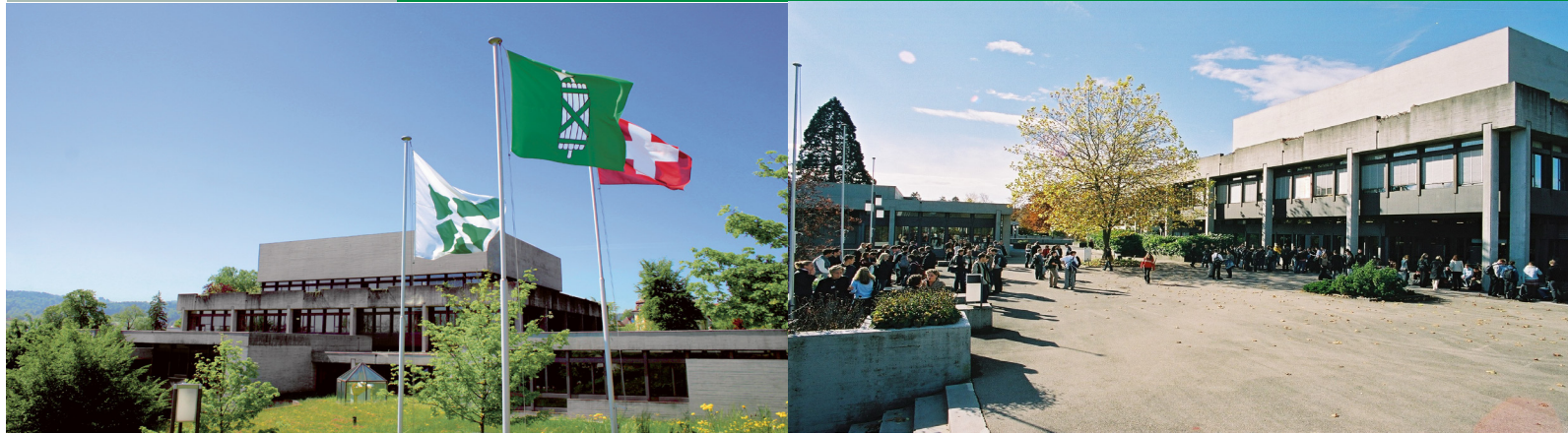




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Summary

For decades, international relations has focused on dyadic data and 2-player games assuming that interdependencies extending beyond the dyad, although acknowledged in theory, can safely be ignored in empirical research. Only recently have scholars begun to move toward a more nuanced analytical approach to interdependence that allows the behavior of one actor to be contingent on the actions of multiple others. Network theory and methods can help illuminate the causes and consequences of conflict because they allow researchers to develop a better understanding of the causal dynamics and structural geometry of the complex web of interdependencies at work in the diffusion of conflict and peace. These networked interdependencies have already been shown to have consequences to our understanding of the causal dynamics that affect the conflict behavior of states. In this project, we build on these initial studies and draw on network theory and methods to open up new areas for research on the causes and consequences of international conflict in an interdependent world. Our focus on the diffusion of conflict and peace is designed to highlight that networked interdependencies affect the conflict and cooperation behavior of states and other actors in a broad range of areas at the center of international relations scholarship. The contributions to the project examine the role of networked interdependencies in areas, such as militarized interstate disputes and war, international cooperation, ethnic conflict, mediation, alliances, arms transfers, peacekeeping, human rights protection, and conflict resolution by international non-governmental organizations. They also offer a number of methodological innovations related to the development and application of network methods to the study of international relations. Together, the contributions to this project open up new research avenues in the study of international conflict and peace.

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Agenda

Thursday, November 20

7:00 pm Welcome and dinner, restaurant "Alte Post", Gallusstrasse 4, 9000 St. Gallen

Friday, November 21: University campus, room 24-0131

9:00-9:45 Networked International Politics: Introduction
Han Dorussen, Erik Gartzke and Oliver Westerwinter
Discussant: Michael Ward

9:45-10:30 Domestic and International Determinants of International Mediation: The Importance of Conflict Characteristics
Tobias Böhmelt
Discussant: Håvard Nygard

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-11:45 Keeping the Peace. Contribution Games on Networks and the Provision of Peacekeepers
Han Dorussen and Hugh Ward
Discussant: Håvard Nygard

11:45-12:30 Modeling, Computing and Evaluating Endogenous Networks: Understanding International Cooperation
Max Gallop and Michael Ward
Discussant: Håvard Nygard

12:30-2:00 Lunch

2:00-2:45 Interethnic Conflict, Incendiary Rumors, and the Networks that Help or Hurt
Jenn Larson
Discussant: Håvard Nygard

2:45-3:30 Causes and Consequences of Imbalanced International Relations
Zeev Maoz
Discussant: Håvard Nygard

3:30-4:00 Coffee break

4:00-4:45 Bilateral Defense Networks and Global Arms Transfers
Brandon Kinne
Discussant: Aya Kachi

4:45-5:30 Reconsidering Alliances as Conflict Managers (via skype)
Yonatan Lupu and Paul Poast
Discussant: Zeev Maoz

7:00 pm Dinner, restaurant "Neubad", Bankgasse 6, 9000 St. Gallen



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November 22: University campus, room 01-107

- 9:00-9:45 International Conflict and the Structure of Trade Dependencies
Erik Gartzke and Oliver Westerwinter
Discussant: Aya Kachi
- 9:45-10:30 Dangerous Liaisons: International Trade Networks and Human Security
Olga Chyzh
Discussant: Aya Kachi
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-11:45 Solving Problems: INGO Network Socialization and International Peace Promotion
David Davis, Amada Murdie and Maya Wilson
Discussant: Aya Kachi
- 11:45-12:30 Modeling the Co-Evolution of International and Domestic Institutions: Alliances, Democracy, and the Complex Path to Peace
Camber Warren
Discussant: Aya Kachi
- 12:30-1:00 Concluding remarks and way forward

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