SPRING METHODS WORKSHOP ON CONCEPT BUILDING AND CONSISTENCY

GEM STONES

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GENERAL OUTLINE

This second workshop of the GEM-STONES PhD program will serve the following purposes:
- Prepare ESRs theoretical work and positioning
- Building a common lexicon by developing a shared list of theoretical concepts and definitions
- Assess and discuss progress on the method textbook

VENUE

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Neuer Jungfernstieg 21 Hamburg, Germany

SCHEDULE

DAY 1 - MONDAY 13ᵀᴴ MARCH	
13:30-14:00	**ARRIVAL AND WELCOME**
14:00-16:00	**CONCEPT CONSTRUCTION & EVALUATION** **Gary Goertz** (University of Notre Dame) Lecture on concept construction & evaluation
16:15-18:15	**OPERATIONALIZATION & MEASUREMENT ISSUES** **Louis Bélanger** (Université Laval) Lecture on operationalization & measurement

DAY 2 - TUESDAY 14ᵀᴴ MARCH	
9:00 – 11:00	**BUILDING TYPOLOGIES AND IDEAL TYPES** Jody LaPorte (University of Oxford) Lecture on building typologies and ideal types
11:15 – 13:00	**PANEL DISCUSSION ON TYPOLOGIES** Gary Goertz (University of Notre Dame) Louis Bélanger (Université Laval) Jody LaPorte (University of Oxford)
	LUNCH BREAK (ROOM 546)
14:00-16:00	**TEXTBOOK ROUND-TABLE** **Christian Olsson** (ULB) Roundtable on the GEM-STONES methods textbook coordination and follow up
16:15-18:15	**CONCEPT SESSION 1** **Amandine Orsini** (Uni. Saint-Louis Bruxelles) Discussion of key concepts: regime complexes, policy coherence, network, non-state actors, participation, resources
19:00 -	**WORKSHOP DINNER** Location: Oberhafenkantine Stockmeyerstrasse 39, 20457 Hamburg

DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY 15ᵀᴴ MARCH	
9:00–11:00	**CONCEPT SESSION 2** **Stephanie Hofmann** (Graduate Institute Geneva) Discussion of key concepts: multilateralism, European, institutions, Institutional design, centrality, theory, paradigm, pluralism, power
11:15–13:00	**CONCEPT SESSION 3** **Leonard Seabrooke** (CBS) Discussion of key concepts: organizations, linkages, legitimation, discourse, framing, rationality, interest
	LUNCH BREAK (ROOM 546)
14:00-16:00	**CONCEPT SESSION 4** TBC Discussion of key concepts: TBC
16:15-18:15	**CONCEPT SESSION 5** **Anne Weyembergh** (ULB) & **Chloé Brière** (VUB) Discussion of key concepts: transnational, regionalism, integration, norm, legislation, fragmentation, complexity, efficiency, cooperation

DAY 4 - THURSDAY 16ᵀᴴ MARCH	
9:30 – 11:00	**CONCLUDING ROUNDTABLE** Chair: **Tobias Lenz** (GIGA) Concluding roundtable on key concepts & publication strategies
11:15 – 13:00	**DATA-SET ROUND-TABLE** Chair: **Johan Robberecht** (ULB) Roundtable on the GEM-STONES data-set coordination and follow up

FORMATS

• LECTURES

Two-hour long framing lectures given by an internationally renowned scholar. These sessions will focus on transversal challenges facing early stage scholars seeking to delineate their epistemological framework. To this end, three sets of overarching conceptual challenges will be touched upon: (1) those associated with constructing and evaluating a conceptual framework; (2) those born from operationalizing and measuring a given concept; and (3) the pitfalls to avoid when building typologies and ideal types. All three of these conceptual challenges are shared by all Social Scientist and should therefore feed all of the attending ESRs' work. Each session will include a presentation by the guest speaker followed by a Q&A session.

• PANEL DISCUSSIONS

The program foresees a single panel discussion set up with an eye on concluding the workshop's first more lecture driven stage. The three scholars having lead the introductory framing session will be invited to jointly revisit the opportunities and limits of typologies. Each panel member will be invited to share their point of view on the topic with an eye on interacting with the other members of the panel. Questions from the attending audience will provide for further input. Overall, the shared question is how typologies can best serve the various constituent research projects of the GEM-STONES project

• ROUND-TABLES

Three roundtables are included in the program. Chaired by a member of the GEM-STONES community, these sessions seek to further the implementation of one of the program's specific agenda points. A first round-table will further the coordination and follow-up of the GEM-STONES textbook; a second one will contribute towards the program's skills training agenda; whereas the final round-table will ensure further progress is made with regards to the GEM-STONEs joint data-set.
Each round-table will see a short framing presentation by the chair followed by an open discussion with all attending parties, most notably the 15 GEM-STONES ESRs. The goal of its session is to take stock of the progress made with regards to each of the three agenda points, and agreed on the schedule moving forward.

• CONCEPT SESSIONS

The program foresees five so-called concept sessions. Each of these will broach between 6 and 10 key concepts shared by most Social Sciences. The 30 something concepts thus identified are to be discussed by all attending scholars with an eye on reaching an agreed upon understanding, possibly even a workable definition which bridges both the disciplinary as well as conceptual divides that crisscross throughout the GEM-STONES research project.
Each session will see one or two lead academics present the concept from their specific perspective. This is to be followed by a discussion with the attending fellows with an eye on reaching a common understanding.

LIST OF CONCEPTS TO BE DISCUSSED

CONCEPT SESSION 1
Coordinated by Amandine Orsini

regime complexes,
policy coherence,
network,
non-state actors,
participation,
resources

CONCEPT SESSION 2
Coordinated by Stephanie Hofmann

multilateralism,
European,
institutions,
Institutional design,
centrality,
theory,
paradigm,
pluralism,
power

CONCEPT SESSION 3
Coordinated by Leonard Seabrooke

organizations,
linkages,
legitimation,
discourse,
framing,
rationality,
interest

CONCEPT SESSION 4
TBC

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CONCEPT SESSION 1
Coordinated by Anne Weyembergh

Norm,
Legislation,
Transnational,
Regionalism,
Integration,
Cooperation,
Fragmentation,
Complexity,
Efficiency,

READINGS FOR EACH SESSIONS

1 **CONCEPT CONSTRUCTION AND EVALUATION**
By Gary Goertz
(1) Goertz, Gary. Social science concepts, chapters 1-2.

2 **OPERATIONALIZATION AND MEASUREMENT ISSUES**
By Louis Bélanger
(1) Bélanger, Louis and Kim Fontaine-Skronski. 2012. 'Legalization' in international relations: A conceptual analysis. Social Science Information 51(2) 238-262.
(2) Koremenos, Barbara. 2012. The continent of international law. Journal of Conflict Resolution 57(4) 653-681.
(3) Bélanger, Louis, Érick Duchesne and Jonathan Paquin. 2007. Democratic norms remain stronger than ethnic ties: Defending 'foreign interventions and secessionist movements'. Canadian Journal of Political Science 40:3 749-757

3 **BUILDING TYPOLOGIES AND IDEAL-TYPES**
by Jody LaPorte
(1) Collier, David, Jody LaPorte and Jason Seawright. 2012. Putting typologies to work: Concept formation, measurement, and analytic rigor. Political Research Quarterly 65(1) 217-232.

4 **PANNEL DISCUSSION ON TYPOLOGIES**
(1) Geddes, B., J. Wright and E. Frantz. 2014. Autocratic breakdown and regime transitions: A new dataset. Perspectives on Politics 12(2) 313-331.
(2) Goertz, Gary and James Mahoney. A tale of two cultures: Qualitative and quantitative research in the social sciences, chapter 13, 139-149; 161-173. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

5 **CONCEPT SESSION 1**
Coordinated by Amandine Orsini
(1) Orsini, Amandine, Jean-Frédéric Morin and Oran Young. 2013. Regime Compelxes: A Buzz, a Boom, or a Boost for Global Governance? Global Governance 19, 27-39.
(2) Orsini, Amandine and Jean-Frédéric Morin. 2014. Essential Concepts for Global Environmental Governance. Collected Chapters. Routledge

6 **CONCEPT SESSION 2**
Coordinated by Stephanie Hofmann
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7 **CONCEPT SESSION 3**
Coordinated by Leonard Seabrooke
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8 **CONCEPT SESSION 4**
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9 **CONCEPT SESSION 5**
Coordinated by Anne Weyembergh & Chloé Brière
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