

Humanities and International Relations Graduate Conference

MA International Relations Program, Humanities Faculty, Leiden University

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Conference Schedule

09.00 – 09.15 Opening Remarks and Institutional Welcome

Salvador Santino Regilme, Associate Professor and Program Chair MA International Relations, Leiden University

Isabelle Duyvesteyn, Professor and Program Chair of BA International Studies, Leiden University

09.15 – 10.30 Plenary Panel ‘Humanities-Based IR? Current State, Future and Directions

Chair: **Lindsay Black**, Associate Professor, Leiden University

Panelists:

Salvador Santino Regilme, Associate Professor, Leiden University

John-Harmen Valk, University Lecturer, Leiden University

Liberty Chee, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow, Ca’Foscari University of Venice

Sebastian J. Strohmeyer, Alumnus and Consultant, Christ and Company

Malena Lopez Bremme, Alumna, MA International Relations, Leiden University

10.30 – 11.00 Break

Coffee & Tea

11.00 – 12.30 Concurrent Panel Session 1

1) Humanitarianism and Rights – Auditorium A.0.06

Panel Chair: Salvador Santino Regilme

- *Interrogating Britain in Yemen: Humanitarianism and Counterterrorism in the (Inter)National interest?* by **Saif Sarwar** (Head of Growth, The Online School)
- *To be or not to be selfless: the theatricality of humanitarian assistance* by **Foucault Séchet** (Student MA International Relations, Leiden University)
- *Rethinking American Democracy Promotion Policies in the MENA Region* by **Emilie Joe Brandt** (Student MA European Politics and Society, Leiden University)
- Individual legal responsibility: a milestone in the internationalisation of fundamental rights in armed conflicts by **Basak Naz Simsek** (Student Research Associate and PhD, Bielefeld University)
- *Visualizing the war on drugs: coca, satellites and the view from above* by **Nicolas Rodriguez** (Lecturer, Leiden University and Amsterdam University)

2) Religion, Culture, and World Politics – Room A2.04

Panel Chair: John-Harmen Valk

- *Contemporary Indian screen cultures and the myth of national security: how Hindi cinema propagates the statist narrative* by **Roshni Sengupta** (Associate Professor, University of Petroleum and Energy Studies India)
- *Sovereignty starts in the mind: The confluence of religion, mnemonic security and the global cause for Tibet* by **Calvin Nixon** (Alumnus MA International Relations, Leiden University)
- *Crossroads of Faith and Power: Conversion of the Byzantine Pammakaristos Monastery to Fethiye Mosque in the Ottoman Constantinople* by **Rahime Aksa Boyraz** (Student MA Interdisciplinary Studies of the Middle East, Freie Universität Berlin)
- *Towards a Pluralistic Philosophical Basis for Global Peace: A Comparative Study of 'Grotian World', 'Kantian Peace' and 'Confucian Great Unity'* by **Max Junbo Tao** (PhD Candidate Department of Philosophy, University of Hong Kong)

3) China and World Politics – Room A2.05

Panel Chair: Lindsay Black

- *Material Domination or Benevolent Leadership: On Chinese Perceptions of Hegemony* by **Tjalle Broeksma** (MAIA candidate, Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe)
- *Navigating the Complexity in National Identity from the Chinese Context* by **Peiran Nie** (Student MA, Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe)

- *“Connecting the Clouds”: Infrastructural Development and Dutch Economic Interests in China, 1899-1937* by **Mingran Cao** (PhD Candidate, Institute for Area Studies, Leiden University)
- *Southeast Asia’s Foreign Policy Behavior in the Chinese-American Rivalry* by **Cecilia-Louise von Ilsemann** (PhD candidate History and International Studies, Institute for History, Leiden University)

12.30 – 13.30 Break

13.30 – 15.00 Concurrent Panel Session 2

1) Technology and IR – Auditorium A.0.06

Panel Chair: Andrew Gawthorpe

- The Great Divergence of Temperature Scales 1596-1872: How International Relations Effected on Global Science Enlightenment by **Zhang Dongning** (PhD candidate Institute of Chinese Historical Geography, Fudan University)
- Looking Eastward or a Protectionist Future? – the EU’s Semiconductor Strategy in the Sino-U.S. Rivalry by **Saurav Narain** (Consultant and researcher, Invictus B.V.)
- How national security assessments impact critical technology procurements: Evidence from a European survey by **Pelle Berkhout** (PhD candidate, Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development, Utrecht University)
- Technological Governance and Diplomacy: A Case Study of Chips Diplomacy by **Shiqing Xiao** (Student MA International Relations, Leiden University)

2) Colonization/Decolonization – Room A2.04

Panel Chair: Karen Smith

- *Reactions of Jewish Intellectuals of Hungary to Early Zionist Movement (1897-1918)* by **Veysel Can Karakas** (PhD candidate, ELTE-Atelier Interdisciplinary History Program)
- *Uncovering the ‘Black Pages’ of the Past: The Absence of European State Apologies for Slavery in the ‘Age of Apology’* by **Bart-Jan Zandee** (Student MA International Relations, Leiden University)
- *Confronting the Colonial Past in a Changing World: A Non-Ideal Perspective on Transitional Justice Efforts for Colonialism, the Slave Trade and Slavery* by **Phebe Brunsveld** (Student MA International Relations and Student Assistant MAIR, Leiden University)
- *The Prioritization of European Desires over African Development: An Analysis on Contemporary Development and Migration Policy between the EU and Africa* by **Massimo Guglietta** (MAIA Candidate, Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe)

3) The West and the World – Room A2.05

Panel Chair: Salvador Santino Regilme

- *"Cows for Cars? Considering its environmental and economic outcomes, should the EU-Mercosur deal be implemented?"* by **Jane Margaret Holland** and **Ines Steinmetz** (Students MA International Relations, Leiden University)
- *Can Euroscepticism help to understand Anti-Europeanism in the United States?* by **Richard J. Lange** (Doctoral Researcher, Heidelberg Center for American Studies, Heidelberg University)
- *Betrayal or adherence to national interests? Russia's foreign policy in relation to the Yugoslav Wars in 1991-1995* by **Nikolai Shatalin** (Postgraduate student, Freie Universität Berlin)
- *Multipolar Visions: A Comparative Analysis of China's and the European Union's Neighborhood Policies and their Implications on Interregional Dynamics* by **Thomas van Oeveren** (Student Leiden University)
- *United States-Israel Alliance* by **Stan De Feyter** (Student MA International Relations, Leiden University)

15.00 – 15.15 Break

Coffee & Tea

15.15 – 16.45 Concurrent Panel Session 3

1) War, Political Violence, and Transnational Conflicts – Room A2.04

Panel Chair: Chiara Libiseller

- *Institutionalized Repression: Explaining Mass Atrocity against Muslims in Xinjiang* by **Brechtje van der Spijk** (Student MA International Relations, Leiden University)
- *Beyond Borders: Fleeing from Ecocide and War in Syria* by **Malena López Bremme** (Student MA International Relations, Leiden University)
- *Environmental Peacebuilding: The Future of Diplomacy* by **Eleonora Lucia Cammarano** (Student MA Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe)
- *Securitisation and Sovereignty: Diplomacy, Counterterrorism, and the Future of International Order* by **Saurav Narain** and **Ajatshatru Bhattacharya** (Researchers, Invictus Corporation)
- *Ah, ye admonitions and warnings: nuclear coercive diplomacy in wartime from Vietnam to Ukraine* by **Jack Kennedy** (Graduate Student, Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe)

2) Justice, Representation, Resilience – Room A2.05

Panel Chair: Hitomi Koyama

- *The absurd quest for vulnerability: Unveiling the political in International Relations Theory through aesthetics* by **Annick van Rinsum** (Podcast and theatre maker)
- *Arbiters of their own destiny? National minorities and fair representation* by **Claire D'Alessio** (MA Student John Hopkins University SAIS Europe)
- *De-democratisation past and present: Lessons from Weimar Germany* by **Hanna Lena Maria Gesang** (Student Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe)