2011 Annual Conference

Out Of The Ivory Tower
Weaving the Theories and Practice of International Relations

Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 October 2011
Clement House
London School of Economics & Political Science
Houghton Street
London
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Saturday October 22

Registration & Coffee / 09.00 - 10.00

Session 1 / 10.00 - 11.30

**Opening Panel**

Andrew Hurrell (Oxford University), Stephen Gill (York University) and Carol Cohn (University of Massachusetts)

Coffee Break / 11.30 - 12.00

Session 2 / 12.00 - 13.30

**Critical Theory and Practical Relevance**

Nathan Andrews (University of Alberta)

*Beyond the Ivory Tower*

Samuel Knafo (University of Sussex)

*Beyond the False Promise of Reflexivity: Towards a Methodology for Critical Theory*

Mark Laffey (SOAS) and Suthaharan Nadarajah (SOAS)

*Can the Mission be Saved? Liberal Peacebuilding and the Turn to Critical Theory*

Rodger A. Payne (University of Louisville)

*Cooperative Security: Grand Strategy Meets Critical Theory?*

**Post-conflict Peacebuilding: Researching the Disconnect Between Theory and Practice**

Jair van der Lijn (Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael)

*Afghanistan: Where Dilemmas become Dogmas, and Models are Perceived to be Reality*

Gearoid Millar (Radboud University Nijmegen)

*Dissociated Elites: Investigating the Disconnect between Elites and Those They Claim to Represent*

Marta Iniguez de Heredia (London School of Economics)

*The Everyday Paradox of Statebuilding Practice*

Rebekka Friedman (London School of Economics)

*Truth and Reconciliation Commissions and Peacebuilding: Participatory Nation-Building in Sierra Leone*

Discussant Chris Alden (London School of Economics)
Questioning Resilience: What is at Stake in Policy and Academic Framings of the Governance of the Self?
Chair Liza Griffin (University of Westminster)
Mustapha Kamal Pasha (University of Aberdeen)
Human/Resilient/Secular
Nicholas Michelsen (King’s College, London)
The Political in Question Between Resilient Subjects and Suicide-bombers: in Conversation with Gilles Deleuze and Alain Badiou
Jonathan Joseph (University of Kent)
Resilience as Governance: An Anglo-Saxon Model?
David Chandler (University of Westminster)
International Statebuilding and the Post-liberal Discourse of Resilience
Discussant Branwen Gruffydd Jones (Goldsmiths, University of London)

Practice, Ethics and Normativity
Chair David J. Karp (University of Glasgow)
Antje Wiener (University of Hamburg)
Constitutionalism Unbound
Cornelia Navari (University of Buckingham)
Getting from Social Practices to Ethical Practices
Chris Brown (London School of Economics)
Practice, Phronesis and Prudence
Rahul Rao (SOAS)
Stretching Normative Theory: Fiction, Praxis and Third World Protest
Discussant Kirsten Ainley (London School of Economics)

Lunch break / 13.30 - 14.30
Millennium will not be providing lunch on Saturday, but a map of restaurants and food outlets in the area is provided in the conference pack.

Session 3 / 14.30 - 16.00
Filling the Theory/Practice Divide – Divergence and Convergence
Thomas C. Walker (Grand Valley State University)
Another Peril of Paradigm Mentalities: The Widening Academic and Policy Divide
Hiski Haukkala (University of Tampere)
Timing is Everything: The Time, Space and Strategies for Scholarly Analysis in the Making of Foreign Policy
Ben Jacoby and David Guttormsen (University of Warwick)
Bridging the Gap - Academia and the Realist - Constructivism Debate

Steering IR Through Practice Approaches – the Application of Practical Approach to the Study of IR
Karen Tucker (University of Bristol)
Theorising Global Power, Knowledge and Representation: Towards a Practice-Based Approach to NGOs and Global Governance

John Karlsrud (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs)
SRSGs as Norm Arbitrators? Understanding Authority in UN Peace Operations

David J. Tingle (McGill University)

Ann Marie Clark (Purdue University)
The Appeal to Justice in International Politics: Theory and Practice

Theory and Practice of IR in the Emerging Powers
Hugo Arend (Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul)
“What If That Tower is Not Made of Ivory At All?”: International Studies in Brazil (resisting theories, reifying practices)

Upendra Choudhury (Aligarh Muslim University)
International Relations in India: Bridging the Gap between Potential and Reality

Yu Bao (University of Alberta)
A Chinese School of International Relations Theory?

On Courage: How to Traverse Theory/Practice Divide with Dignity
Chair Aida A. Hozic (University of Florida)
Mauro J. Caraccioli (University of Florida)
Pedagogies of Freedom: Courage and Exile in International Life

Manu Samnotra (University of Florida)
Courage, Conscience and Timeliness

Evgenia Ilieva (University of Florida)
Nandy, Todorov, and Non-Heroic Ordinariness

Aida A. Hozic (University of Florida)
Conformism and Courage in and about American IR

discussant Wanda Vrasti (Humboldt University)
Coffee Break / 16.00 - 16.30

Session 4 / 16.30-18.00

**Keynote Speech**

Kathryn Sikkink (University of Minnesota)

Reception / 18.00

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**Sunday October 23rd**

Session 5 / 10.00 - 11.30

**Scholars and Practitioners Perception**

Raluca Soreanu (University College London) and Norbert Petrovici (Babes-Bolyai University)

*Non-Hierarchical Encounters and Responsibility in the Discipline of International Relations: When Scholars Meet Practitioners*

Peter Brett (SOAS)

*International Lawyers: IR Theorists and Practitioners*

Christian Bueger (University of Greenwich) and Felix Bethke (Greifswald University)

*Boundary Concepts and the Interaction of Communities of Practice Struggling with the Security-Development-Nexus*

**IR Theories and Practice Through Empirical Lenses**

Heikki Patomäki (University of Helsinki)

*The Central Task of Social Sciences: Explanatory Critique and Concrete Eutopias – with a Cosmopolitan Intent*

Andrew Cooper (University of Waterloo)

*The G20 as a State-centric Concert or Source of Diffuse Network Power?: Connects/ Disconnects Between Academic Conceptualizations and Practitioner Perspectives*

Igor Abdalla Medina de Souza (European University Institute)

*An Offer Developing Countries Could not Refuse: How Did Powerful States Create the World Trade Organization*

**Normative Theory in Practice**

Annette Foerster (London School of Economics)

*The Law of Peoples - Practical Relevance of a Realistic Utopia*

Milla Emilia Vaha (European University Institute)

*Against Practical Judgement: Theory of War and the Crisis of Foundational Ethics*
John Kaag (University of Massachusetts Lowell) and Sarah Kreps (Cornell University)
Pragmatism and International Relations Theory: A Revision
David J. Karp (University of Glasgow)
Two Logics of Consequences and Appropriateness: Human Rights Responsibility and Non-State Agents

IR Shaping Practice in the non-Western Periphery
Waleed Hazbun (American University of Beirut)
The Challenge of Postcolonial Agency in the Middle East
Vera Vesela (Institute of International Relations, Prague)
Up to the Ivory Tower: Islamism as a Gateway to Conceptual Turn in IR
Lisa Vasciannie (University of the West Indies)
One Size Fits Most: Teaching Theories in the Periphery

Coffee Break / 11.30 - 12.00

Session 6 / 12.00 - 13.30

The Practices of Theory in IR
Chairs R. Beardsworth (American University of Paris) and Scott Nelson
Richard Beardsworth (American University of Paris)
Political Vision in IR
Daniel Levine (Colgate University)
Ethical Eclecticism; or, Fragmenting International Theory
Sean Molloy (Edinburgh University)
E.H. Carr and Practical IR Theory: Toward a Realist Ethics
Scott Nelson (Virginia Technology University)
Toward a Critique: the Secular State and the Democratic International
Discussant Kimberly Hutchings (London School of Economics)

IR’s Construction of the Political World
Münevver Cebeci (Marmara University)
European Foreign Policy Research Reconsidered: Constructing Europe Through Theory?
Preslava Stoeva (Richmond The American International University in London) and Vassilis Fouskas (Richmond The American International University in London)
The Constructivist Moment in US Grand Strategy: Dean Acheson, Paul Nitze and the Militarisation of Containment
Stephan Engelkamp (University of Münster) and Katharina Glaab (University of Münster)
‘Writing Norms’ - Norm Research as Scholarly Practice

National IR Communities and Better IR Theories
Panayotis Tsakonas (University of the Aegean)
“Policy Relevant” Theory and “Theory-Informed” Practice in Greek Foreign Policy.
Erica Simone A. Resende (Rio de Janeiro State University)
IR Studies, Diplomatic Service and Foreign Policy Practices in Brazil
Giulia Sirigu (University of Manchester)

Challenging Traditional Understandings of the Discipline
Daniel Lambach (University Duisburg Essen)
Why Do IR Scholars Study Fragile States and Not Comparativists?
Iver B. Neumann (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs) and Morten S. Andersen (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs)
How to Practice Structure
Roberto Orsi (London School of Economics)
Magnus Ryner (Oxford Brookes University)
Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy in the Production of Knowledge about the EU

Lunch Break / 13.30 - 14.30

Session 7 / 14.30-16.00
Theorising IR as a Form of Practice
Inanna Hamati-Ataya (University of Sheffield)
IR Theory as International Practice/Agency: A Clinical/Cynical Bourdieusian Perspective
Audra L. Mitchell (University of York)
Be(com)ing International
Tarja Väyrynen, Anitta Kynsilehto, Eeva Puumala, Samu Pehkonen and Tiina Vaittinen (University of Tampere)
‘Inducing Daria out of the Closet’: Biopolitics Meets Ethnography and Activism in the Study of Migration
Jaap Wilde (University of Groningen)
The Disciplinary Construction of International Relations Compared to International Law

Weaving Theory and Practice in International Relations: Conceptual and Normative Aspects
Chair Piki Ish-Shalom
Anna Geis (University of Frankfurt)
Christopher Hobson
'Leave it to Us': Removing Theory from Practice
Alexander Barder (John Hopkins University) and Daniel Levine (Colgate University)
'The World is Too Much With Us': Reification and the Depoliticizing of Constructivist IR
Piki Ish-Shalom (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Zooming In Zooming Out and the Study of Security
Discussant Alex Prichard (London School of Economics)

Challenges in Teaching IR
Katherine E. Brown (King’s College London)
Educating Rupert: IR Theory and Practice in Professional Military Education
Corneliu Bjola (University of Oxford)
Diplomacy as World Disclosure: A Teaching Method
Jonas Hagmann (ETH Zürich)
Decolonising IR Classroom Politics

Reconsidering the Practice of IR Concepts
Xavier Mathieu (University of Sheffield)
Empiricising Sovereignty, Revealing its Normativity: the Concept of Sovereignty as an Expression of Our Own Aspirations.
Zeynep N. Kaya (London School of Economics)
Evolution of the Principle of Self-determination into a Liberal-ethnicist Principle as Result of the Interaction Between its Meaning and Application
Karen Buckley (University of Limerick)
Achieving the Dialectical Balance between Theory and Practice in the Politics of Resistance.
Chris Naticchia (California State University)
The Theory and Practice of International Recognition: Is it Coherent and Defensible?
Coffee Break / 16.00 - 16.30

Session 8 / 16.30-18.00

**Closing Panel**

*Christian Reus-Smit* (European University Institute)

*Stephen Chan* (SOAS)

*Christine Sylvester* (Lancaster University)