



CALL FOR PAPERS

WORKSHOP ON

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BEYOND IGOs

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WORKSHOP THEME

International organizations (IOs) have always formed an integral part of the International Relations (IR) research agenda. Still, most studies deal with a small subset of highly institutionalized IOs founded after World War II (Martin and Simmons 2013). These IOs were also the basis of the Correlates of War (COW) dataset that almost exclusively served as the empirical foundation of quantitative studies on IOs. This has changed only recently (e.g., Haftel and Thompson 2006; Hooghe, Lenz, and Marks 2019; Tallberg et al. 2013). Moreover, the field increasingly pushes the conceptual envelope of what constitutes an “IO” in the first place. For example, emanations (Johnson 2014), informal IOs (Vabulas and Snidal 2013; Roger and Rowan 2021; Abbott and Faude 2020), Trans-Governmental Networks (Abbott, Kauffmann, and Lee 2018; Bach and Newman 2010), joint bodies included in ‘regular’ international agreements (Koremenos 2016; Gastinger and Dür 2021; Kinne 2020; Morin, Tremblay-Auger, and Peacock 2021), and Transnational Public-Private Governance Initiatives (Westerwinter 2021) are receiving far more attention today than only a few years ago.

To close the gap between studies on the most prominent IOs and other forms of institutionalized international cooperation, we invite submissions for a workshop on ‘international organizations beyond IGOs’. In using this title, we use the longer form *intergovernmental organizations* (IGOs) to refer to the subset of IOs included in the COW dataset receiving the brunt of attention thus far. We invite submissions from all theoretical and methodological angles dealing with issues such as the design or effects of IOs, broadly understood. We only require that institutions meet some basic threshold of institutionalization to differentiate them from purely ad hoc forms of international cooperation. They should also not be entirely formed by private actors but involve at least some actors with public authority (not necessarily only heads of state or cabinet-level officials but also technical experts or representatives of other public agencies).

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVE

The workshop objective is to advance research on international organizations beyond IGOs by bringing together scholars active in this area. Another potential outcome of the workshop could be to submit selected papers for a special issue at an IR journal still to be agreed between the paper authors. However, participating in the workshop by no means obliges anyone to join this special issue.

FORMAT, TRAVEL, AND COVID-19

The full-day workshop will take place in Salzburg on Friday, 9 September 2022. We will arrange an evening event the day before the workshop and a small recreational program on Saturday. Participation at either of those two days is not compulsory. Workshop participants agree to stay at the workshop the entire day and may be invited to act as a discussant for other papers. We aim to have two discussants per paper.

Travel and accommodation costs will be fully reimbursed. Limited places for virtual participation for colleagues unable to join us will be available. Colleagues working farther from Salzburg will be given preference when requesting to attend the workshop virtually.

All workshop participants need to comply with the Covid-19 regulations in force in Austria at the time of the workshop.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

If you would like to join the workshop, please send an abstract of about 300 words to Markus Gastinger (Markus.Gastinger@plus.ac.at). The deadline for submissions is **28 February 2022**. Please indicate in your message to us whether you would like to participate in person or only online. Selected paper givers will be informed by mid-March.

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