

## Global Cleavages: A New Research Agenda for International Politics

ERC Advanced Grant GLOBAL Workshop

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In July 2023 the ERC Advanced Grant project GLOBAL (“Global Cleavages: The Shape of Political Conflict across World Regions in Historical Perspective”) has been 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 organizations 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.

Funding covers accommodation, travelling and meals for the duration of the workshop.

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## Programme

Thursday, September 26, 2024

- 09:00 – 09:30**    **Welcome coffee**
- 09:30 – 10:30    *Global Cleavages: A Theoretical Framework*, Daniele Caramani
- 10:30 – 11:00**    **Coffee**
- 11:00 – 12:00    *The Global Politics of Left and Right*, Alain Noël and Jean-Philippe Thérien
- 12:00 – 13:00    *Sorting into Cooperation? Regime Similarity and Membership in International Organizations*, Jonas Tallberg
- 13:00 – 14:30**    **Lunch**
- 14:30 – 15:30    *Emerging Cleavages over Climate Change and the Energy Transition*, Erik Voeten
- 15:30 – 16:00**    **Coffee**
- 16:00 – 17:00    *The Life-Cycle of Globalist Projects*, Lora Anne Viola
- 17:00 – 18:00    *Who Fights Whom, When and Where? An Empirical Investigation of the Saliency of Cleavages in International Relations*, Erik Gartzke
- 20:00**            **Dinner**

Friday, September 27, 2024

- 09:00 – 10:00    *The Rise and Fall of the Sociology of the Global City*, Patrick Le Galès
- 10:00 – 11:00    *Are International Courts Drawing New Fault Lines?* Theresa Squatrito
- 11:00 – 11:30**    **Coffee**
- 11:30 – 12:30    *International Parliaments and Global Cleavages*, Jana Lipps and Frank Schimmelfennig
- 12:30 – 14:00**    **Lunch**

- 14:00 – 15:00 *The Class Cleavage in Global Governance: Insights from the International Labour Organization*, Mathias Koenig-Archibugi
- 15:00 – 16:00 *Global Value Change and the Persistence of Cultural Fault Lines*, Christian Welzel
- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee**
- 16:30 – 17:30 *The Shape of Global Territoriality in Historical Perspective*, Daniele Carmani, Siyana Gurova and Tobias Widmann
- 17:30 Further plans