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Apolline Taillandier

Apolline Taillandier awarded doctorate

Congratulations to MaxPo doctoral graduate **Apolline Taillandier**! On May 28, 2021, she successfully defended her PhD in Political Science. In her thesis *In the Name of Posthumanity: Visions and Justifications of Liberal Order in Contemporary Anglophone Transhumanism* she proposes a contextualist analysis of transhumanism focusing on American, British, and transnational sites of liberal thought from the early 1960s onwards, and connecting the history of postwar Anglo-American liberal political thought with the history of Cold War science and technology.

Apolline Taillandier was a doctoral fellow at MaxPo from 2016 to 2020. In January 2021, she took on a position as postdoctoral research associate at POLIS (Department of Politics and International Studies) and the Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence at the University of Cambridge, and at the Center for Science and Thought at the

University of Bonn. The 4-year position is based in the “Philosophy and Ethics of Artificial Intelligence” program supported by the Thomas and Ulla Kolbeck Foundation. Apolline investigates the historical role of feminist thought and activism in the critique of computer technology and the remaking of artificial intelligence. In the context of rising concerns about the discriminatory and stratifying effects of AI, she will be studying the transnational circulation of ethics and gender justice norms and their reinterpretation by scientists and industry actors, focusing on European and US American sites of technical AI research. MaxPo wishes Apolline all the best and continuing success.

... more on Apolline's thesis, also in French:

📄 <https://tinyurl.com/taillandier-thesis>

📄 <https://tinyurl.com/home-apolline>

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Meryem Bezzaz

Meryem Bezzaz is new doctoral researcher at MaxPo

MaxPo is pleased to welcome its final doctoral student who has been recruited in the current funding period, **Meryem Bezzaz**. Meryem holds a Master's degree in Political Science from McGill University and received a Bachelor in Economics and Political Science from the University of Montreal (UdeM). Prior to joining MaxPo, she participated as a research assistant and analyst in several projects conducted by the Montreal Centre for International Studies at UdeM (CERIUM) and the Center for Interuniversity Research and Analysis of Organizations (CIRANO).

Her research interests include political economy, natural resources, interna-

tional relations, and the transformation of capitalism. Her project aims to provide a comparative political economy perspective on resource-rich countries' ability and willingness to cooperate. It articulates a conceptual framework for the analysis of the transformation of decision-making structures and processes, highlighting the interplay between international and domestic politics. Meryem will be supervised by MaxPo Co-Director and Professor of Political Science at Sciences Po's Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics (CEE) Cornelia Woll.

<https://tinyurl.com/meryem-bezzaz>



Cornelia Woll

Book round table on "Economic Lawfare" with Cornelia Woll

On September 20, an online round table brought together scholars in law and international relations to discuss Cornelia Woll's new book on *Economic Lawfare: The Geopolitics of Corporate Justice* for final improvements before its publication by Harvard University Press in 2022.

Large corporations are increasingly on trial. Over the last decade, many of the world's biggest companies have been embroiled in legal disputes over corruption charges, fraud, environmental damage, taxation issues or sanction violations, ending in convictions or settlements of record-breaking fines, well above the billion-dollar mark. For critics of globalization, this turn towards corporate accountability is a welcome sea change showing that multinational companies are no longer above the law, simply because they are too big, too mobile and too important for economic growth. But the new world of

corporate justice has a decidedly geopolitical dimension as well that helps to explain this new aggressive pursuit of corporate prosecutions. It requires market power to be able to impose legal norms beyond national boundaries, and the United States in particular has skillfully expanded its effective jurisdiction beyond its territory. As a result, the prosecution of corporate misconduct turns into geopolitical tensions that fundamentally reshape national legal approaches to corporate justice.

Chair: Katja Langenbucher, Goethe University Frankfurt and Sciences Po Law School

Discussants: Brandon Garrett (Duke University Law School), Abraham Newman (Georgetown University, Edmund A Walsh School of Foreign Service), and Regis Bismuth (Sciences Po Law School)

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Visitors and Speakers in Fall 2021 and Spring 2022



Pierre François

Pierre François is a sociologist, CNRS research director at the Center for the Sociology of Organizations (CSO) and head of Sciences Po Doctoral School. His research focuses on the dynamics of the worlds of art – particularly contem-

porary poetry – and on the sociology of businesses and their leaders.

📄 <https://tinyurl.com/pierre-francois>



Stéphanie Ginalski

Stéphanie Ginalski is a senior lecturer at the Institute of Political Studies, University of Lausanne, and a co-founder and member of the Swiss Elites Observatory. Her main research interests focus on business elite and the transformation of capitalism during the twentieth century. She is currently co-leading a research project on local

power structures and transnational connections of Swiss elites in a historical perspective (1890–2020), in which she investigates a new field of research on art societies.

📄 <https://www.unil.ch/obelis>

📄 <https://wp.unil.ch/sinergia-elites>

📄 <https://tinyurl.com/stephanie-ginalski>



Cathie Jo Martin

Cathie Jo Martin is Professor of Political Science at Boston University, former president of the Comparative Politics Section of the American Political Science Association, and former chair of the Council for European Studies. Her book with Duane Swank, *The Political Construction of Business Interests* (Cambridge 2012) received the APSA Politics and History book award. In 2013–2014, she co-chaired an APSA presidential task force on political negotiation, which produced *Negotiating Agreement in Politics* (Brookings 2015). Martin is also author of *Stuck in Neutral: Business and the Politics of Human Capital Investment Policy* (Princeton 2000), *Shifting the Burden: the Struggle over Growth and Corporate Taxation* (Chicago 1991). Martin has held fellowships at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, the Russell Sage Foundation, the Boston University Center for the Humanities, and the University of Copenhagen. She has received grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Ger-

man Marshall Fund, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Danish Social Science Research Council, the Boston University Hariri Institute for Computing Foundation, and the National Science Foundation. She serves on the Scientific Advisory Board of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies and on advisory boards of a number of European research projects. She received her PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1987 and an honorary doctorate from the University of Southern Denmark in October 2019.

Martin's current book project and most recent article, "Imagine All the People" (*World Politics*, July 2018), use large corpora of British and Danish literature to understand the deep cultural roots of education reform.

📄 <https://tinyurl.com/cathie-jo-martin>

Visitors and Speakers Fall 2021–Spring 2022



Andrew J. Perrin

Andrew J. Perrin is Professor of Sociology at the SNF Agora Institute, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences at Johns Hopkins University. He is a cultural and political sociologist working on issues of democracy, including civic engagement, effects of higher education, and public deliberation. His research explores what people need to know, do, and be to be effective, creative, thoughtful democratic citizens. He is author or co-author of five books, including *Citizen Speak: The Democratic Imagination in American*

Life (University of Chicago Press, 2006), and *American Democracy: From Tocqueville to Town Halls to Twitter* (Polity, 2014). His research record is broad and includes studies of public opinion and letters to the editor; translations of key Frankfurt School texts related to how Germans thought about World War II in the postwar period; analysis of college education's effect on civic engagement; and even interdisciplinary research on culture, children's movies, and obesity.

📄 <https://tinyurl.com/andrew-perrin>



Arlo Poletti

Arlo Poletti has been an associate professor of International Political Economy at the Department of Sociology and Social Research of the University of Trento since 2016. He obtained a PhD from the University of Bologna (2009), was a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Antwerp (2009–2013), and held positions as assistant professor at the LUISS Guido Carli (2013–2016) and the University of Bologna (2016). His research broadly focuses on the political-economy globalization

with particular emphasis on the politics trade policy-making, interest group politics, and individual-level political behavior. He published extensively on these topics in journals like *International Organization*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Regulation & Governance*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Journal of European Public Policy*, and *West European Politics*. He also published three monographs and three edited volumes.

📄 <https://tinyurl.com/arlo-poletti>



Kevin Young

Kevin Young is a political economist whose academic work focuses on financial regulation, transnational policy networks, and the role of private business in shaping global governance. A major focus of his work to date has involved analyzing the ways in which regulatory policy is affected by networks of elites and interest groups. Most of Kevin Young's published scholarship falls in line with the eclectic tradition of International Political Economy (IPE), which is a modern instantiation of the classical tradition of political economy

that seeks to understand the operation of the material world under conditions of complex social stratification at the global level. Kevin Young earned his PhD from the London School of Economics in 2010. In 2011–2012, he was a postdoctoral fellow at the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance at Princeton University. In 2012, he joined the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where he currently works in the Department of Economics.

📄 <https://tinyurl.com/young-kevin>

Visitors and Speakers Fall 2021–Spring 2022



Robin Hsieh



Lia Musitz



Marcus Vinícius Torres

Three new visiting doctoral researchers at MaxPo: Robin Hsieh, Lia Musitz, and Marcus Vinícius Torres

Prior to joining the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford, **Robin Hsieh** worked at the Bank of England in the area of international banks supervision and the policy unit for EU withdrawal. Before that, he worked as a data analyst at Fitch Solutions and interned at the Global Public Policy Institute and the Boston Consulting Group. Originally from Germany and Taiwan, Robin Hsieh holds a bachelor's degree from the University of St. Gallen and a master's degree in international political economy with distinction from the London School of Economics. While at the Bank of England, he also completed a postgraduate diploma in central banking and financial regulation from the University of Warwick.

Robin's research interests lie in the political economy of financial regulation and central banking, and how technocratic areas of policymaking are (de-) politicised. At the Blavatnik School he investigates this within the Banklash research project on banks, popular backlash, and the post-crisis politics of financial regulation.

📄 <https://tinyurl.com/robin-hsieh>

Lia Musitz, PhD candidate at the Department of Sociology of the Goethe University Frankfurt, is interested in the interaction of economy and society at times of digitalization. Her thesis explores the relationship between a platform economy globally on the rise and social order in periods of change

as in the case of China's social credit system. She holds a scholarship from the Hans Böckler Foundation and is a lecturer at the University of Duisburg-Essen, where she was a research associate at the Faculty of Social Science. Previously, she was a lecturer at Vienna University and a student of China studies and media studies at Vienna University and Wuhan University. Her work has appeared in academic and public outlets such as *Zeitschrift für Chinesisches Recht, Analyse und Kritik*, *ASIEN*, *Maske und Kothurn*, *Kolik*, and in edited volumes of the Turia+Kant and transcript publishing houses.

Marcus Vinícius Torres is a PhD student in Political Science at the Federal University of Pernambuco and a UC Berkeley BITSS Catalyst. His research interests are bureaucracy, nonstate actors, public resource allocation, and political elites. He is particularly interested in applying text-as-data, machine learning, and network analysis to identify political dynasties and analyze their effects on gaining federal resources in Brazilian municipalities. He recently co-authored the *siconvr*, an R package that helps users manage SICONV data, the Brazilian System of Federal Discretionary Transfers Platform. In 2022, he will be a CAPES/PrInt Visiting Fellow at the University of Oxford.

📄 <https://tinyurl.com/vinicius-torres>

Forthcoming Lectures and Seminars 2021/2022**October 4, 2021, 13:00–14:30**Salle Jean Monnet, 56 rue Jacob,
75006 Paris**The Information Hypothesis***MaxPo Impromptu Seminar***Andrew J. Perrin, Johns Hopkins
University****October 18, 2021, 13:00–14:30**Salle Jean Monnet, 56 rue Jacob,
75006 Paris**The Color of Power: Race, Gender,
and Colour Dynamics Among the
Global Elite***Joint seminar with CEE***Kevin Young, University
of Massachusetts Amherst**Discussant: Bruno Cousin,
Sciences Po/CEE**November 15, 2021, 13:00–14:30**Salle Jean Monnet, 56 rue Jacob,
75006 Paris**Financiariser l'assurance / Financializ-
ing Insurance****Pierre François, Sciences Po/CSO, and
Dean of the School of Research**Discussant: Pierre-Cyrille Hautcoeur,
Paris School of Economics**February 11, 2022, 10:00–12:00****Women on Corporate Boards: The
Swiss Case in a Historical and Compar-
ative Perspective***Joint seminar with CSO***Stéphanie Ginalski, Université de
Lausanne, Institute of Political Studies****February 14, 2022, 13:00–14:30****The Micro-Foundations of the Glo-
balization Backlash: A Comparative
Perspective****Arlo Poletti, University of Trento****March 14, 2022, 13:00–14:30****Imagine All the People****Cathie Jo Martin, Boston University** www.maxpo.eu/events.asp

Recent Publications

MaxPo Discussion Paper

Matias Dewey, Cornelia Woll, and Lucas Ronconi. 2021. The Political Economy of Law Enforcement. *MaxPo Discussion Paper 21/1*. Paris: Max Planck Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies.

📄 http://www.maxpo.eu/pub/maxpo_dp/maxpdp21-1.pdf

Other publications by MaxPo researchers

Andreas Eisl and Eulalia Rubio. 2021. How Effective Is Differentiation in the EU Economic Policy Field? *EU IDEA Research Paper No. 8*, published online May 31, 2021.

📄 https://euidea.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/euidea_rp_8.pdf

Olivier Godechot. 2021. [Book review]

French version: **Les inégalités aux rythmes de la financiarisation. À propos de: Ken-Hou Lin, Megan Tobias Neely, Divested. Inequality in the Age of Finance, Oxford University Press. *La vie des idées*, published online February 22, 2021.**

📄 <https://laviedesidees.fr/Les-inegalites-aux-rythmes-de-la-financiarisation.html>

English version: **Inequalities to the Beats of Financialization. About: Ken-Hou Lin, Megan Tobias Neely, Divested. Inequality in the Age of Finance, Oxford University Press. *Books & Ideas*, published online April 26, 2021.**

📄 <https://booksandideas.net/Lin-Neely-Divested-Inequality-Age-Finance.html>

Olivier Godechot, Mirna Safi, and Matthew Soener. 2021. The Intersection of Organizational Inequalities. How Gender, Migrant Status, and Class Inequality Relate to Each Other in French Workplaces. *OSC Papers 2021–1*, published online May 2021.

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Apolline Taillandier. 2021. From Boundless Expansion to Existential Threat: Transhumanists and Posthuman Imaginaries. In *Futures*, edited by Jenny Andersson and Sandra Kemp. Oxford University Press, 333–348.

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Apolline Taillandier. 2021. “Staring into the Singularity” and other Posthuman Tales: Transhumanist Stories of Future Change. *History and Theory* 60 (2): 215–233.

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