EXPLORING FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

9th Conference of the Italian Standing Group on International Relations
TRENTO | 23-25.06-2016
Previous SGRI conferences:

VIII - 2015 Disentangling Subsystem Dynamics. The Search for Peace and Cooperation (Trento)
VII - 2014 Security and Cooperation in a Changing International System (Trento)
VI - 2013 Regional Orders in the XXI Century (Trento)
V  - 2012 International Relations’ Theory 20 years after bipolarity (Trento)
IV  - 2009 Politics, Economics and Strategy: Continuity and Change in the International System (Milan)
III - 2008 The Transformation of the International System after the End of the Cold War (Bertinoro)
II  - 2007 The Lack of a Culture of Defense in Italy (Bologna)
I   - 2004 Common Foreign and Security Policy and the role of the European Parliament (Parma)
Dear PhD Students, Colleagues, and Friends,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Italy for the 9th Standing Group on International Relations Conference (SGRI 2016), which is organized for the fifth time in Trento, by the Bruno Kessler Foundation’s Research Center on International Politics and Conflict Resolution (FBK-CERPIC) and the International Politics Laboratory (IP Lab).

The SGRI 2016 conference will be held at FBK (Humanistic Hub), located at Via Santa Croce 77, from the 23rd to the 25th of June, 2016. The SGRI was created in 2004, following a 2003 proposal to the Italian Political Science Association, 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 2016 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: «Exploring Foreign and Security Policy in International Relations». The selected papers have been organized into 7 Panels of 3 to 6 papers, and are grouped around several topics. As is evident from the following program, this year’s conference has put a marked emphasis on foreign and security dynamics. In addition to being one of the largest SGRI conferences yet – more than 100 attendees from all over the world gathered to see over 50 paper presentations in the 2015 edition – the conference will feature 4 plenary sessions and 2 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.

Yours Sincerely,

Fulvio Attinà and Vittorio Emanuele Parsi
SGRI Co-Chairs
SGRI 2016 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, Čerpic 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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Luisa Antoniolli | Director of the School of International Studies - University of Trento
Fulvio Attinà | Chair of the S. Group - University of Catania
Vittorio Emanuele Parsi | Chair of the S. Group - Catholic University, Milan

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How to armor the sheep while they hunt for wolves  
*Alessandro Fasani* | University of Milan and Catholic University  
People’s War by other Means: Chinese Military Transformation  
*Sergio Miracola* | IMT – Lucca  
Chair *Sergio Miracola* | IMT – Lucca  
Discussant *Pascal Vennesson* | Nanyang Technological University - Singapore

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*Jonathan Askonas* | University of Oxford  
Russia-China Relations in the Post-Soviet Era  
*Brian Carlson* | SAIS Johns Hopkins University  
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*Andrea Passeri* | University of Bologna  
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*Federico Solfrini* | Center for the Study of Contemporary Islam  
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Cutting Edge Research in International Politics

Measuring Effectiveness of Non-Proliferation Regimes: Developing and Testing Determinants
Francesca Cerutti | University of Milan Statale

Freedom House’s Scarlet Letter: Negative Assessment and Verbal Conflict
Jordan Roberts | Duke University

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Does Turkey Promote Democracy in the Middle East? Motives and Practices
Merve Çalışlı | University of Bologna and Bilgi University

EU external policy and the destabilization of the European post-Soviet area
Roberto Di Quirico | University of Cagliari

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**International Relations as a Theory of Survival**

Smith’s Statesman: Office and Casuistry
*Ryan Walter* | University of Queensland

Why is there now critical international theory
*Richard Devetak* | University of Queensland

The Globalisation of Re-sentment: Failure, Denial and Violence in World Politics
*Elisabetta Brighi* | University of Westminster

**Chairs**
*Alessandro Colombo* | University of Milan Statale
*Michele Chiaruzzi* | University of Bologna

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*Marco Cesa* | University of Bologna and The John Hopkins University
*Ted Hopf* | National University of Singapore

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*Samuele Dominioni* | Sciences Po - Paris and IMT - Lucca

Between a rock and a hard place? EU policies in the South Caucasus
*Enrico Fassi, Antonio Zotti* | Catholic University of Milan
*Carlo Frappi* | Catholic University of Milan and Ca Foscari University of Venice

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Questions of Supreme Importance: International Relations as a Theory of Survival

Dead Bodies and Changing Burials: A Study of the Shifting Status of the Western Soldier
Lorenzo Zambernardi | University of Bologna

No peace after the Zombie apocalypse. The representation of war in the tv series The Walking Dead
Andrea Locatelli | Catholic University Milan

Chairs
Alessandro Colombo | University of Milan Statale
Michele Chiaruzzi | University of Bologna

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Emanuele Castelli | FBK-CERPIC

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The Unquiet Frontier: Rising Rivals, Vulnerable Allies, and the Crisis of American Power

Making Identity Count: Building a National Identity Database
by Ted Hopf, Bentley B. Allan (Oxford University Press, 2016)

Chair
Vittorio Emanuele Parsi | Catholic University, Milan

Speakers
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Italian Foreign and Defense Policy at the Time of the 'Bulldozer'

Making sense of a changing world: foreign policy ideas and Italy’s national role conceptions after 9/11
Anna Caffarena and Giuseppe Gabusi | University of Turin

Italy’s defence policy in the European context: the case of the European Defence Agency
Antonio Calcara | LUISS School of Government - Rome

Explaining Renzi’s Foreign Policy: The International Effects of Domestic Politics
Fabrizio Coticchia | University of Genoa
Jason W. Davidson | University of Mary Washington

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         Francesco N. Moro | University of Milan – Bicocca

Discussant Jean-Pierre Darnis | Istituto Affari Internazionali - Rome and University of Nice

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Mirco Elena | USPID

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Matteo Faini | University of Venice Ca’ Foscari

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**Round Table**

**Classical Italian International Thought: Guicciardini, Mazzini, Pareto and Tacitus**

Marco Cesa | University of Bologna and Johns Hopkins University  
Matteo Giglioli | SAIS Johns Hopkins University - Bologna Center  
Jakub Grygiel | SAIS Johns Hopkins University - Washington DC  
Stefano Recchia | University of Cambridge

Chair            Richard Devetak | University of Queensland

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**Security and Technological Innovation**

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Francesco Profumo | President of the Fondazione Bruno Kessler  
Amb. Giampiero Massolo | President of Fincantieri

Chair            Antonino Ali | University of Trento

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Fulvio Attinà | Chair of the S. Group - University of Catania  
Vittorio Emanuele Parsi | Chair of the S. Group - Catholic University, Milan
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Hierarchy and the Periphery: a shifting inter-dependence?

Negotiating Survival in Borderlands: The Periphery and the State in Lebanon
Marina Calculli | The George Washington University

Humanitarian Action and Conflict Governances in Areas of Limited Statehood
Alessandro D’Errico | University of Milan Statale

Non-State Armed Actors and New Imagined Communities in Iraq and Syria: The Relationship of Iraq’s Shi’a Militias vis-a-vis Iran, the US and Russia
Ibrahim Al-Marashi | California State University, San Marcos

Chairs: Marina Calculli | The George Washington University
Francesco Strazzari | Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna - Pisa

Discussant: Ted Hopf | National University of Singapore

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PANEL 7
Reacting to assassination: the Executive, Congress and the political salience of targeted killing

Reacting to drones: The Waning Political Saliency of Drone Strikes
Brett Campbell | University of Trento

Chair: Luca Trenta | Swansea University

Discussant: Joseph Grieco | Duke University

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Hierarchy and the Periphery: a shifting inter-dependence?

Increasing Regional Interdependence and the Rise of Armed Opposition Movements in the Middle East and North Africa
Fred H. Lawson | Mills College - USA

Sovereignty vs biopolitics: constraining social science research in the dangerhood
Alessandra Russo and Francesco Strazzari | Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna - Pisa

Chairs  Marina Calculli | The George Washington University
        Francesco Strazzari | Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna - Pisa

Discussant  Ted Hopf | National University of Singapore

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Assassination and the Executive: Ford, Cheney and the reaction to the season of inquiry
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The Church Committee and political assassinations of the 1970s
Andris Banka | University of Birmingham

Chair  Luca Trenta | Swansea University

Discussant  Joseph Grieco | Duke University

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Europe in the World

Enrico Letta | Dean - Paris School of International Affairs - Sciences Po

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Italian Foreign and Defense Policy at the Time of the ‘Bulldozer’

Since becoming prime minister in February 2014, Matteo Renzi has promoted a change of pace to the controversial debates over policy reforms in Italy. While the literature has devoted significant attention to the transformation occurred in the domestic context, few analyses have focused on the evolution of Italian foreign and defense policy in historical and comparative perspective. The panel aims at filling this gap, collecting different perspectives on diplomacy, security, foreign policy analysis, international and European politics. Finally, the supposed continuity or discontinuity of the Renzi’s foreign and defense policy will be assessed.
Military Transformation in East Asia

The Asia-Pacific is becoming the center of world politics, economic transformation, and, eventually, future military confrontation. Therefore the main objective of this panel is to take into consideration, through a comprehensive approach, the most relevant economic, political, and therefore institutional developments that, in turn, paved the way for the subsequent military transformation in the area. Having set this basic idea, the further objective of this panel is to interpret how this military transformation really translates itself into foreign policy strategy (or the other way round) at the regional and global level. In other words, it becomes central to understand how, for example, the “new normal” in Chinese economy is reflected in military affairs, and how then Chinese military capabilities are translated into foreign policy outcomes, such as the A2/AD strategy. On the other hand, it could be worth investigating what is the meaning behind the American Pivot to Asia and the associated military doctrine of AirSea Battle as well as Japanese military modernization and last, but not the least, the delicate issue of the North Korean nuclear posture and the South Korean response. Moreover, even if it cannot clearly be included in the Asia-Pacific region, it could also be very beneficial to investigate the role of India and how its military modernization intertwines with its foreign policy and the long-lasting diplomatic and strategic confrontation with China. Finally, an additional aim of the panel is to look at the institutional developments that are taking place in the Asia-Pacific and that in turn might reflect the shifting power balance in the region and the inevitable institutional responses, by some of the actors involved in the region, aimed at countering or checking other state-actors.
Triangulating Relations between the European Union, Turkey and Russia

Turkey and Russia are increasingly becoming significant regional powers not only with respect to their emerging economies but also with respect to challenging and rivaling implications of their foreign policy towards the Middle East and Central Asia. In addition, their recent pursuit of a more independent economic and assertive foreign policy has led to a reorientation of their bilateral relations with the European Union. The aim of this panel is to explore competing foreign policy outlooks of Turkey and Russia and their subsequent implications for EU external relations with them and its foreign policy in the neighborhood. We encourage the submission of paper proposals on: a) Turkish or Russian foreign policy towards the Middle East or Central Asia, b) bilateral relations between Turkey and Russia, c) EU relations with Turkey or Russia, d) EU foreign policy towards the Middle East or Central Asia.
International affairs regularly concern questions about life and death – that is, issues of supreme importance. This is the central feature of international relations, although in academic study this is sometimes forgotten. Since individuals’ and peoples’ survival is a constant object of consideration and evaluation by statespersons, military leaders, political activists, NGOs, and the like, international theory inevitably deals with an extreme aspect of the human condition. Indeed, international theory has sought to understand the explicit and taken-for-granted values, interests, and beliefs that determine, legitimate, regulate, and restrain the taking and protection of human life. In order to further understand the nature of this problem, we invite submissions that engage with or challenge the panel theme. In particular, we welcome contributions on topics that address the various ways in which life and death have been conceived, thought, and differentially allocated through a variety of military, political, social, and economic means.
In recent years, multiple economic and financial shocks combined with never-ending war on terror, social unrest and uprisings have questioned the foundations of liberal statebuilding and reforms, resulting in increased, often contradictory pressures on the state in the Global South. In particular, these developments have exacerbated the contestation of authority in several internationally-recognized states, as well as challenged their control: as a result, the domestic and interdependence sovereignty of several states of the Global South has been unprecedentedly jeopardized (Krasner 1999). Whereas coexistence between militias and the state has been widely explored (Ahram 2011; Davis 2009; Davis and Pereira 2003), and the way in which patterns of hybrid security governance have represented the norm, rather than the exception, has called the attention of scholars (Strazzari 2012), little literature exists on the unprecedented, disruptive impact that certain types of Violent Non-State Actors (VNSA), such as al-Qaeda or the Islamic State, have had on the state and the international system, well beyond patron-client patterns. Mingled with a decline in state authority and territorial control in several contexts, this development questions the capacity of the global system to preserve the functioning and reproduction of Westphalian sovereignty as “organized hypocrisy” (Krasner 1999). Furthermore, by transcending and contesting existing conceptions of security and articulation of threats rooted in a national endowment, the appearance of ‘foreign fighters’ as a new geopolitical phenomenon, involves the Global South and North alike. Intractable asymmetric wars, and their humanitarian and economic consequences pose unexpected challenges to the international system. Are these challenges altering existing international hierarchies, grounded in i) economic and financial, ii) political, and iii) security inter-dependences (Clark 1989; Lake 2009), between the Global North and the Global South? Are we facing a form of revenge of the peripheries?
Alternatively, are the peripheries able to threaten and disrupt existing norms and routines underpinning traditional North/South hierarchies? Or, conversely, are existing hierarchies being strengthened?

Furthermore, whereas a gap between mature and immature anarchic sub-systems is arguably widening up (for instance, Europe vs. the Middle East) – with the former struggling to preserve and cement the status quo, and the latter accelerating its disruption – states are everywhere reframing their legal and political understandings and constrains about warfare, protection of borders, and security in different ways. Variations in exposition and response to the new challenges stemming from the Mediterranean seem to be also undermining existing political geographies, especially within Europe, as well as producing or exacerbating novel intra-European hierarchies. Against this backdrop, are these developments redrawing the geopolitical borders of the Mediterranean? We are looking for contributions that address the suggested questions from different angles. We are keen to welcome theoretical and empirical contributions that analyze both global and local phenomena, shedding light on the persistence/change of existing international equilibria and the alteration/preservation of international hierarchies, with regards to the relationship between the global north and south, center-periphery relations, as well as the (trans)formation of old and new geographies of stability and instability.
The panel features four presentations by the most promising PhD students involved in the 2016 International Studies Dissertation Workshop in the Dolomites (http://isw.fbk.eu), which is jointly organized by IPLab (the new International Politics Laboratory, established by FBK-CERPIC and by the School of International Studies of the University of Trento), the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the University of Bologna, The School of International Relations at Ca’ Foscari University and the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Oxford. The Workshop, which will be held for the second time in Terzolas (near Madonna di Campiglio - Italy) from June 19 to 22, 2016, brings together students and experts from around the world, and is intended to provide doctoral students with an opportunity to share and improve upon their dissertation research in an international context. The diversity of backgrounds, interests, and training of the attendees ensures that participants will receive input from numerous alternative perspectives, allowing them to investigate approaches they might never have considered otherwise. The four PhD students presenting at the SGRI conference have been selected from more than 30 applications received from several European and American universities.
The panel aims at exploring the political salience of assassination and targeted killing in the US foreign policy discourse. In particular, the panel will draw a comparison between the reaction in the 1970s following the revelations of the Church Committee regarding the CIA’s engagement in assassination and the current political debate. The first paper will explore the investigation of the Church Committee. Chaired by Idaho Senator Frank Church, the Committee, consisting of 11 Senators, both Democrats and Republicans, was formed in 1975 to investigate allegations of various wrongdoings in intelligence agencies, including alleged assassination plots abroad. The paper will set the context in which the investigations took place and will reflect on the evidence they unearthed. The second paper will discuss the Ford Administration’s reaction to this ‘season of inquiry’ and the effort by key members of the Administration to both moderate the impact of these investigations and preserve the President’s power. The final paper will look at the recent debate surrounding targeted killing and will suggest that, in a pattern already established in the 1970s, the initially heated debate is now subdued and the Obama Administration has been able to normalise practices of targeted killing. Additional paper proposals on the topic of assassination and targeted killings are more than welcomed.
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IP LAB is the Laboratory on International Politics jointly established in 2016 by the School of International Studies of the University of Trento and the Bruno Kessler Foundation, a private research institution set up in 2007 by the Autonomous Province of Trento and which has started an exploratory research project on International Politics and Conflict Resolution (FBK-CERPIC). IP LAB aims to stimulate cutting edge studies on the topic of international politics and conflict resolution as well as to establish international research networks for collaborative and competitive projects, developing and enriching the Italian community of scholars in the field. There are currently two core fields of research activity: the effects of technological innovation on international relations (IRTECH) and the contemporary transformation of the international order (INTORDER).
This is the most famous castle in Trentino. It owes its fame to a unique location and the beautiful environment that surrounds it, but also to the many dark legends that found a fertile ground to originate and grow in that park and among those walls.

2,000 years ago the fairies used to live on that rocky spur, which until a few centuries ago was a small island – the water level of the lake was two metre higher - and a small temple was dedicated to them in the 3rd century. This is “certified” by a plaque embedded in the castle porch, that archaeologist Paolo Orsi defines as “one of a kind in the world of Roman epigraphy”. Soon, however, the magic-religious function was taken over by the military-strategic one and in the place of the temple a bleak fortress was erected, for the possession of which the lords of the area fought a long time. The castle that we can now admire and visit is the result of a reconstruction ordered by Bernardo Cles in the 16th century.

Friday, 24th June, 2016
19.30 Shuttle from Piazza Dante (side Via Alfieri)
23.30 Shuttle from Villa Madruzzo to Piazza Dante (side Via Alfieri)