Welcome to the Centre’s ‘New Wave’

With the beginning of its second phase, the Centre is continuing its work on issues and challenges of global cooperation in new premises. The new building is called ‘The Wave’, named after its curved shape (see above). Alluding to concepts of flow and trajectories over time, we hope that this configuration will prove to be a constant source of inspiration for our new cohorts of Fellows. But in the context of our research, we are also reminded of a rather different connotation. The arrival of large numbers of refugees/migrants in Europe has sometimes – and very pejoratively – been described as a ‘tidal wave’. Better understanding the opportunities and limitations of global cooperation in relation to the current international refugee/migration regime has been a constant focus of our research and constitutes one of our selected policy fields in the coming years. In 2017, in cooperation with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the Centre initiated and conducted a scenario planning exercise, entitled ‘Prospective Migration Policy – Scenario Building on Relations Between West Africa and Europe’. The results of this initiative will be presented in our 10th Käte Hamburger Dialogue and will reveal the areas that require more in-depth research for a better understanding of the causes of displacement. It will also aim to identify ways of addressing them sustainably through mechanisms of global cooperation.

We hope you enjoy reading our Newsletter.

Sigrid Quack
Director, Centre for Global Cooperation Research
We're welcoming new fellows at the Centre almost every month. They work, together with our research group leaders and directors, on specific thematic areas that constitute the Centre’s research framework for the next six years. Currently, research groups on ‘Pathways and Mechanisms of Global Cooperation’ and ‘Global Cooperation and Polycentric Governance’ meet regularly. Empirical research focuses on four policy fields: the governance of climate change, migration, peacebuilding and the internet. Outcomes of our research community include scientific publications and the dissemination of findings to the political arena and the broader public.

**THEMATIC AREAS**

- **Pathways and Mechanisms of Global Cooperation**
- **Global Cooperation and Polycentric Governance**
- **Critique, Justification and Legitimacy in Global Cooperation**
- **Global Cooperation and Competing Conceptions of World Order**
CENTRE NEWS (SELECTION)

Fellowships 2019–20
The Centre's current call for Fellowship applications will be issued by mid April and is aimed at scholars who would like to join the Centre in 2019. An application form will be available on the Centre’s website.

29th Käte Hamburger Lecture
The next Käte Hamburger Lecture will be delivered on May 15 by Professor Terry Halliday on 'Global Lawmakers: International Organizations in the Crafting of World Markets’. Please visit our website for the venue in Duisburg and further details.

Käte Hamburger Dialogue on Migration Policy EU–West Africa
In 2017 three practitioner workshops developed scenarios for a prospective migration policy between West Africa and the European Union. The results were published in the Centre’s Global Dialogues series and are currently being discussed among policymakers internationally. Please visit our website for information about the upcoming event in Duisburg.

New Co-Director: Jan Aart Scholte
Professor Jan Aart Scholte, a renowned scholar on global democracy with close links to the Centre since his Fellowship in 2013, was recently appointed as its new Co-Director and guest professor at the University of Duisburg-Essen.

Global Cooperation Research Paper on 'The “International Community” as a Legal Notion'
In his recent paper, alumni fellow Christian Tams deals with the notion of the ‘international community’. Omnipresent and overused, it ‘haunts’ international debates, but international lawyers have found the notion irresistible and regularly use it as a yardstick against which international rules, and international conduct in pursuance of such rules, are assessed.

The Centre’s Relocation at Duisburg Inner Harbour
For the second funding phase, the Centre has moved to new premises, remaining within the Inner Harbour of Duisburg. The Centre can now be found at 44 Schiffstraße, located in the modern wavelike building which houses the state archive, sometimes described as North Rhine-Westphalia’s ‘memory’.

Central Research Unit: Board
For the second funding phase, a new Board of the Central Research Unit (ZWE) Käte Hanamburger Kolleg/ Centre for Global Cooperation Research has been elected. In the new Board, Nele Noesselt, Professor of Chinese Politics at the Faculty of Social Sciences joins directors Prof. Tobias Debiel, Prof. Dirk Messner, Prof. Sigrid Quack as well as Prof. Volker Heins, Uwe Amerkamp and Jennifer Apé as representatives of the Centre’s academic, technical and student staff.
Research Agenda
A detailed elaboration of the Centre’s research agenda is available on the Centre’s website:
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