

## Abstracts

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### **Interpretative Authority in Postwar Societies**

On the Political Authority of the International Administrations in Cambodia and Kosovo

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As a form of external state building international administrations attempt to gain interpretative authority in postwar societies. In this article we explore how interpretative authority is established and to what extent this shifts the relationship between international and local political actors. For that we study two cases in particular, the *United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia* (UNTAC) and the *United Nations Mission in Kosovo* (UNMIK) showing that opportunity structures are crucial for generating the interpretative authority of international administrations. However, local actors also could use those structures to articulate alternative concepts of the postwar political order and thereby contest the administration's authority. Effectively in the course of both state building missions this is the case.

**Keywords:** international administration, interpretative authority, cambodia, kosovo, state building.

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### **The Transclusion of Law as a Motor of European Integration**

Why a Contextualist Approach is Relevant for Integration Research, and Why It Is Necessary to Arrive at an Appropriate Understanding of Integration Through Law  
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At its core, the European Union's legal community is more than just a set of laws. It constitutes an independent context that decisively influences the course of European integration through a specific form of problem processing and rationalization. In order to model this dimension of the law, and to understand »integration through law« adequately, a contextualist approach will be introduced and applied to the current CJEU's fundamental rights jurisdiction. The paper argues that a contextualist perspective permits the view on a phenomenon that can be described as »transclusive« entanglement, which can be identified as the driving force behind three processes relevant to European integration through law: (1) a completion tendency of the European legal order, (2) a shift of political questions to the legal sphere, and (3) a path dependency of the application and development of European law.

**Keywords:** european integration, integration through law, integration theory, contextualism, transclusion thesis.

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**The Question Is Which Is to Be Master – That’s All!**

American International Political Economy vs. British International Political Economy?

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For some time now, a debate has been taking place in the field of International Political Economy over the fundamental direction of IPE theory and methods. Basically, it narrows down to two stereotypical approaches that are articulated as opposing views: American IPE and British IPE. Each of these schools is considered to have its own specific strengths and weaknesses. While some scholars hope to bridge the divide, others see fundamental incompatibilities. More than just highlighting the crucial differences which exist in the ontology, epistemology, and methodology of IPE, the debate over the direction of the field is the expression of a dispute whose outcome is decisive for further development in the discipline. The paper problematizes the dichotomous typologization of that debate and poses the hypothesis that the discussion around theory and methods is largely a competition between a theoretically and methodologically uniform IPE (monism) and a pluralistic IPE.

**Keywords:** ipe debate, monism, pluralism, positivism, postpositivism.

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**Lifting the Veil? Critical Norms Research, Freedom and Equality in the Context of the »Arab Spring«**

A Reply to Engelkamp/Glaab/Renner, Ulbert and Deitelhoff/Zimmermann

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Following the call for »critical norms research« by Engelkamp et al. and Deitelhoff/Zimmermann, we make the case for moving beyond a post-structuralist perspective, which merely questions hegemonic structures, by applying a research programme based on a critical-constructivist perspective. Norms research must remain »critical« – here we agree with the previous contributions in the ZIB. This, however, is only possible, if actors can speak for themselves before a normative judgement is made by the researcher. Based on the proposed critical-constructivist research frame, we suggest an inductive research strategy which follows the logic of a double hermeneutic. If this is carried out successfully, local actors receive agency and speak for themselves. Only then (norms) research is critical. This contribution empirically illustrates such a research strategy by reconstructing the »meaning-in-use« of the norms of »freedom« and »equality« on the basis of reactions to FEMEN protests in the WANA region.

**Keywords:** arab spring, femem, norms, double hermeneutics, critical constructivism.

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**Quality beyond the SSCI**

ZIB's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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It has become common practice to draw on the Social Science Citation Index (SSCI) to assess the quality of political science journals. While this seems to be adequate for journals published in English, it appears to be inappropriate with regard to non-English journals such as the German-language *Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen* (ZIB). For this reason our assessment of the quality of the ZIB draws on two alternative criteria: we analyze on the one hand whether the ZIB has developed its own substantive profile, i.e. a thematic core which coincides with theoretical and methodological pluralism; and we analyze on the other hand ZIB's academic relevance, i.e. whether it is used for publication and cited by a heterogeneous community of relevant IR scholars. The ZIB fares pretty well against both criteria, thus testifying the high quality standards it has reached in the two decades of its existence. ZIB publications seem to be key for academic careers in German IR, perhaps more so than some publications in English speaking SSCI-listed journals.

**Keywords:** ir journals, professionalization, global governance, international organizations, ssci.

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**Claim vs. Reality**

Zoological Considerations about Young IR Scholars and Their Publication Strategies

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On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the German Journal of International Relations, this contribution deals with publication strategies of young scholars in the German IR community. It argues that a stronger focus on the part of young scholars on publishing in German and English simultaneously does not alone answer the crisis of German IR. A plea for »double identities« (Albert/Zürm 2013) is misguided due to the diversity of situations of German young scholars and existing systemic demands. In light of these challenges, a more general debate about scientific discourse in International Relations is needed, for which the ZIB could provide the academic and political forum.

**Keywords:** german ir, young researchers, scientific discourse, publication strategies, internationalization.

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**More Creativity, Please**

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This contribution takes up the journal's mission to showcase foundational theoretical research by and for German scholars of International Relations (IR) and, thereby, to function as an expression of the »identity« of the German IR community. My impression is that, overall, German IR is less theoretically innovative and pluralistic than it claims to, and could be. This is largely due to the dominance of research clusters occupied with international regimes and »global governance«, a constraining concern with methods, and a somewhat distorted comparison with an »American« IR discourse. At the same time, I note that a closer look at articles published in this journal over the past decade shows some promising openings. Given the challenge to conceptually grasp the complex and changing field we call IR, I support these moves with a call for more intellectual courage and theoretical creativity.

**Keywords:** ir theory, german ir, innovation, creativity, pluralism.

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**Between Internationalisation, Nationalisation and Europeanisation**

The Second Decade of ZIB (in German)

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The article examines the last ten years of ZIB with an emphasis on security publications in German and international contexts. The article argues that ZIB is marked by an ambivalence of internationalisation and non-internationalisation which helps to strengthen but does not fully exhaust its potential to support professionalism in German IR. This can be seen in the significant lack of variety in themes and methodologies but also in the danger of renationalising German IR. Whether ZIB wants to proactively address these problems and dangers with a stronger embeddedness in distinctly European discourses and a future publication in English is something the German IR community can only decide for itself.

**Keywords:** zib, german ir, security studies, ir discourse, european discourse.

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**Contestation in Connected Discursive Spaces**

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The article develops an argument in favour of keeping with successful practices of the German Journal of International Relations (ZIB). The journal's success is due to interventions in global debates. The argument is twofold: First, visibility of a specific topic is established through ZIB debates. Second, this topic is introduced to the global IR community based on English language publications. This strategy leads beyond quantitative expansion. It includes a qualitative advance through ac-

cess to contestation in two connected discursive spaces, i.e. the German speaking context and English speaking global context. ZIB's most important role is therefore that of facilitating space and access to contestation within and beyond the German IR community. As this article shows, the connection between the ZIB debates with the global community provides the opportunity for successful intervention in global debates. The article develops this argument with reference to three central debates in German IR.

**Keywords:** contestation, discursive space, intervention, constitution, membership.

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**Happy B..., äh, herzlichen Glückwunsch zum Geburtstag**

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Two decades after its founding, the *Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen* (ZIB) has established itself as an excellent outlet for academic research and debate in German language. A quarter of its articles are substantively related to Germany or pursue an approach specific of German IR, whereas three quarters are about international relations or EU studies more in general. Only papers written in German were accepted for the last annual German IR convention. This practice may have the unintended consequence of making German native speakers working abroad lose touch with their German colleagues. Given that ZIB often falls short of its target of publishing three articles per issue, the review process should be made more accommodating. Under any circumstance, peer review remains the hallmark of ZIB.

**Keywords:** *zeitschrift für internationale beziehungen*, german ir, zib debate, peer review, principle of charity.