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Multiplication of Global Governance Authority: Contestation, In/formalization, and Constellations

Workshop

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Aims and Scope

The landscape of global governance is marked by a proliferation of actors and institutions that transcend traditional interstate boundaries. Globalization processes, complex interdependencies, and the emergence of international (poly)crises have led to a multiplication of the forms, scopes and manifestations of authority in global governance. In light of these developments, this workshop strives to extend the conventional notion of public authority, primarily wielded by nation states, and its supplement, the global governance concept of private authority. It explores the more diverse array of governance authorities stemming from a spectrum of actors, including private entities with public functions such as large businesses and non-governmental organizations, hybrid actors like cities, and international and regional organizations. When state, hybrid and non-state actors assume (semi-)public roles, they also develop various forms of authority. These differ, however, depending on their power and legitimacy and how they affect global governance, public goods and stakeholders.

Against this background, the workshop interconnects a wide range of conceptual, empirical, and methodological approaches from the field of International Relations and adjacent perspectives studying different actors, governance levels, policy fields and regime types in global politics to address the guiding question: Which roles do power, legitimacy and public interests play for the contestation, in/formalization, or constellations of authority in global governance – and how do they substantiate a pattern of multiple forms of governance authority? Specifically, the contributions investigate the forms of authority that various state and non-state actors yield in contemporary global governance architectures, advancing our understanding of the interplay between actors, the challenges of hierarchy, negotiation, contestation and institutionalization, and the evolving forms of authority in global governance.

To ensure that differing conceptual and empirical perspectives can be encompassed, compared and integrated, we operationalize the concept of authority by studying its interrelated components of power, legitimacy and public interests. Broadly, we understand governance authority as the (discursive, material, social, political, structural, hard or soft) power to participate in global governance and/or to affect matters of public interest. It is or strives to be legitimate via its contribution to public interests, be it in the form of general problem-solving or particular common goods such as climate protection, or else embedded in fundamental norms such as human rights. We use these three components as a common framework of analysis, leaving room for competing approaches that assign differing roles or scopes to each component.

The contributing papers study authority by applying one of three lenses: contestation, in/formalization, or constellations of authority. These lenses comprehensively capture recent and current trends and patterns of studying governance authority. They are representative of current debates on how governance authority of different actors has changed and is changing, and what factors drive these transformations. Each lens contributes to ordering the plurality and diversity of actors' authority in global and multilevel governance and to sharpening our understanding of governance authority.

Programme

Thursday, July 11th

11.30 – 12.00 Arrival and coffee

12.00 – 12.15 Welcome and introduction

12.15 – 14.00 **Panel I: In/Formalization I**

Chair: Gordon Friedrichs

Paper	Discussants
<i>Janne Mende/Gordon Friedrichs/Ruji Auethavornpipat/Magdalena König/Marie Lohrum/Angelo Valter: Framing paper</i>	Michael Zürn, Mihaela Papa
<i>Bastian Loges/Anja P. Jakobi: International city networks as hybrid actors in global governance</i>	Gordon Friedrichs, Lunting Wu
<i>Katharina McLarren: Outlasting institutions, questioning authority, and challenging the existing order – the role of religion in global governance institutions</i>	Ying Sun, Benjamin Faude
<i>Daniela Heerdt/Shubam Jain/Scott Jerbi: Reimagining authority in sports governance: Examining efforts to strengthen legitimacy and accountability through adherence to international human rights and good governance standards</i>	Bastian Loges, Michael Zürn

14.00 – 14.30 Coffee break and snacks

14.30 – 16.15 **Panel II: Constellations I**

Chair: Katharina McLarren and Magdalena König

Paper	Discussants
<i>Swati Srivastava: Legitimizing hybrid tech constellations in global governance</i>	Iris Bartelt, Mihaela Papa
<i>Janne Mende: Global governance of sustainability: The constellations of public and private interests</i>	Matthias Hofferberth, Swati Srivastava
<i>Ying Sun: Potent but unexplained authority: The role of International Law Commission instruments before the International Court of Justice</i>	Johanna Speyer, Marie Lohrum
<i>Gordon Friedrichs: Paradiplomacy and authority in global governance: The role of sub-state authorities</i>	Benjamin Faude, Jürgen Rüländ

16.15 – 16.45 Coffee break and snacks

16.45 – 18.30 Panel III: Contestation

Chair: Marie Lohrum

Paper	Discussants
<i>Magdalena König: Between participation and contestation: The ambiguities of the governance authority of civil society organisations in transnational counter-terrorism governance</i>	Daniela Heerdt, Cüneyt Gürer
<i>Iris Bartelt: Adding a moral perspective. Moral authority in the International Labour Organization's response to the right to strike debate</i>	Anja P. Jakobi, Alexandros Tokhi
<i>Jürgen Rüländ: Multiplying governance authority through sub-regionalism? Institutions and geopolitical contestation in Southeast Asia</i>	Katharina McLarren, Ruji Auethavornpipat
<i>Johanna Speyer: Two sides of the same coin? Challenging the link between authority growth and authority contestation</i>	Valter Angelo, Lunting Wu

19.30 Joint dinner

Friday July 12th

9.00-11.00 Panel IV: In/Formalization II

Chair: Ruji Auethavornpipat

Paper	Discussants
<i>Alexandros Tokhi/Michael Zürn: International authority and institutionalized inequalities</i>	Cüneyt Gürer, Swati Srivastava
<i>Benjamin Faude: On the formalization and informalization of global governance</i>	Sebastian Loges, Alexandros Tokhi
<i>Mihaela Papa: In/formalization of authority: The case of BRICS</i>	Ying Sun, Daniela Heerdt
<i>Cüneyt Gürer: Navigating the illicit power landscape: Understanding the dynamics of non-state actors and their challenge to state authority</i>	Magdalena König, Matthias Hofferberth
<i>Valter Angelo: Trade and sustainable development in EU Free Trade Agreements: A critical assessment of CSOs' (lack of) powers</i>	Anja P. Jakobi, Shubam Jain

11.00 – 12.00 Lunch

12.15 – 13.45 **Panel V: Constellations II**

Chair: Janne Mende

Paper	Discussants
<i>Matthias Hofferberth: Why we are at the table: Corporate (non-) engagements with global public interests</i>	Janne Mende, Valter Angelo
<i>Lunting Wu: Global crises and crisis of global governance? Explaining the role of WTO and ICAO amidst the Covid-19 pandemic</i>	Iris Bartelt, Katharina McLarren
<i>Marie Lohrum: May the force be with you. The power of lobbyists in European Union decision-making processes</i>	Johanna Speyer, Jürgen Rüländ

13.45 – 14.00 Concluding remarks and next steps

14.00 Farewell