

## International Political Sociology

### IPS Doctoral Workshops

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The Doctoral Workshops initiative is the result of the cooperation in the areas of research and graduate teaching between the participating institutions during the last three years. It represents an attempt to enhance and structure the ongoing cooperation between these institutions to create the core of a network of institutions promoting a different way to do and to learn International Relations called International Political Sociology.

The discipline of international relations emerged as an answer to the problem of the international but is hardly a solution; rather, it is a supplementary problem. To this day it hasn't convinced researchers in political science, sociologists, geographers or comparativists of its heuristic virtues. It is, then, necessary to open up a field of research about the political and the international that takes seriously the relationship between these terms. The challenge is to denaturalize and decolonize the political, to displace statist and interstatist categories that dominate current reflections on the international. The effort involves thinking political contingency and the nature of its relationship to violent practices, their legitimization and the potential for dialogue. Our approach aims at thinking the international as a reflection about limits, borders, exchanges, and not as a homogeneous global space that reproduces the national on a "higher" level.

What can the perspectives of a sociology of worldism, the comparative approach to political societies, of social history, postcolonialism, cultural anthropology, criminology and sociology of surveillance offer us when engaging with the question of the international in a new way? Are they fresh perspectives or do they just reproduce the same aporias with terminologies that differ from the political science of the international? What is their relationship to political theory? Can we think, based on their contribution, the heterogeneities of the world, the fault lines that characterized it today? How is it possible to get rid of the narrow and wrong formalism of dependent and independent variables, and the derivative forms of techniques inherited from an accountant understanding of rational choice, and to have rigorous logic and methods? Is reason by definition reducible to a specific calculus integrated into rationality or not? And if not, then what are the effects of such a reduction?

The workshop will investigate the large spectrum of methods going beyond or against the diktat of rational choice theory in IR, ranging from discourse analysis, ethnographic methods, actor-network theory, approaches of limits and boundaries, genetic structuralism, socio-history. The workshop will gather researchers and students who, in the course of their research, are facing the problems posed by the impossibility of shifting from the "national" to the "global" and who consider the international as a central question that determines the conditions of possibility of political practices. Students who will present have been asked not to consider their object of research, but the kind of method(s) they call on, how they combine them and the techniques they have been using to implement their methodology. They will expose how confident they are as regards to how consistent these methods are with their proposed epistemology and critiques of standards accounts of political science. The workshop was designed so as to bring together professors, researchers and doctoral students from different institutions, all key actors of the IPS Section and the *International Political Sociology* journal at the International Studies Association. We hope this will not only help deepening the connection between the doctoral students of the various institutions but also serve the wider purpose of creating synergies on common research projects, hopefully instigating a platform of discussion, exchange and dissemination of research themes and methods of IPS.

# IPS Doctoral Workshops – Program

## MONDAY 25 OCTOBER

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### FIRST SESSION 09:00 am – 12:30 pm

Welcoming coffee and opening remarks

#### “Analysing Discourses: Intertextuality and Genealogical Methods”

*PhD Participants:*

- **Marta Moreno** (PUC Rio, Brazil), “Politicizing the United Nations Peace Operations through a discursive and genealogical analysis: the case of Somalia”
- **Fabiano Mielniczuk** (PUC Rio, Brazil), “Excavating Texts? Rethinking the State Concept through Archeological Practice”
- **Jorg Spieker** (King’s College London, UK), “Foucault, Hobbes, and the Discourse of Political Philosophy”

*Discussants:* **Michael Shapiro** (University of Hawaii, USA), **Michael Loriaux** (Northwestern University, USA), **Engin Isin** (Open University, UK)

### LUNCH: 12:30 - 02:00 pm

### SECOND SESSION 02:00 – 05:30 pm

#### “Analysing Liberalism, War, Resistance and the International”

*PhD Participants:*

- **Rachel Ricci** (Northwestern University, USA), “Caring for the Self and the World: A Critical Genealogy of Political Liberalism in International Rights Discourse”
- **Carlos Frederico Pereira da Silva Gama** (PUC Rio, Brazil), “Narratives of Global Governance: ‘UN Ideas that Changes the World’ as Policymaking”
- **Youri Cormier** (King’s College London, UK), “Understanding the Dialectical Theories of War”

*Discussants:* **Vivienne Jabri** (King’s College London, UK), **R.B.J. Walker** (University of Victoria, Canada)

### THIRD SESSION: 05:30 – 07:30 pm

#### Round Table

- **Michael Shapiro** (University of Hawaii, USA), “Trans-Disciplinary Method: After the Aesthetic Turn”
- **Michael Loriaux** (Northwestern University, USA), “Critical Hermeneutics and the Myth of the Transcendental Subject”
- **Engin Isin** (Open University, UK), “Thinking Genealogically”
- **Vivienne Jabri** (King’s College, London, UK), “Relating Method, Critique, and Knowledge in Politics”
- **R.B.J. Walker** (University of Victoria, Canada), “Concepts, Disciplines, Methods”

## TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER

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FIRST SESSION 09:00 am – 12:30 pm

### “Analysing Justifications, Ethical Contexts and Boundaries of Identities”

*PhD Participants:*

- **Arnaud Kurze** (George Mason University, USA/Sciences Po, France), “Human Rights and Justice Revisited: A Critical Methodology of Post-Conflict Accountability Efforts in the Balkans”
- **Maria O’Reilly** (King’s College London, UK), “Catastrophe, Memory and Gendered Activism: A Critical Feminist Analysis of Peacebuilding in Post-Conflict Bosnia-Herzegovina”
- **Francesco Ragazzi** (Sciences Po, France/Leiden University, The Netherlands), “Diaspora Politics and the Transnational Political Field in IR”
- **Kristina Balalovska** (Sciences Po, France), “Macedonian Emigration and Strategies of Diasporization – (Trans)national Identity-making”

*Discussants:* **Mervyn Frost** (King’s College London, UK), **João Nogueira** (IRI-PUC Rio, Brazil)

**LUNCH: 12:30 – 02:00 pm**

SECOND SESSION 02:00 – 05:30 pm

### “Analysing Practices of (In)Security and Surveillance”

*PhD Participants:*

- **Adam Molnar** (University of Victoria, Canada), “Revisiting Critical Research Methods in the Context of Interoperable Security Networks”
- **Anthony Amicelle** (Sciences Po, France), “Towards a ‘New’ Political Anatomy of Financial Surveillance”
- **Asima Shaikh** (King’s College London, UK), “Operationalising Securitisation: The Transfer of Security Discourse and Practices across Agencies at the Local Government Level in UK Domestic Counter Terrorism”

*Discussants:* **Dominique Boullier** (Sciences Po Paris, France), **Jef Huysmans** (Open University, UK), **Didier Bigo** (Sciences Po Paris, France/King’s College London, UK)

THIRD SESSION 05:30-07:30 pm

### Round Table

- **Antonin Cohen** (Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense), “Prosopography: Introducing Quantitative Methods into Qualitative Data and Vice-Versa”
- **Dominique Boullier** (Sciences Po, France), “In Security Matters, Enough is Enough... or Not? Confronting Professional and Public Practices”
- **Jef Huysmans** (Open University, UK), “Towards an International Collaboratory on Critical Methods in Security Studies”
- **Didier Bigo** (Sciences Po, France and King’s College London, UK), “Assemblage, Field and Dispositif”
- **Mervyn Frost** (King’s College London, UK), “The Ethical Dimension of IR inquiry: How to Find It?”
- **João Nogueira** (IRI-PUC Rio, Brazil), “Critical Methodologies: Observations from Peripheral Sites”
- **Marc B. Salter** (University of Ottawa, Canada), “Reading Popular Security Culture”

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The workshop will take place on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, at CERI-Sciences Po, 56 rue Jacob, 75 006, Paris, France

Open to the public subject to availability – Working language: English

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