# 2nd Conference on the Political Economy of International Organizations

## Conference Program

**January 29-31, 2009 at Auditorium Jacques Freymond (AJF), Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID, 132, rue de Lausanne)**  
Geneva, Switzerland

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|            | **Mika Widgrén** (Turku School of Economics), Stefan Napel (University of Bayreuth), Strategic and Non-strategic Power in the EU Council-Commission Interaction, Discussion: Nikitas Konstantinidis (Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals), Silvia Marchesi (University of Milano Bicocca) |
|            | **Christophe Crombez** (Stanford University), Simon Hix (London School of Economics and Political Science), Government-Opposition in the EU: Implications of EU Treaty Reforms for Commission Preferences and EU Policies, Discussion: Susanne Lechner (University of Goettingen), Roland Vaubel (University of Mannheim) |
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**Session 2: The Political Economy of the UN**  
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**Christopher Kilby** (Villanova University), Donor influence in International Financial Institutions: Deciphering what alignment measures measure, Discussion: Nathan Jensen (Washington University in St. Louis), Afees Salisu (University of Ibadan)  

**Carmela Lutmar** (Princeton University), The Political Economy of UN Nation-Building 1946-2000, Discussion: Levent Atesoglu (Eylul University), Gjovalin Macaj (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)  

**Nathan Jensen** (Washington University in St. Louis), Axel Dreher (University of Goettingen), Country or Leader? Political Change and UN General Assembly Voting, Discussion: Levent Atesoglu (Eylul University), Carmela Lutmar (Princeton University)  

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**Session 3: The Political Economy of IGOs**  
Chair: Axel Dreher  

**Randall Stone** (University of Rochester), Informal Governance – International Organizations and the Limits of U.S. Power, Discussion: Afees Salisu (University of Ibadan), Bruno Frey (University of Zurich)  

**Michael Tierney** (College of William and Mary), Daniel Maliniak (University of California, San Diego), Do Foreign Publics Really Care About IO Approval? Discussion: Kizzy Gandy (Australian National University), James Vreeland (Yale University)  

**Tamar Gutner** (American University), Alexander Thompson (Ohio State University), Explaining IO Performance: An Initial Framework, Discussion: Macaj Gjovalín (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), Lena M. Schaffer (ETH Zurich)  

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**Session 4: The Political Economy of International Disputes**  
Chair: Katharina Michaelowa  

**Roland Vaubel** (University of Mannheim), Constitutional Courts as Promoters of Political Centralization: Lessons for the European Court of Justice, Discussion: Tana Johnson (University of Chicago), Joost Pauwelyn (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva)
Leslie Johns (University of California, Los Angeles), Michael Gilligan (New York University), B. Peter Rosendorff (New York University), Strengthening International Courts and the Early Settlement of Disputes, Discussion: Simon Hug (University of Geneva), Roland Vaubel (University of Mannheim)

Thomas Bernauer (ETH Zurich), Thomas Sattler (New York University), Litigation in the World Trade Organization: Power of Gravity or Power of Discrimination? Discussion: Alexander Keck (WTO), Stephanie J. Rickard (Dublin City University)

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**Friday, 30.1.09**

9.00-10.00 **Keynote 2: Graham Bird** (University of Surrey), Key Notes on the IMF: Major or Minor?

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10.15-11.45 **Session 5: IOs and the natural environment**  
Chair: Simon Hug

Thomas Bernauer, Anna Kalbhenn, Vally Koubi, Gabriele Ruoff (ETH Zurich), International Entanglement and Contingent Behavior as Determinants of International Cooperation. Explaining Global Environmental Treaty Ratifications, 1950-2000, Discussion: Martin Gassebner (ETH Zurich), Elena Labastida (University of Texas at Dallas)

Gabriele Ruoff (ETH Zurich), Grow rich and clean up later? Membership in international organizations, international assistance and the provision of environmental quality in low- and middle-income countries, Discussion: Tamar Gutner (American University), Irfan Nooruddin (Ohio State University)

Lucas Beck, Thomas Bernauer, Anna Kalbhenn (ETH Zurich), Explaining the Spatial and Temporal Clustering of Water Quality Monitoring in Europe, Discussion: Matias Margulis (McMaster University), Tancrède Voituriez (CIRAD)

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Session 6: The Political Economy of the World Bank Group  
Chair: Roland Vaubel

Jacqueline Dürr, Katharina Michaelowa, Jürg Vollenweider (University of Zurich), Poverty Reduction Strategies, Democratization and the Role of the World Bank, Discussion: Christopher Kilby (Villanova University), Petia Kostadinova (University of Florida)

Axel Dreher (University of Goettingen), James Vreeland (University of Yale), Eric Werker (Harvard Business School), The costs of favoritism: Do international politics affect World Bank project quality? Discussion: Lawrence Broz (University of California, San Diego), Jürg Vollenweider (ETH Zurich)

Todd Allee (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Clint Peinhardt (University of Texas at Dallas), The Reputational Effects of International Arbitration Institutions, Discussion: Stephanie J. Rickard (Dublin City University), Tana Johnson (University of Chicago)

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Poster Session: Political Economy of International Organizations

Eugénia da Conceição-Heldt (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin), Who Controls Whom: Dynamics of Power Delegation and Agency Losses in EU Trade Politics, Discussion: Christophe Crombez (Stanford University), Katja Rost (University of Zurich)

Tana Johnson (University of Chicago), Guilt by Association? The Link between Anti-U.S. Sentiment and the Legitimacy of Intergovernmental Organizations, Discussion: Peter Bernholz (University of Basel), Michael Tierney (College of William and Mary)

Petia Kostadinova (University of Florida), Trading for Aid: European Union Development and Pre-Accession Assistance, Discussion: Kizzy Gandy (Australian National University), Katharina Michaelowa (University of Zurich)

Elena Labastida (University of Texas at Dallas), Antidumping Institutional Design in the World Trade Organization, the European Community and the United States: Its Legal and Discretionary Power, Discussion: Joost Pauwelyn (Duke University), Gabriele Ruoff (ETH Zurich)
Matias Margulis (McMaster University), Theories of International Bargaining and the World Trade Organization: The Case of Agricultural Export Subsidies Elimination, Discussion: Todd Allee (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Anna Kalbhenn (ETH Zurich)

Tobias Hofmann (College of William & Mary), Lena M. Schaffer (ETH Zurich), Monetary Union and Obfuscated Protection in the European Union, Discussion: Leonardo Baccini (New York University), J. Lawrence Broz (University of California, San Diego)

Tancrède Voituriez (CIRAD), Why did ‘Development’ entrap the WTO Doha Round? Discussion: Thomas Bernauer (ETH Zurich), Randall Stone (University of Rochester)

16.15-17.45
Session 7: The Political Economy of the EU (II)
Chair: Randall Stone

Leonardo Baccini (New York University), Cheap Talk and Transparency: Explaining the Bilateral Trade Agreements with the EU, Discussion: Heiner Mikosch (ETH Zurich), Michael Bechtel (ETH Zurich)

Thomas König and Lars Mäder (University of Mannheim), Complying correct and on time. An empirical study of member states’ compliance record in the transposition of EC directives, Discussion: Clifford Carrubba (Emory University), Peter Rosendorff (New York University)

Clifford Carrubba (Emory University), Matthew Gabel (Washington University in St. Louis), Simon Hug (University of Geneva), Voting at the surface Roll call votes in the European Parliament, Discussion: Eugénia da Conceição-Heldt (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin), Thomas König (University of Mannheim)

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Saturday, 31.1.09

9.00-10.00 Keynote 3: Helen V. Milner (Princeton University), International Governance, Globalization and Development: The Role of International Institutions in North-South Relations

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10.15-11.45 **Session 8: The Political Economy International (NGO-) Unions**  
Chair: James Vreeland

*Nikitas Konstantinidis* (Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals), The Size and Scope of International Unions: A Coalition-Theoretic Approach, Discussion: Susanne Lechner (University of Goettingen), Mika Widgrén (Turku School of Economics)

Bruno S. Frey, Emil Inauen, Margit Osterloh, **Katja Rost** (University of Zurich), The corporate governance of Benedictine abbeys – What can stock corporations learn from monasteries? Discussion: Jürg Vollenweider (ETH Zurich), Peter Bernholz (University of Basel)

*Susanne Lechner*, Renate Ohr (University of Goettingen), The right of withdrawal in the Lisbon treaty: a game theoretic view on changed decision-making processes within the EU, Discussion: Clifford Carrubba (Emory University), Mika Widgrén (Turku School of Economics)

12.00-13.30 Lunch

13.30-14.30 **Session 9: The Political Economy of the IMF**  
Chair: Bruno Frey

*Irfan Nooruddin* (Ohio State University), Heeding the Sirens: Why some States Enter IMF Programs Sooner than Others, Discussion: Axel Dreher (University of Goettingen), Christopher Kilby (Villanova University)

*Silvia Marchesi* (University of Milano Bicocca), Laura Sabani (University of Florence), Axel Dreher (University of Goettingen), Agency and communication in IMF conditional lending: theory and empirical evidence, Discussion: Stephanie J. Rickard (Dublin City University), Randall Stone (University of Rochester)

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**Session 10: Political Economy of International Monetary Regimes**  
Chair: Michael Tierney

**Michael Ehrmann**, Marcel Fratzscher (European Central Bank), Politics and Monetary Policy, Discussion: Michael Bechtel (ETH Zurich), Matthew Gabel (Washington University in St. Louis)

**J. Lawrence Broz** (University of California, San Diego), Michael Plouffe (University of California, San Diego), The Effectiveness of Monetary Policy Anchors: Firm-Level Evidence, Discussion: Michael Ehrmann (European Central Bank), Thomas Sattler (New York University)

**Peter Bernholz** (University of Basel), Are International Organizations Like the BIS Unable to Die? A Historical Case Study of the BIS, Discussion: Graham Bird (University of Surrey), Michael Tierney (College of William and Mary)

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