

XVI. International Conference of Young Scholars Prague – Call for Papers



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Dear colleagues

Jan Masaryk Centre of International Studies is pleased to invite you to the

XVI. International Conference of Young Scholars

“Actors and Actorness in International Relations: States and Their Discontents”

which will be held on **25th May 2012** at the University of Economics, Prague.

Programme committee is under the patronage of

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The conference will be divided into three sections, where each section will comprise of several panels. The number of panels, as well as their subject matter will result from the submitted proposals.

1) Actorness that shapes contemporary world politics

(Section Chair: Radka Druláková)

Actorness in world politics represents sets of behaviour which shapes the existence of actors within the international relations. It demonstrates the active behaviour of actors on the international scene establishing patterns for relations with the external environment. No matter what the actor is (state, international organization, non-state actor, individual etc.) when entering the international arena, it represents certain aspects of legitimacy, recognition, attractiveness or framing. Some of these aspects reflect more inside dimensions (such as legitimacy), some of them turn more outside (such as recognition or attractiveness). This section will focus on the type of actorness of different international actors; it will explore both their priorities and instruments they use to achieve them. Hence, the papers in this section should focus for example on agenda-setting, opinion-making, institutional structures, legitimacy, impact of various international actors etc. both from theoretical and empirical point of view.

2) Statehood in times of political and economic turmoil: Decline or Rebirth?

(Section Chair: Petr Kratochvíl)

While states have been traditionally perceived as the key actors of international relations, the state-centric view of world politics has been recently under assault on many fronts. Because of a number of factors, such as pressure of global markets, integration projects, rise of non-state actors and failed states, states seem to be losing ground. And yet, amidst these wild transformations of global politics, examples emerge of the surprisingly strong capability of states to reassert their power over essential decisions regarding the future political and economic international order. This section will explore the key question of whether sovereign states can still be considered the basic units of world politics, or whether the Westphalian model of international relations gives way to alternative arrangements. Both theoretical and empirical studies that would assess the role of statehood in current international relations are called for, whereby the key areas to be covered include (but are not limited to) recent transformations of the statehood; the reassertion of the state vis-a-vis the economic and political crises; the state vs. supranational integration; and failing or failed states.

3) Non-state entities in IR: An enduring challenge

(Section Chair: Štěpánka Zemanová)

Since the early 1970's, when theorizing on transnational relations started, the role of non-state actors in international politics has been widely accepted by IR scholars. However, there are no ultimate conclusions how much the proliferation of non-state entities really matters, to what extent it transforms the world today, as well as whether or to what extent the non-state actors encroach upon traditional roles and challenge the basic functions of states. Recent developments seem to have provided a great deal of direct and circumstantial evidence on ever intensifying operation of various types of non-state entities. Thus, a new round of debate is highly desirable on their power, relevance and impact both in particular regions and worldwide, at the level of states. The section is opened to both papers addressing these issues theoretically and to empirical studies providing new insights into non-state actor resources, motivations, goals, missions, organizational forms, working methods, effectiveness etc. Participants are invited to cover as wide range of non-state entities as possible reaching from NGOs, TNCs over CRAs, media and criminal groups to super-empowered individuals. Contributions focusing on changing relations of non-state entities to states as traditional actors of international relations are also very welcome.

Conference outputs:

- Conference Abstracts – Abstracts of all presented papers in electronic version.
- Conference Proceedings – Selected papers will undergo a double-blind peer review. The collection will be printed in hard copy.

Best Paper Competition:

Second annual competition for the best paper of the conference is organised in cooperation with the Centre of European Studies and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. Papers of PhD students will automatically take part in the competition that will be held in two categories:

- European Studies,
- International Issues.

Papers will be evaluated by the Programme Committee members and other selected experts. A special attention will be paid to the content, form and presentation of the paper.

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Appendix

Style Guidelines for Paper Presentation

1. Due to technical problems that some participants experienced last year, we have changed our paper presentation policy. If you are going to use local computers, your presentation must be in .pdf format. You can also bring your PowerPoint presentation in .ppt or .pptx format, but you always have to have it in .pdf format as well.
2. Information provided in presentation must correspond with the information in submitted papers.
3. Presentation should not exceed ten minutes. Additional five minutes will be provided for discussion.

Style Guidelines for Conference Papers

All the data concerning referencing in text and in the list of references are taken from http://education.exeter.ac.uk/dll/studyskills/harvard_referencing.htm, pls. see this page for further details.

Submit two versions:

- Full version of your paper
- "Blind" copy of your manuscript by deleting author identification

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2. Before submitting your paper, please ensure that it has been carefully read for typographical and grammatical errors. Papers will be returned if the standard of English is not considered to be good enough for publication.
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6. Set the page size to A4 with margins of 2.54cm all around. Please do not insert headers, footers or page numbers. Do not refer to page numbers in your text as these will be changed, do not use multiple columns.
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10. A 300 word abstract should follow.
11. Include up to 6 keywords or phrases
12. Do not use multiple levels of heading
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14. You can include bulleted or numbered lists.
15. Figures and tables should be placed as close to their reference point in the text as possible. All figures and tables must have titles and must be referenced from within the text. Avoid colour diagrams as the proceedings will be printed in black and white. Images must be inserted as picture files (.gif, .jpg). You may be asked to supply the pictures as separate files.
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