European Diplomatic Practices:

Contemporary Challenges and Innovative Approaches

Tuesday 15 December 2015

The London School of Economics and Political Science

Workshop Programme

This workshop explores how European diplomatic practices have evolved post-Lisbon, with an emphasis on practice approaches. After the first few pioneering years, the new European foreign policy setting has begun to take shape, and this workshop will analyse the developments and the key practices, by making use of a variety of case studies both at the micro and the macro level. A special emphasis will be put on the issue of security, as the papers presented are intended for publication in a special issue of European Security to be published in 2016.

The workshop will also show how practice approaches can be used to analyse developments in European diplomacy and foreign policy. While there is a growing interest in practice approaches (e.g. Bourdieusian praxeology, communities of practice, narrative approaches) in IR and EU studies, thus far there have been few attempts to initiate scholarly conversations on the analytical insights that can be derived from different practice approaches. The workshop will bring together a variety of scholars who, from different backgrounds, are all interested in the way in which practices and everyday doings produce social life and ultimately political order.

The afternoon session will be closed with a keynote presentation from Joëlle Jenny, Director for Security Policy and Conflict Prevention, European External Action Service.
Workshop Schedule

9.00 – 9.15  Refreshments  TW2.2.03

9.15 – 9.45  Welcome and introduction  TW2.2.04
Dr Federica Bicchi (LSE) and Dr Niklas Bremberg (SIIA/UI)

9.45 – 11.15  Session One  TW2.2.04
Chair: Dr Niklas Bremberg (SIIA/UI)
Discussant: Dr Jocelyn Mawdsley (University of Newcastle, editor of European Security)

Dr Frédéric Merand and Dr Antoine Rayroux (Université de Montréal): “The practice of burden-sharing in European crisis management operations”

Dr Federica Bicchi (LSE): “Practising recognition: Europe and the Arab-Israeli conflict”

Professor Helene Sjursen (ARENA): “On practice and principle: Norway’s relations with the EU in the domain of foreign and security policy”

11.15 – 11.30  Refreshments  TW2.2.03

11.30 – 13.00  Session Two  TW2.2.04
Chair: Dr Federica Bicchi (LSE)
Discussant: Professor Merje Kuus (University of British Columbia)

Dr Nicola Chelotti (LSE): “Transgovernmental networks and intergovernmental outputs? The partial construction of a common EU foreign policy”

Dr Donoxti Baylon (ESSEC Business School Paris): “How are New State Diplomats Socialized into a European Diplomatic Community? The Case of the French Diplomatic and Consular Institute”

13.00 – 14.00  Lunch  TW2.2.03
14.00 – 15.30  **Session Three**  TW2.2.04

Chair: Dr Spyros Economides (LSE)
Discussant: Professor Christoph Meyer (King’s College London)

Dr Niklas Bremberg (SIIA/UI): "Making Sense of the EU's Response to the Arab Spring: Foreign Policy Practice at Times of Crisis"

Dr Christian Büger (Cardiff University): “Doing Europe: Agency in the Counter-Piracy Assemblage”

Dr Nina Græger (NUPI): “European security as practice: the EU-NATO community of practice”

15.30 – 16.00  **Conclusions and the way forward**  TW2.2.04

16.00 – 16.30  **Refreshments**  TW2.2.03

16.30 – 18.00  **Public Lecture**  CLM.3.02

Joëlle Jenny (Director for Security Policy and Conflict Prevention, European External Action Service): “EU security policy in a more connected, contested and complex world”

Chair: Dr Federica Bicchi (LSE)
Respondents: Dr Spyros Economides (LSE), Dr Frédéric Merand (Université de Montréal), Dr Nina Græger (NUPI)