



Expert Workshop

OUTLINE & PROGRAMME

INTER-ORGANIZATIONALISM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: THEORIES AND CASES

27-28 January 2012

**Vesalius College & Institute for European Studies
Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)
and Global Governance Institute (GGI), Brussels**

Whether it is cooperation and rivalry between security organizations, partnerships amongst international financial institutions, or the growing networks between International Governmental Organizations (IGOs) and Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs), the phenomenon of ‘inter-organizationalism’ has become an important aspect of world politics and global governance during the last two decades.

Yet, despite a growing number of insightful empirical case studies dealing with IO-IO relations across a wide range of policy fields, there is still a considerable lack of systematic theoretical approaches and conceptual tools for analyzing core features, main dynamics and key recurrent variables related to the convergence of, as well as the cooperation and competition between, major organizations. As a result, political scientists working in the field of International Relations (IR) have so far not been able to formulate an overarching ‘inter-organizational theory’. Indeed, the continuing state-centric nature of IR has so far prevented deeper and more nuanced theoretical thinking on IO-IO relations. As a result, theoretically-oriented scholars have mostly relied on other disciplines (such as sociology, law, economics and management studies) or in few cases have drawn on institutionalist and regime theory approaches.

This two-day expert workshop brings together scholars and practitioners working on inter-organizational relations from a wide range of perspectives and disciplines in order to advance the collective build-up of a self-consciously IR-focussed theory of Inter-organizationalism.

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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 27TH JANUARY 2012

12.30 am – 1.30pm: Arrival, Registration and Welcome Buffet Lunch

1.30pm – 2pm : Welcome of Participants and Outline of the Workshop

Joachim Koops

Panel 1: The European Union's Relations with Regional Organizations

Chair: Sebastian Oberthür

2pm – 4pm

Johannes Muntschick (University of Mainz)

The Ambivalent Impact of Inter-organizational Relations on Regional Integration
Organisations: The EU as Friend or Foe for the South African Development Community
Discussant: Ricardo Sousa

Marina Kolb (University of Salzburg)

Inter-organizational Relations:
What can we learn from the European Union-Council of Europe Relationship?
Discussant: David Galbreath

Florent Marciarq, (University of Luxembourg & University of Vienna)

The inter-institutional dimension of Europeanisation in Serbia and Macedonia
The EU as norm-amplifier in a context of inter-institutional cooperation on CFSP issues
Discussant: Oriol Costa

Dario Cristiani (King's College, London & Global Governance Institute, Brussels)

Can Inter-Organizationalism be explained through Realism(s)?
Insights from European Union – Gulf Cooperation Council relations
Discussant: Manuela Scheuermann

4pm – 4.30pm: Tea & Coffee Break

Panel 2: The European Union's Relations with NATO (4.30pm – 6.30pm)

Chair: Amelia Hadfield

Trine Flockhart, (Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen)

The EU and NATO: A Tale of Two Planets in One City

Discussant: Hanna Ojanen

Nina Graeger, (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs - NUPI, Oslo)

Understanding Inter-organisationalism through Practices: The EU-NATO Relationship

Discussant: Rafael Biermann

Thomas Gehring and Benjamin Faude (University of Bamberg)

The Dynamics of Institutional Complexes: From Competition to Division of Labor and Interlocking Governance Structures

Discussant: Malte Brosig

Carmen Gebhard (University of Nottingham)

The Strategic Foundations of the EU and NATO: Between Convergence, Overlap and Complementarity

Discussant: Marina Kolb

8pm DINNER AT NEARBY RESTAURANT

Dinner Speaker: Oliver Ulich, Head of Partnership Unit, UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations, (DPKO), New York

SATURDAY, 28TH JANUARY 2012 (10AM – 12.30PM)

Panel 3: Inter-organizationalism: Theoretical Approaches & Conceptual Reflections

Chair: Yuri Devuyt

David Galbreath (University of Bath)

Beyond Multilateralism?

Inter-Organizational Relations and the Rise of Complexity in International Relations.

Discussant: Hylke Dijkstra

Hanna Ojanen (Finnish Institute for International Affairs, Helsinki)

Rivalries over power and position in inter-organisational relations

Discussant: Trine Flockhart

Oriol Costa (Autonomous University Barcelona)

The Travels of Norms through intersecting multilateralisms

Discussant: Gjovalin Macaj

Rafael Biermann (University of Jena)

The European Union as a Hub Organization

Discussant: Thomas Gehring

Edith Drieskens, Bart Kerremans (University of Leuven)

and Tom Delreux (University of Louvain)

When Hands are Tied Externally: Scope Conditions of External Slippage in the EU's International Representation (Principal-Agent Theory)

Discussant: Spyros Blavoukos

12.30pm – 1.30pm BUFFET LUNCH

Panel 4: The United Nations and Regional Organizations (1.30PM – 4PM)

Chair: Alexandra Novosseloff

Manuela Scheuermann (University of Würzburg)

Do ut des. The patterns of the UN-EU-relations in peacekeeping

Discussant: Dario Cristiani

Eva Strickmann (King's College London) & Claudia Major (SWP Berlin)

Crisis Management in Africa: Chances and Pitfalls of Inter-Organisational Cooperation

Discussant: Nina Graeger

Ricardo Sousa (University of Rotterdam)

Subsidiarity in external interventions: A study of the United Nations, African Union and IGAD/EASF relationships

Discussant: Kai Harbrich

Malte Brosig (University of Witwatersrand) & Dimpho Motsamai (ISS, Pretoria)

The African Peace and Security Regime:

An Interlocking System of Global and Regional Governance

Discussant: Johannes Muntschick

Spyros Blavoukos and Dimitris Bourantonis (University of Athens)

Synergistic Linkages between Nested International Organizations (IOs):

The United Nations and European Union Sanctions Policy

Discussant: Edith Drieskens

4PM – 4.30: TEA & COFFEE BREAK

Panel 5: UN Agencies, Regimes, Blocs and Institutional Design (4.30 – 6.30PM)

Chair: Medlir Mema

Kai Harbrich (Free University of Berlin)

UN Agencies in their Role as Orchestrators: Utilizing Local Government Organizations for Setting and Implementing Local Development and Climate Protection Standards

Discussant: Florent Marciarq

Gjovalin Macaj (Free University of Brussels & University of Oxford)

The Perils of Bloc Politics at the UN: Generalising from the European Union's behaviour at the UN Human Rights Council.

Discussant: Eva Strickmann

Amandine Orsini (Free University of Brussels – ULB)

Negotiating change: science and policy in the re-organization of international biodiversity Governance)

Discussant: Benjamin Faude

Hylke Dijkstra (University of Maastricht)

The Institutional Design of Relations between International Organisations

Discussant: Claudia Major

CONCLUSIONS, PLANS FOR PUBLICATIONS & FUTURE NETWORKS

END OF WORKSHOP DRINKS & RECEPTION