forms of consumption while maintaining, and often reframing their identity as an ethnic and religious group.

Dr. Elizaveta Priropolina (PhD project, completed 2020): *Changing Patterns of Sino-Russian Strategic Partnership: Mutual Perceptions and Strategic Debates*

Dr. Giulia Romano (habilitation project): *“Community Governance” with Chinese Characteristics? Learning from Abroad and Innovating for Elderly Care in China*

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Focusing on the circulation and translation of concepts such as “community governance” (*shequ zhili*) and “community care”, this research project looks at the innovation and/or re-elaboration of policies and approaches at city level to respond to the daunting challenge of population ageing in China. Since the mid-2000s, Chinese cities are exploring suitable ways to deal with their ageing populations, and particularly with their most vulnerable segments. These approaches are mostly based on the collaboration with non-profit organizations, on encouraging volunteers support and on self-help. Local solutions also make great use of new digital technologies, with the aim of making administrative intervention more efficient, prompt and ad hoc. The project is based on several steps or phases. I am currently focusing on the recontextualization of the concepts of “community governance” and “community care” and their related discourses, by exploring their meanings in their original place of development (the UK and the US), and by analyzing how Chinese scholars have discussed this concept and how it has been framed in official policy discourse. These steps are fundamental for the development of a further research phase that looks at policy translation on the ground, focusing on the implementation at community level in China.

Miquel Salvadó Gracia (PhD project, funded by MERCUR/AREA Ruhr Graduate School): *The PRC's Techno-Politics of Solar PV. The Case of South America*

Tanja Walter (PhD project): *Chinese (non-) Interventions: A Comparative Analysis of Chinese Interventions in the Middle East and Africa*

Han Xie (PhD project): *National Roles and Nation Branding in the 21st Century: China, the United States, and US-China Relations*

The project aims to investigate the topic of US-China relations through two unique lenses: national role theory and the concept of nation branding. It plans to establish connections between US/Chinese national roles and their nation branding strategies from 2008 to 2020, in turn understanding how these roles and strategies have been shaping US-China relations from various perspectives.

Publikationen

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Jonas Seyferth (co-authored with Noesselt, Nele/Gansen, Ulrike/Miller, Martin) (2020), Konstitutionalisierungsprozesse in der chinesischen Staatstheorie: Top-Down-Orchestrierung institutioneller Reformen, *Asien* 152/153, 49–71.

Tanja Walter (2020), Chinese Peacekeeping Forces: How China's New Commitment on the International Stage is Promoted by the Country's Film Industry, *Berliner China-Hefte* 52, 104–116.

Workshops & Events

DFG-Project Workshop 2021 (for details see project page): “Navigating Sino-Russian Relations in 2010s: Role Claims and Mutual Expectations”, March 2021, UDE (via Zoom).

Dr. Giulia Romano (with Kidjie Saguin, National University of Singapore and Yale) 2021: 2nd International Conference on Policy Diffusion and Development Cooperation, São Paulo, virtual conference, January-March 2021. Organization and chairing of the panel: “Policy diffusion and policy transfers in East Asia: new unexplored patterns?”

Dr. Giulia Romano (with Prof. Osmany Porto de Oliveira, Federal University of São Paulo) 2019: “Brazil and China in Policy Diffusion.” UDE/IN-EAST, organization of the workshop.

Dr. Giulia Romano (with Coline Mias – Sciences Po of Aix en Provence, Gilles Pradeau - University of Westminster, and Osmany Porto de Oliveira - Federal University of Sao Paulo) 2019: “Diffusion/transferts de dispositifs participatifs et culture: Comment comprendre le rôle de la culture dans les processus d’adaptation et de traduction locale?”, Maison des Sciences et de l’Homme, Paris, in collaboration with the GIS Démocratie et Participation and the Laboratory CHERPA - Sciences Po of Aix en Provence. Organisation of the workshop.

Medienbeiträge

Bruna Bosi Moreira: “Beijing and the Energy Transition: Between promises and practices” (2020) - Interview for the podcast Quad: Poder e energia nas Relações Internacionais (in Portuguese)

Dr. Elizaveta Priropolina (Interview): „USA-China-Konflikt geht in eine neue Runde“ [US-China conflict is entering a new round]. Schwäbische, 27 July 2020.
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