New Voices in International Practice Research
organized by the EISA Section ‘International Practices’ in collaboration with the University of Copenhagen and the Centre for Global Cooperation Research

Online Workshop
18th and 19th of February 2021, 13.30-17.30 CET

Practice theorizing has become one of the most productive and innovative research in the study of world politics. Drawing on earlier concepts of ‘discursive practices’, ‘gendered practices’ or ‘institutions’, the practice debate is thriving and studying phenomena ranging from diplomacy and war, international organizations, interventions, international trade to markets, to development policies. If the practice accounts of Pierre Bourdieu, Etienne Wenger and Bruno Latour were particularly influential in the first wave, practice theorizing today stands for broader cross disciplinary conversations with social theory, science and technology studies, organization studies, narratology or anthropology. Practice theorizing also has led to an experimental space in which scholars try out and test new methods (e.g. participant observation, praxiography, design) of how to study the international.

In this online workshop we want to reflect on the progress and development of practice theorizing in the study of international phenomena, to discuss challenges and gaps, as well as to debate new and ongoing research projects. In particular the goal is to include new voices in the debate. Davide Nicolini, Professor of Organization Studies at Warwick Business School, one of the leading practice scholars, will give a keynote address. At two roundtables we will reflect on the current state of the debate and future avenues for doing practice research. We will discuss six individual projects.

Registration
For registration, please use the following links (you can also register for one day):

Day 1: https://ucph-ku.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5EtfuqtrDMjGtOLoK_8wYThg6Yx7ukUzXhH
Day 2: https://ucph-ku.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5MvcuyhqzsiG9EBlZnuEd_DkJwoX1sP2w2r

Format
- The workshop is held on Zoom. The links will be available after registration.
- Please register in order to receive the papers.
- Please turn your camera on, and mute your microphone.
- If you want to ask a question or make a contribution, please enter an “X” in the chat box or enter the question directly.
- Please feel free to use the chat box for other communications with the participants.
- Individual projects will be presented for ten minutes, after which there is 20 minutes time for Q&A and comments.
Programme

Please note: all times indicated in the program are CET (UTC +1).

Thursday, 18 February 2021

13.30 -14.00 ARRIVAL

14.00 -14.15 INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Christian Bueger, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
Frank Gadinger, Centre for Global Cooperation Research, Germany

14.15 -14.45 KEYNOTE

Revisiting the Relationship between Practice and (Academic) Theory from a Praxeological Perspective
Davide Nicolini, Warwick Business School/University of Warwick, England

14.45-15.30 ROUNDTABLE ON KEYNOTE

Chair: Christian Bueger, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Vincent Pouliot, McGill University, USA
Leonard Seabrooke, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
Ingvild Bode, University of Southern Denmark, Denmark
Maïka Sondarjee, University of Ottawa, Canada

15.30-15.45 BREAK

15.45 -17.15 RESEARCH PROJETC PANEL 1

Chair: Rebecca Adler-Nissen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Scaling International Practice Theory up: (Post)colonial fields and the circulation of policing practices
Lou Pingeot, Université de Montréal, Canada

Performing International Law through Practices
Luisa Giannini, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Diplomacy at the Frontlines: Knowing and Ordering in Crisis
Maren Hofius, University of Hamburg/ Centre for Global Cooperation Research, Germany
Friday, 19 February 2021

13.30 -14.00  ARRIVAL

14.00 -15.30  RESEARCH PROJECT PANEL 2

Chair: Niklas Bremberg, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Sweden

The Normativity of International Practices and China’s Belt and Road Initiative
Max Lesch, Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen, Germany
Dylan MH Loh, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Innovation and Improvisation: Pathways for Practice Change in UN Peacekeeping
Marion Laurence, Canadian Defence Academy, Canada

Expert Networks and Recognition Cycles: How arms embargo monitoring became standardized practice at the UN Security Council
Aurel Niederberger, Graduate Institute Geneva, Switzerland

15:30- 16:00  BREAK

16:00 -17:30  CLOSING ROUNDTABLE

BEYOND TRODDEN PATHS? FUTURE AVENUES FOR ENGAGING WITH PRACTICE

Chair: Frank Gadinger, Centre for Global Cooperation Research, Germany

Alena Drieschova, Cardiff University/ Centre for Global Cooperation Research, Wales/Germany
Lauren Wilcox, University of Cambridge, England
Pol Bargués Pedreny, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs, Spain
Mariana Prandini Assis, Independent Researcher/Coletivo Margarida Alves, Brazil