

“International Cooperation in Challenging Times”

Workshop Programme

[Hotel Boldern -](#)
Männedorf –Zürichsee

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Sunday 2 October:

19.00 Dinner at Hotel Boldern

Monday 3 October (Day 1: Challenges)

09:00 – 9:30 Welcome

This session welcomes participants, lays out the goals and format of the workshop, and introduces the DISINTEGRATION project, which is funding the workshop.

- *Stefanie Walter*

9:30 – 10:30 Public Opinion on International Cooperation

We begin a morning of presentations on ongoing research on international cooperation in challenging times. In this first research session, we consider public opinion on international cooperation. Do citizens perceive that there is indeed a global democratic deficit? How do politicians respond to information about the level of popular legitimacy for an IO? How can public opinion explain the politicization and vilification of trade balances?

- *Farsan Ghassim – Perceptions of a Global Democratic Deficit: An International Survey Experiment (Discussant: Giorgio Malet)*
- *Tanja Schweinberger - Mass Public Opinions towards Trade Balances: Mercantilism 2.0 (Discussant: Tuuli-Anna Huikuri)*

Morning Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00 Public Opinion on the Legitimacy of International Organizations

- *Giorgio Malet - The Mass Politics of Scale: System Capacity and Citizen Effectiveness in Multi-Level Democracies (Discussant: Christina Schneider)*
- *Jonas Tallberg - Citizens, Elites, and the Legitimacy of Global Governance (Discussant: Michal Parizek)*

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 – Domestic Discourse on International Cooperation

This session considers how domestic discourse on international cooperation takes place in two central venues of political communication and contestation: the media, and parliamentary debates. The panel also introduces massive new datasets on the public communication of IOs.

- *Tom Hunter and Stefanie Walter – The Politicization of International Organizations in Parliamentary Debates (Discussant: Farsan Ghassim)*
- *Michał Parizek - Mapping the Representation of International Organizations in News Media with the use of Word Embeddings (Discussant: Tom Hunter)*
- *Markus Patberg - "Exit Politics as Regression. Withdrawals from International Institutions and Loss of Normative Achievements" (Discussant: Bernhard Zangl)*

Afternoon Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00 – Roundtable: Domestic Politics Challenges to Global Governance

When and how does domestic politics matter for the effectiveness and stability of global governance? Do some countries' domestic politics matter more than others? How important is public opinion relative to elite views? Which elites matter most, when, and how? And how important are domestic politics challenges to global governance relative to international and systemic-level challenges?

Panelists: Marco Martini (moderator), Sara Hobolt, Stephanie Hofmann, Dustin Tingley (online, TBC), Michael Zürn

19:30 Dinner

Tuesday 4 October. (Day 2: Responses)

08:30 – 10:00 Roundtable: New Challenges: What the Rise of Authoritarianism Means for International Cooperation

International cooperation is under dual pressure, both from the rise of authoritarian regimes, but also from within the democracies that have historically underpinned the LIO. This roundtable brings together experts on the domestic and international politics of international cooperation and to tackle key questions such as: What are the largest challenges facing international cooperation today? What does the rise of authoritarianism, and the growing cleavage between democracies and autocracies, mean for international cooperation? Does strengthening IOs' authority mean undermining member states' democracy? What will happen if the US seizes to be a full democracy?

Panelists: Tom Hunter (moderator), Maria Debre, Shuting Ling, Christina Schneider

Morning Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00 National Responses to International Cooperation Challenges

How do countries respond when other countries do not cooperate internationally?

- *Abraham Newman – Secondary Effects of Secondary Sanctions: Bank Compliance and Economic Isolation of Non-Target States (Discussant: Marco Martini)*
- *Stefanie Walter - When others are not playing by the rules: Responding to non-cooperation (Discussant: Markus Patberg)*
- *Bernhard Zangl: The Cooptation Dilemma: Explaining US Contestation of the Liberal Trade Order (Discussant: Stephanie Hofmann)*

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:30 Responses by International Organizations

This panel examines how international institutions themselves respond to challenges to their authority, and what these changes might mean for the resilience of the liberal international order. The panel includes presentations by:

- *Hylke Dijkstra – The Resilience of International Organizations: Institutional Responses to Existential Challenges (Discussant: Abraham Newman)*
- *Mette Eilstrup-Sangiovanni - Fighting Disintegration: How Do International Organizations Cope with Nationalist Challenges? (Discussant: Maria Debre)*
- *Gisela Hirschmann – Resilience before decline: the League of Nations' response to early challenges (Discussant: Hylke Dijkstra)*

Afternoon Coffee Break

15:00 – 16:00 Plenary: International Cooperation in Challenging Times

Discussion about the key insights that have been generated by the workshop and next steps forward for research on international cooperation in challenging times

Moderator: Stefanie Walter

Implications for research on international cooperation: Michael Zürn, Mette Eilstrup-Sangiovanni

Implications for the DISINTEGRATION project: Sara Hobolt, Jonas Tallberg

***** Workshop end *****

Participants:

Maria Debre (Postdam), Hylke Dijkstra (Maastricht), Mette Eilstrup-Sangiovanni (Cambridge), Farsan Ghassim (Maastricht), Gisela Hirschmann (Leiden), Sara Hobolt (LSE/UZH), Stephanie Hofmann (EUI), Tuuli-Anna Huikuri (UZH), Tom Hunter (UZH), Shuting Ling (UZH), Giorgio Malet (UZH), Marco Martini (UZH), Abraham Newman (Georgetown), Michal Parizek (Charles University), Markus Patberg (Hamburg), Christina Schneider (UC San Diego), Tanja Schweinberger (UZH), Jonas Tallberg (Stockholm), Dustin Tingley (Harvard – online only), Stefanie Walter (UZH), Bernhard Zangl (Munich), Michael Zürn (WZB)