

## Workshop

# Global Cleavages: A new research agenda for international politics

**26 - 27 September 2024**

Sala Triaria - Villa Schifanoia, Via Boccaccio 121 - Florence

Scientific organiser:

**Daniele Caramani** | European University Institute and University of Zürich

## Introduction

In July 2023 the ERC Advanced Grant project GLOBAL ('Global Cleavages: The Shape of Political Conflict across World Regions in Historical Perspective') was launched with the aim of investigating the dimensionality of global politics. Treating the globe as one system, it analyses the cleavages that structure world politics and asks whether conflicts are shaped territorially or along functional dimensions cutting across world regions. The long-term empirical analysis from the 19th century to the present attempts to establish if, and under what conditions, divisions opposing world regions – core–periphery, North–South, or civilizational contrasts – change and are replaced by divisions opposing transnational groups along economic, political and socio-cultural inequalities. The framework is that of cleavage theory as it has been applied to the national and European levels to investigate territorial integration.

Information about the project can be found at: <https://global.eui.eu>

As part of its activities, GLOBAL plans two workshops. The first workshop takes place during year 2 of the funding period, and is intended as a scientific conference to advance knowledge through original papers for an academic audience.

Papers are invited on topics of global cleavages and global dimensionality, ideology and the politicization of various inequalities, cross-cutting dimensions in electorates and institutions, international organisations and supranational parliaments, transnational actors and movements, and competing discourses on global contestation among others. Papers may either put forward novel theories and concepts, or offer empirical analyses based on a variety of comparative, statistical, text-based, survey and scaling methods. A long-term historical perspective would constitute a welcome addition to any type of analysis.

The workshop brings together a restricted group of leading scholars working on the dimensionality of global politics to advance a new research agenda. The workshop also serves as a step toward creating an international network of junior and established scholars that can foster exchange and collaboration. The papers of the workshop will be submitted to a journal as a special issue or symposium in a journal.

*Funded/Co-funded by the European Union (ERC, GLOBAL, project number 101097740). Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union or the European Research Council. Neither the European Union nor the granting authority can be held responsible for them.*

## Programme

### 26 September

09.00 - 09.30 Welcome coffee

09.30 - 10.30 Global cleavages: a theoretical framework

**Daniele Caramani** | European University Institute and University of Zürich

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 - 12.00 The global politics of left and right

**Alain Noël** | University of Montréal

**Jean-Philippe Thérien** | University of Montréal

12.00 - 13.00 Sorting into cooperation? Regime similarity and membership in international organizations

**Jonas Tallberg** | Stockholm University

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch

14.30 - 15.30 Multilateralism and the shrinking of global politics: Radical social change and world congresses across time

**Lora Anne Viola** | Free University Berlin

15.30 - 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 - 17.00 Who fights whom, when and where? An empirical investigation of the salience of cleavages in international relations

**Erik Gartzke** | University of California San Diego

17.00 - 18.00 Global value change and the persistence of cultural fault lines

**Christian Welzel** | Leuphana University

20.00 Dinner

Restaurant Cafaggi

Address: Via Guelfa, 35 rosso – 50129 Firenze

## 27 September

- 09.00 - 10.00 The rise and fall of the sociology of the global city  
**Patrick Le Galès** | SciencesPo
- 10.00 - 11.00 Are international courts drawing new fault lines?  
**Theresa Squatrito** | London School of Economics
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 - 12.30 International parliaments and global cleavages  
**Jana Lipps** | ETH Zürich  
**Frank Schimmelfennig** | ETH Zürich
- 12.30 - 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 - 15.00 The class cleavage in global governance: evidence from the International Labour Organization  
**Mathias Koenig-Archibugi** | London School of Economics
- 15.00 - 16.00 The shape of global territoriality in historical perspective  
**Daniele Caramani** | European University Institute and University of Zürich  
**Siyana Gurova** | Zürich University of Applied Sciences  
**Tobias Widmann** | Aarhus University
- 16.00 - 16.30 Coffee break
- 16.30 Further plans