Dear PhD Students, Colleagues, and Friends,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Italy for the 8th Standing Group on International Relations Conference (SGRI 2015), which is organized for the fourth time in Trento, by the Bruno Kessler Foundation’s Research Center on International Politics and Conflict Resolution (FBK-CERPIC). The SGRI 2015 conference will be held at FBK (Humanistic Hub), located at Via Santa Croce 77, from the 26th to the 27th of June, 2015.

The SGRI was created in 2004, following a 2003 proposal by SISP, aimed at creating thematic groups inside the Association to provide a means of collaboration between scholars specializing in the same research area. Since its foundation, SGRI has played a key role in fostering scientific research on international politics issues in Italy.

The annual SGRI Conference represents a unique opportunity for scholars seeking to network with other researchers and to discuss their own research projects with the international relations community. SGRI 2015 brings together researchers, professors, and international scholars working in the field of International Politics, to provide useful feedback on research presented by academics and PhD students. This year’s topic will be: « Disentangling Subsystem Dynamics. The Search for Peace and Cooperation ». The selected papers have been organized into 10 Panels of 4 to 12 papers, and are grouped around several topics. As is evident from the following program, this year’s conference has put a marked emphasis on regions and regional dynamics. In addition to being one of the largest SGRI conferences yet – more than 100 attendees from all over the world will gather to see over 50 paper presentations – the conference will feature numerous plenary sessions and book presentations.

Conference attendees will find that Trento is a beautiful and pleasant place for networking, interacting, and engaging in discussions with peers from around the world. In addition to the intellectual stimulation from the various panels featured at this year’s conference, participants will enjoy ample time for the discussion of research ideas and activities with other attendees during social sessions (lunches, dinners, and coffee breaks). We would like to thank all the authors for their contributions, to acknowledge the chairs and discussants for their highly competent work in timely reviewing all the submitted papers and ensuring a high technical quality standard, and to express our warmest thanks to the Organizing Committee for the fantastic job they have done to make this event so successful. We would also like to give a special thank you to Bruno Kessler Foundation for its generous financial contribution.

We look forward to meeting each of you at SGRI 2015.

Yours Sincerely,

Fulvio Attinà and Vittorio Emanuele Parsi
SGRI Co-Chairs
MAP OF TRENTO

- Stazione FFSS
- Meeting Point Social Dinner
  Friday 26th, via Alfieri
  h. 7.30pm
- P.za Duomo
- Conference Venue
SGRI 2015 will take place at Fondazione Bruno Kessler - Humanities Hub.

**By foot**
It takes less than 15 minutes to walk from the train station. Ask for via Santa Croce. Or ask for Centro Santa Chiara, a well known structure hosting an auditorium for cultural events.

**By car**
You can't park at our offices without special permission. Consider parking in the underground car park at Piazza Fiera. From the motorway, exit at TRENTO SUD or TRENTO NORD and head toward the center.

**By bus**
Trento has a very good transport system, with 17 city routes. All routes pass close to the train station, leaving every 15 to 30 minutes from about 5 a.m. to about 10 p.m. There are lots of buses that go to our head offices (President’s office, Religious Sciences, Historical Italian-German Studies, Cerpic and FBK’s humanities libraries). The most frequent are the 3 and 8, but any bus that stops at Piazza Fiera works. When you get off, walk in the opposite direction of the old city wall. All routes pass close to the train station, leaving every 15 to 30 minutes from about 5 a.m. to about 10 p.m.
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Opening and Welcome

17.00 Filippo Andreatta, Director of FBK-CERPIC
Fulvio Attinà, Chair of the Standing Group - University of Catania
Vittorio Emanuele Parsi, Chair of the Standing Group - Catholic University, Milan

Thursday 25 June Sala Grande

Book presentation

17.30 Presentation of the book Solutions and Failures in Identity-based Conflicts. The Autonomy of Trentino-South Tyrol in Comparative Perspective by Filippo Andreatta and Emanuele Castelli (Trento, Fbk Press 2014)

Filippo Andreatta, University of Bologna and FBK-CERPIC
Emanuele Castelli, FBK-CERPIC
Jakub Grygiel, Johns Hopkins University - Washington DC
Pascal Vennesson, RSIS Nanyang Technological University - Singapore
Brief opening

8.30 Filippo Andreatta, Director of FBK-CERPIC
Fulvio Attinà, Chair of the Standing Group - University of Catania
Vittorio Emanuele Parsi, Chair of the Standing Group - Catholic University, Milan

Italian Foreign Policy in Comparative Perspective
The Italian Foreign policy on Security Issues

9.00 The Italian Foreign Policy Elites and Italian Foreign policy
Linda Basile, University of Siena
Francesco Olmastroni, University of Siena

Italian foreign policy in Euro-Mediterranean perspective: the case of the 2006 crisis in Lebanon
Pietro de Perini, University of Padua

The Theory of Foreign Policy Role and the Italian case
Pierangelo Isernia, University of Siena

The Foreign Policy of a Middle Power? The Italian participation at the international intervention in Kosovo
Francesca Longo, University of Catania

Chair Fulvio Attinà, University of Catania
Discussants Osvaldo Croci, Memorial University of Newfoundland
Manuela Moschella, Scuola Normale Superiore
PANEL 10  

Friday 26 June  
Room 1 Library

Transnational civilian intervention in conflict areas: from global civil society to jihadism

9.00

Alienation, terrorist violence and the search for peace: new insights  
Valentina Bartolucci, University of Pisa

Elicitive peacebuilding and third party nonviolent intervention: the case of Nonviolent Peaceforce  
Giovanni Scotto, University of Florence

We were looking for peace: Transnational civilian intervention during the dissolution of Yugoslavia  
Luisa Chiodi, Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso  
Marzia Bona, Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso  
Chair Luisa Chiodi, Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso  
Discussant Marco Pinfari, American University of Cairo

PLENARY SESSION  

Friday 26 June  
Sala Grande

Meet the author

10.30

Joseph Grieco  
“Introduction to International Relations” (with G. John Ikenberry, Michael Mastanduno) | Palgrave MacMillan Publishing Corner

PLENARY SESSION  

Friday 26 June  
Sala Grande

Technological Change and International Relations

11.00

Alessandro Pansa, University of Bologna and Luiss “Guido Carli” - Rome

Alessandro Pansa, University of Bologna and Luiss “Guido Carli” - Rome
13.00  **Understanding Interregionalism as an exercise in summitry**  
*Gian Luca Gardini*, University Erlangen-Nuremberg

**TTIP as a strategic interregional management tool**  
*Andreas Falke*, University Erlangen-Nuremberg

**From interlocking to interblocking regionalism: NATO, the EU, the OSCE and the problem of interregional security**  
*Simon Koschut*, University Erlangen-Nuremberg

**Brazil in the BRICS: Towards new forms of hybrid interregionalism?**  
*Christina Stolte*, University Erlangen-Nuremberg

**China and Latin America**  
*Sarah Beringer*, University Erlangen-Nuremberg

Chairs  
*Gian Luca Gardini*, University Erlangen-Nuremberg  
*Andreas Falke*, University Erlangen-Nuremberg

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13.00  **Assessing the salience of the West Asia and Northern Africa region in Beijing’s foreign policy calculus**  
*Enrico Fardella*, Peking University, Beijing and T.wai - Torino World Affairs Inst.

**The EU, China, and nontraditional security: prospects for cooperation in the Mediterranean region**  
*Simone Dossi*, University of Milan, Milano and T.wai - Torino World Affairs Inst.
Italian Foreign Policy in Comparative Perspective

The Italian Foreign policy on Military interventions and humanitarian aid

Italy’s military intervention to face new security threats: an analysis of the national debate in three intervention cases (Libya, Somalia and Haiti)
*Fabrizio Coticchia*, University of Genova
*Michele Ceccorulli*, University of Bologna

Italy’s state funding to countries in need of humanitarian and civil protection aid
*Fulvio Attinà*, University of Catania

Immigration as a threat for security: the Italian media debate in the aftermath of the Libya crisis
*Maria Grazia Galantino*, University of Rome Unitelma Sapienza

The European Parliament’s response to the ‘Arab Spring’
*Donatella M. Viola*, University of Calabria

Chair: *Pierangelo Isernia*, University of Siena
Discussants: *Richard Devetak*, University of Queensland
*Francesca Longo*, University of Catania
Il Caucaso e il Caspio nel Sistema internazionale

The panel will be held in Italian

13.00

**Challenged sovereignty and international environment: the democratic transitions in the Caucasus (1991-2015)**
*Gabriele Natalizia*, Link Campus University

**The Russian Federation Foreign Policy Approach in the South Caucasus**
*Andrea Giannotti*, University of Pisa

**The Militarization of the Caspian Sea: Security Dilemma or Implicit Cooperation?**
*Francesco Marino*, University of Rome Tre
*Marco Valigi*, University of Rome Tre

**Caspian energy basin and export routes: between geopolitical competition and regional cooperation**
*Fabio Indeo*, University of Camerino

**Insecurity complexes in Central Asia: the impact of criminals, terrorists and insurgents**
*Daniela Irrera*, University of Catania

Chair: *Marco Valigi*, University of Rome Tre  
Discussant: *Alessandro Colombo*, University of Milan “Statale”

Democracy, Prosperity and War at the EU Borderlines: current threats and future challenges

13.00

**Democracy Promotion in between rhetoric and practice: Turkish Foreign Policy in Post-Arab Spring Era**
*Merve Calimli*, University of Bologna and Istanbul Bilgi University
The ‘Three-Level Game’: Italy’s Foreign Trade Policy within the negotiation framework of the European Union’s Free Trade Agreements
Giuseppe Gabusi, University of Turin

Domestic Regulators and the Leveling of Banking Supervision: German and Italian Preferences towards the Single Supervisory Mechanism
Manuela Moschella, Scuola Normale Superiore - Pisa

The determinants of the Italian support to international criminal courts
Claudia Pividori, University of Padua

Italy and the Universal Periodic Review of the United Nations Human Rights Council
Andrea Cofelice, University of Padua

Chair
Francesca Longo, University of Catania

Discussant
Fulvio Attinà, University of Catania
Il Caucaso e il Caspio nel Sistema internazionale

The panel will be held in Italian

Friday 26 June
Room 2 Library

16.00

**Life after Kiev? The prospects for the European Neighbourhood Policy in the South Caucasus**
*Enrico Fassi, Catholic University of Milan*
*Carlo Frappi, University of Venice “Ca’ Foscari”*

**Turkey and the Regional Cooperation in South Caucasus: a Security Model?**
*Alessia Chiriatti, University for Foreigners - Perugia*

**The new Silk Roads: from the South East China Sea to the Caspian Sea**
*Alessandra Cappelletti, American University of Rome*

**Southern Caucasus: which space of regional security?**
*Michele Ceccorulli, University of Bologna*

**Chair**
*Marco Valigi, University of Rome Tre*

**Discussant**
*Aldo Ferrari, University of Venice “Ca’ Foscari”*

Heretics and Renegades in International Relations

Friday 26 June
Sala Piccola

16.00

**What is man, that thou art mindful of him?: Reinhold Niebuhr and the heresy of human nature in International Relations**
*Luca G. Castellin, Catholic University of Milan*

**Historicizing International Relations: A Heresy in Contemporary International Relations**
*Richard Devetak, University of Queensland*

**The Changing Limits of European International Society: Relations with “Barbarians” and Internal Pluralism in Historical Perspective**
*Stefano Proacci, Catholic University of Milan*
Politics is too important to be left to political scientists: A critique of the theory–policy nexus in International Relations
Lorenzo Zambernardi, University of Bologna
Chair Alessandro Colombo, University of Milan “Statale”
Discussant Michele Chiaruzzi, University of Bologna

18.00 Presentation of the book Potere militare e arte della guerra (Trento, FBK Press 2015)
Author Filippo Andreatta, University of Bologna and FBK-CERPIC
Discussants Alessandro Colombo, University of Milan “Statale”
Marco Clementi, University of Pavia

9.00 A Region is what states make of it. United States, China and competitive regionalism in East Asia
Matteo Dian, University of Bologna

A Global Korea? Aspirations and Pathways of a Middle Power’s Strategy
Federica de Pantz, University of Cagliari
Andrea Passeri, University of Cagliari

State, market and social order: Myanmar’s political economy challenges
Giuseppe Gabusi, University of Turin and T.wai, Torino World Affairs Institute
Chairs Antonio Fiori and Matteo Dian, University of Bologna
Discussant Giovanni Andornino, University of Turin and T.wai - Torino World Affairs Institute
9.00  

**Catch me if you can! European Security and Defence Integration and International Relations**

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session 1*

**Security and defence cooperation at the EU level: “a bunch of chickens” or a credible civilian and military power?**
*Friederike Richter*

**Beyond Material Factors? Identity, Culture and the Foreign and Security Policy of the EU**
*Carla Monteleone, University of Palermo*

**Between autonomy and effectiveness: the EU’s approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict**
*Lorenzo Cladi, University of Birmingham*

Chair  
*Andrea Locatelli, Catholic University of Milan*

Discussant  
*Nicoletta Pirozzi, Istituto Affari Internazionali - Rome*

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**East Asia goes global**

*PANEL 2  
session 2*

**Beyond the Peninsula: North Korea’s external dimension**
*Marco Milani, University of Cagliari*

**Chinese Maritime Strategy and the US-China relations: Thucydidean Trap or Chinese historical legacy?**
*Sergio Miracola, IMT Institute for Advanced Studies – Lucca*

**The Chinese perspective on military exercises in the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ): between non-binding solutions and non-Western alternatives**
*Silvia Menegazzi, Luiss “Guido Carli” – Rome*

Chair  
*Antonio Fiori and Matteo Dian, University of Bologna*

Discussant  
*Pascal Vennesson, RSIS Nanyang Technological University - Singapore*
PANEL 5

Saturday
27 June
Room 1 Library

‘Dependence’, ‘Interdependence’ and ‘Autonomy’ in Middle East security

11.00

The end of bipolarity and the rise of the Gulf
Ruth Hanau Santini, University of Naples “L’Orientale”

A possible Iranian-Turkish rapprochement for more stability in the Middle East?
Maurizio Geri, Old Dominion University – Virginia

Organized hypocrisy or schizophrenic engagement? Lebanon’s sovereignty between external military assistance and the fight against Hezbollah
Marina Calculi, American University in Beirut and University of Venice “Ca’ Foscari”

Dhulfiqar Ascendant? Reconceptualizing the Applications of Omnibalancing to the ISIS Threat and the pan-Shi’i Imaginary
Ibrahim Al-Marashi, California State University, San Marcos

Chair
Marina Calculi, American University in Beirut and University of Venice “Ca’ Foscari”

Discussant
Matteo Legrenzi, University of Venice “Ca’ Foscari”
11.00  **Learning from others? Emulation and adjustment in Italian military transformation**  
*Fabrizio Coticchia*, University of Genova  
*Francesco N. Moro*, University of Milan-Bicocca

**From military teams to armed contractors: the privatization of Italian maritime security**  
*Eugenio Cusumano*, Leiden University  
*Stefano Ruzza*, University of Turin

**Security implications of changing energy strategies**  
*Mirco Elena*, Union of Scientists For Disarmament

Chair  
*Lorenzo Cladi*, University of Birmingham  
Discussant  
*Giampiero Giacomello*, University of Bologna

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14.00  **SGRI General Conference**

**Presentation of FBK’s new project on International Politics (IP-LAB)**

**Presentation of TRIPS Results**  
(Teaching, Research & International Policy Survey)
Italy’s Foreign Policy in Times of Global Transformation, Economic Crisis and European Opacity

Roundtable

Are global challenges and local apathies resetting foreign policy on the nation-state and killing the EU foreign policy sketched out by Xavier Solana? What about Italy’s foreign policy in such risky times? The Roundtable speakers will address in broad strokes the Italian foreign policy style(s) and the continuities and discontinuities of Italy’s identity and role in international relations. In particular, they are called to question whether the current national foreign-policy system fits the challenges the local and global environment puts on the country.

Speakers

Fulvio Attinà, University of Catania
Osvaldo Croci, Memorial University of Newfoundland
Christopher Hill, Cambridge University
Manuela Moschella, Scuola Normale Superiore Pisa

Final Remarks

Filippo Andreatta, Director of FBK-CERPIC
Fulvio Attinà, Chair of the Standing Group - University of Catania
Vittorio Emanuele Parsi, Chair of the Standing Group - Catholic University, Milan
Villa Madruzzo gets its name from the most famous and important dynasty of prince-bishops that the Trentino region has ever known: the Madruzzo family. Built just before the Council of Trento (1545-1563), it belonged to the prince-bishop Cristoforo Madruzzo, one of the leading figures of the period of the Council, who chose it as a summer residence where he entertained many illustrious people. Several decades later, the villa became the property of his nephew, Cardinal Ludovico Madruzzo who, in turn, bequeathed it to the prince-bishop Carlo Gaudenzio Madruzzo. Lastly, the villa belonged to his successor, Carlo Emanuele Madruzzo. Here the history of the villa takes on a shade of pink because the bishop fell in love with lady Claudia Particella who would reside in the villa next door. An underground secret passage was built that allowed the bishop to discretely meet with his lover. The Pope refused Carlo Emanuele’s candidacy as cardinal because of his love affair. At his death (1658), also due to a nearby landslide, the building was abandoned and fell into disrepair.

In the mid-1800’s, upon those remaining ruins, Felice Mazzurana, an important industrialist in Trento, built the present classical style villa that his adopted son, Paolo Oss, the future mayor of Trento, enriched with various pieces of outdoor decor. The park is home to a Lebanese cedar tree that, according to an assessment by technical forestry engineers, is 400 years old. Cracked open by lightning 50 years ago, it was treated until completely healed.

Friday, 26th June, 2015
19.30 Shuttle from Piazza Dante (side Via Alfieri)
23.30 Shuttle from Villa Madruzzo to Piazza Dante (side Via Alfieri)
**Fondazione Bruno Kessler**

Over 350 researchers (220 of which include students working on their theses, PhD students, and visiting professors); 8 research centers; 7 laboratories, including the MT-LAB, which has been outfitted for the design and production of silicon devices; 30 combined spin-offs and start-ups; and a library specialized in historical and philosophical-theological sciences with over 250,000 volumes. These numbers represent the Fondazione Bruno Kessler (FBK), which conducts research activities in the fields of Information, Materials and Microsystems Technologies, Theoretical Physics, Historical Italian-German Studies, Religious Sciences and International Politics. Additionally, through its network, FBK deals with research in the communications and public policies sector.

**Research Center on International Politics and Conflict Resolution**

The Research Center on International Politics and Conflict Resolution (FBK-CERPIC) is among the newest created by the Bruno Kessler Foundation, having been inaugurated in February 2012. It has the ambition of developing and enriching the Italian network of scholars of international politics, as well as becoming the main location for the specific study of war and peace in the country, networking with like-minded institutes at the national and international level, and thus contributing to the development of a particularly Italian point of view on those issues.