

## Global Interdependencies – Norbert Elias Conference Brussels 2018

Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles

### Full Programme

#### Tuesday 4 December

##### 09.30-16.30 Reinventing Elias: International Pre-Conference PhD Workshop

(Registration closed)

Address: 43, boulevard du Jardin botanique – 1000 Bruxelles

Venue: Room P60

Organizers: **Stephen Mennell** and **Robert van Krieken**

#### Wednesday 5 December

##### 09.30-12.30 Reinventing Elias: International Pre-Conference PhD Workshop

(Registration closed)

Venue: Room P60

##### 12.00-13.30 Conference Registration and Lunch

Address: 43, boulevard du Jardin botanique – 1000 Bruxelles

Venues: Ground floor and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

##### 13.30-14.00 University Welcome: **Pierre Jadoul**, Rector of the USL-B, and **Bertrand Hamaide**, Vice-Rector in Charge of International Relations

Venue: Salle des Examens (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

**14.00-15.00 Welcome and Overview – Elias and Politics:** **Florence Delmotte** (Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique-FNRS/Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles), **Stephen Mennell** (University College Dublin, Honorary), **Barbara Górnicka** (University College Dublin) and **Jason Hughes** (University of Leicester), Conference Organizers

Venue: Salle des Examens (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

15.00 Break

#### 15.30-17.00 Parallel Sessions

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##### **Session 1: Violence, Crime, Anger and Fear** Chair: Stephen Mennell

Venue: Salle des Examens

Rationalisation Processes and the Organisation of Hunger Strikes in Ireland and West Germany **John Connolly**, **Paddy Dolan** and **Stephen Vertigans**

The West and Salafi-Jihadism: An Examination of the Interdependence of the Emic and Etic Civilising Processes **Michael Dunning** and **Andrew Linklater**

How Double Binds Contribute to State Strategies of Tension **Matt Clement**

##### **Session 2: National Habitus and We-Images** Chair: Nico Wilterdink

Venue: Room P60

Generational Figuration, Group Formation and Transformations of We-Images in the Palestinian West Bank since the 1980s **Hendrik Hinrichsen**

Israel's National Habitus through Historiographical Generations **Alon Helled**

State Formation, Minority Language and Stigma **Robert Mears**

##### **Session 3: New Means of Speaking and Thinking** Chair: John Goodwin (tbc)

Venue: Room P61

We, I and You: Relationality, Interiority and Affect in an 1871 Diary and Letters **Liz Stanley** and **Emilia Sereva**

A Sociological Approach to the Uses of Personal-Pronouns in Testimonies of Violence **Gina Zabludovsky Kuper**

Retiring not Retirement - an Elisian Approach: A PhD Work in Progress **Peter Emmerson**

##### **Session 4: African State Formation and Integration Conflicts – Norbert Elias's Ghanaian Papers** (Org. Dieter Reicher) Chair: John Lever

Venue: Auditoire 5

African State Formation and Integration Conflicts: Norbert Elias's Ghanaian Papers **Dieter Reicher**, **Behrouz Alikhani**, **Adrian Jitschin** and **Arjan Post**

Tribe or Village? Conceptual Innovations in Elias's 'Ghanian Essays' **Helmut Kuzmics**

Norbert Elias on the Relationship between Sociology and Anthropology (1963) **Vera Weiler**

Towards a Theory of Decivilising Processes – with Notes on the Contrasting Cases of Uganda and Ghana **Artur Bogner**

Masks: A Cultural Anthropological Perspective **Fred Spier**

17.00 Break

##### **17.30-18.30 Plenary Session: 'Rightists' and Jihadists' Reactions to Women's Emancipation: Reflections on Decivilizing Processes** **Abram de Swaan**

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Venue : Salle des Examens

Chair : Marta Bucholc

##### **18.30 Welcome Drink**

Venue: Salle des Examens

## Thursday 6 December

Address: 119 rue du Marais  
Welcome: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

### 9.00-10.30 Plenary Session: Contemporary Elias

Venue : Room 1100

Established and Outsiders: A Long-time Perspective on a Figuration **Reinhard Blomert**

The Brazilian, Argentinian and Bolivian Political Conjuncture: Presupposes for a Configurational Analysis **Ademir Gebara**

The Age of Anger and Social Media: Norbert Elias on Technology, Civilization and Ressentiment **Robert van Krieken**

Chair : Florence Delmotte

10.30 Break

### 11.00-12.30 Parallel Sessions

**Session 1: History and Sociology: Advocating a Reunion** Chair: Steven Loyal

Venue: Room 1100

Fire and Fuel in the Human Civilizing Process **Johan Goudsblom**

National Intellectual Traditions in an Era of 'Globalization' **Johan Heilbron**

Teaching the Civilisation Process to a Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Audience as an Historian **Eric Bousmar**

**Session 2: Decivilizing Populism** Chair: Paddy Dolan

Venue: Room 1300

Far-Right Populism and National Character in East Germany: A Case Study about Anti-Immigration Protests in Cottbus **Robert Rode**

Teenagers under the Knife: Can Social Policy Reverse Decivilising Processes and Civilising Offensives? **Matt Clement**

Uncertainty and the Rise of Populisms **Inken Rommel**

**Session 3: Utopia and Process Sociology (I)** Chair: Andrew Linklater (tbc)

Venue: Room P60

Utopia, Possible Futures and Objective Ethics in Process Sociology **Andre Saramago**

'In reality, we are all late barbarians' (1989) and The Square (2017) **Irem Özgören Kinli**

Microbiology Meets Process Sociology **Ann Vogel**

**Session 4: Civilisation and Informalisation: Connecting Social and Psychic Processes (I)** (Org. Cas Wouters) Chair: Helmut Kuzmics

Venue: Room P61

Introduction: On Functional Democratization and Informalization: Diminishing Contrasts and Increasing Varieties **Cas Wouters**

Informalisation, Sociological Theory and Social Diagnosis **Richard Kilminster**

A New Informalising/Reformalising Global Phase in Running: The Cases of Barefoot Running and Obstacle Course Racing (OCR) **Raúl Sánchez-García**

**Session 5: Decentered Views on Civilizing Processes** Chair: Stephen Vertigans (tbc)

Venue: Salle des Examens

A Wee Light is Shining in a Bleak World: The Re-Integration of Indigenous Peoples in Societies around the World **Aurélie Lacassagne**

Thailand's 'Civilizing Process' **Patrick Jory**

Power and Violence: The Case of Guarani and Kaiowa Indigenous Peoples in Dourados, Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil **Maria Beatriz Rocha Ferreira, Veronice Lovato Rossato and Marina Vinha**

12.30 Lunch (Venue: Room 1200)

### 13.30-15.00 Parallel Sessions

**Session 1: Education and Figurations (I)** Chair: John Connolly

Venue: Room 1100

Processes of Learning, Unlearning and Re-Learning **Norman Gabriel**

'Prophets in the Pay of State': The Informalisation of Pedagogical Discourses between 1880 and 2010 **Kobe De Keere and Bram Spruyt**

**Session 2: Violence and Civility** Chair: Johan Heilbron

Venue: Room 1300

Re-inventing the Western Myth? Elias's Views on Violence, Civility and Rationality **Mathieu de Nanteuil**

Accomplices, Matchmakers and Facilitators of Crime: The Power of Mafia Relational Networks **Maria Vittoria Nardi**

Civilization of Violence and Mass Murder Societies: Norbert Elias and the History of Violence **Xavier Rousseaux and Quentin Verreycken**

Violence Increasing and Informalization Process in Social Conflicts in France **Cédric Moreau de Bellaing**

**Session 3: Furthering Process-Oriented Methodology: Towards Process Oriented Micro-Macro Analysis** (Org. Nina Baur, Lilli Braunisch, Jannis Hergesell and Maria Norkus)

Chair: Nicolas Marquis (tbc)

Venue: Room P60

Introduction **Nina Baur**

Spreading Young Non-discrimination Generation: Diversity and Anti-Discrimination Politics from a Process-Sociological Perspective **Stefanie Ernst**

Uncovering the Figuration through a Process-Oriented Computational Sociological Analysis of 19 editions of Emily Post's Etiquette, 1922-2017 **Andreas Voyer, Zachary Kline and Stuart Riepl**

Instilling values in people: Comparing Elias with Recent Theoretical and Experimental Advances on Social Influence **Kenneth Hemmerichs and Nohemi Echeverria**

**Session 4: Civilisation and Informalisation: Connecting Social and Psychic Processes (II)** (Org. Cas Wouters) Chair: Gordon Fyfe

Venue: Room P61

Informalisation through the Lens: Black & White and the Development of Photography as Art **Jonathan Fletcher**

Informalisation and Integration Conflicts: The Two-Faced Reception of Migrants in the Netherlands **Arjan Post**

Informalisation and Brutalisation: Jihadist Violence as a Consequence of Integration and Disintegration Processes **Michael Dunning**

**Session 5: Functional Democratisation and Functional De-Democratisation** (Org. Nico Wilterdink) Chair: Richard Kilminster (tbc)

Venue: Salle des Examens

The Political Implications of Figurational Sociology **Stephen Mennell**

The Process-Sociological Concept of Power and its Theoretical-Empirical Implications **Behrouz Alikhani**

Functional Democratisation and De-democratisation: How to Assess and Explain Trends? **Nico Wilterdink**

15.00 Break

#### 15.30-17.00 Parallel Sessions

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**Session 1: Migrations and the State** Chair: Damien Simonneau

Venue: Room 1100

(Re)figuring Outsiders: Elastic Multiculturalism in a Temporally Bordered Australia **Catriona Stevens**

Fortress Societies. The Mobilisation of Shared Anxieties **Alexander Mack**

State Power and Asylum Seekers in Ireland **Steven Loyal**

**Session 2: Figurational Views on Defense and Military Power** Chair: Amandine Orsini

Venue: Room 1300

Explaining *Frexit*: Lessons from the Jet Fighter Procurement Policy through a Configurational Approach **Samuel B.H. Faure**

Looking at European Defence Policy with Elias's Historical Sociology: The Case of the French-German Military Cooperation in the Sociogenesis and Relaunch of CSDP (1990-2018) **Delphine Deschaux-Dutard**

Configuring Organized Violence in the 'War on Terror': A Socio-Political Approach to NATO's Military Campaign in Afghanistan **Julien Pomarède**

**Session 3: Digitalisation and Civilisation** Chair: Hugo Canihac

Venue: Room P60

Digitization and Civilization: Norbert Elias and the Technological and Organizational Transformations Today **Adele Bianco**

Communicative Competence of the Personality and Collective Habitus **Elena Chankova and Yulya Zubok**

The Civilizing Apparatus of the Digital Silk Road. How to Deal with the Infrastructure (for Transfer) of Chinese Digital Culture? **Jan Krasni**

**Session 4: Elias, Gender and #MeToo** Chair Barbara Górnicka

Venue: Room P61

Hegemonic Hypermasculinisation in the United States: 1900-2000 **Matt McIntosh**

Elias and #MeToo : A Look Back at Ancient Rome **Florence Delmotte**

The Constitution of Street Harassment as a Public Problem. Informalization, Reflexivity and Exclusion **Mischa Dekker**

**Session 5: Established and Outsiders – Renewed Views** Chair: Ryan Powell

Venue: Salle des Examens

*The Established and the Outsiders* and the 'Missing' Scotson Thesis: Revisiting the Texts **Michael Dunning and Jason Hughes**

Halal Meat and Religious Slaughter: From Spatial Concealment to Social Controversy – Breaching the Boundaries of the Permissible? **John Lever**

Cities as 'Frontier Spaces' and the Problem of 'Urban Security' in Europe in the Era of Developing Global Interdependencies: Some Provocations for Contemporary Eliasian Sociological Practice **Gordon Hughes**

17.00 Break

**17.30 Recent Books Presentation**

Chair: Jason Hughes

Venue: Salle des Examens

**19.00 Dinner** at the Hôtel Marivaux (on registration)

Venue: 98, boulevard Adolphe Max – 1000 Bruxelles

## Friday 7 December

### 9.00-10.30 Parallel Sessions

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#### **Session 1: Terrorism and State Monopoly of Violence** Chair: Michael Dunning (tbc)

Venue: Room 1100

From the Distant Crusades to 'Local' 'Islamic Terrorism' – From the European Civilizing Processes to the Contemporary Western De-civilizing Process? **Lars Bo Kaspersen and Norman Gabriel**  
Decivilizing Security: Troops on the Streets and Counter-Terrorism in Belgium **Denis Duez and Chloé Thomas**

Informal Combatants and Selfless Criminals: On the Locus of Terrorism in Modern Political Societies **Dominique Linhardt**

#### **Session 2: The Re-Figuration of Public Communication in Times of Deep Mediatization: Pioneer Journalism, Audience Relationships and Public Connection**

(Org. Andreas Hepp) Chair: Andre Saramago

Venue: Room 1300

Pioneer Journalism: The Re-figuration of Journalism's Organizational Foundations **Andreas Hepp**

Journalism and its Audience: The Re-Figuration of a Relationship and its Influence on News

Production **Wiebke Loosen**

Public Connection: Individuals' Media Repertoires and the Re-Figuration of Publics **Uwe Hasebrink**

#### **Session 3: Civilized Rebels Facing De-Civilizing Processes** Chair: Abram de Swaan

Venue: Room 2200

Civilized Rebels, De-Democratization and the West's Retreat from Global Power **Dennis Smith**

May Rights Civilize? Elias, the *Grundgesetz* and the German (De)Civilizing Process **Christophe Majastre**

Beyond Nationalist Views of the Rise and Legacy of Fascism: Assessing Norbert Elias' Contribution to the Analysis of a 'Breakdown of Civilisation' **Michel-Philippe Robitaille**

#### **Session 4: Elias and Guests (I)** Chair: Alexander Mack

Venue: Room P60

To Hunt the 'BioEconomy' as Myth: On the Possibility Reading Elias with Sylvia Wynter, and the Question of 'Bioeconomy' as Transnational Normative Space and Cognitive Mode of 'Human' Provisioning **Alexander I. Stingl**

The Concept of 'Nature' in Eighteenth-Century German Philosophy: Norbert Elias Involvement and Detachment Model Viewed through the Contributions of Gunter Dux Historico-Genetic Theory **David Sierra**

Collective Action, Driven and Destroyed by Noise **Jeroen Bruggeman**

10.30 Break

### 11.00-12.30 Parallel Sessions

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#### **Session 1: Elias and Guests (II)** Chair: Gina Zabłudovsky Kuper

Venue: Room 1100

The Foundations of a Psychogenetic Vision of History before Elias **Vera Weiler**

The Reception of Norbert Elias's Work in Brazil – Following Figurational Tracks **Juliano de Souza, Vinicius Machado de Oliveira and Deoclecio Rocco Gruppi**

Norbert Elias and Antonio Gramsci: Thinking Political Communities in the Prism of a Realistic and Emancipating Historicism **Florence Di Bonaventura**

#### **Session 2: Utopia and Process Sociology (II)** Chair: Marta Bucholc (tbc)

Venue: Room 1300

Paradoxes of the Modern Concept of Social Justice in its Relation to the 'Biography' of the Nation-States **Julia Christ**

Human Rights between Ruptures and Continuity **Ludivine Damay and Florence Delmotte**

Thomas Reid's 'Civilised Controversy': Sociology of Utopia in the Scottish Enlightenment **Alex Law**

#### **Session 3: Sport, Functions and Emotions** Chair: Jason Hughes

Venue: Room 2200

Patriot Games: 'Ireland', Identity and Sport **Katie Liston and Joseph Maguire**

Figurational Dynamics, Marketing, and Markets: The Development of the Golf Market in Ireland **John Cusack**

The Physiology of Emotions of Football Fans **Aline Marques Colares-Camurça, Fernando Rosch de Faria and Heloisa Helena Baldy dos Reis**

#### **Session 4: Education and Figurations (II)** Chair: Norman Gabriel

Venue: Room P60

Failure in Hostile Society. An Approach to University Students **Diego Mauricio Barragán Díaz**

Social Stratification and the Defunctionalisation of the Family: State, Market and the Contemporary Childhood Process **John Flint and Ryan Powell**

12.30 Lunch (Room 1200)

### 13.30-15.00 Parallel Sessions

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#### **Session 1: Elias and Guests (III)** Chair: Robert van Krieken (tbc)

Venue: Room 1100

'Process Sociology' versus 'Processual Sociology' **Nico Wilterdink**

One, Two or Multiple Process Sociologies? **Liv Egholm, Norman Gabriel and Lars Bo Kaspersen**

**Session 2: Civilizing Emotions** Chair: Liz Stanley

Venue: Room 1300

From Human Nature to 'The Human Thing': Bridging the Gap Between Process Sociology and Thucydides on Developing Collective Emotional Identifications in War **Alexandros Koutsoukis**  
Blushing – Towards a Sociological Explanation **Barbara Górnicka**  
Recognising Animal Sentience: Being Civilized in the Early 21<sup>st</sup> century? **Adrianna Kapek-Goodridge and John Lever**

**Session 3: Accelerating Habitus Shifts in China and Globalizing Long-Term Alternatives** (Org. Peter Ludes and Stefan Kramer) Chair: Behrouz Alikhani

Venue: Room 2200

Globalizing Long-Term Alternatives **Peter Ludes**  
China's Social Credit System and the Narrative of Self-Cultivation **Stefan Kramer**  
Negotiating Power-Strategies in Inner Mongolia **Merle Schatz**

**Session 4: Elias and Social Dynamics of his Time** (Org. Adrian Jitschin and Marion Keller)

Chair: Arjan Post

Venue: Room P60

Elias and Social Dynamics of his Time **Adrian Jitschin and Marion Keller**  
'Bildung' in the George Circle and in the Early Writings of Norbert Elias **Gunilla Eschenbach**  
Norbert Elias from Heidelberg to Davos **Adrian Jitschin**

15.00 Break

**15.30-17.00 Plenary Session: Elias and the European Union**

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Venue: Room 1100

Figuring Out the Rule of Law in Post-Communist Societies. An Application of Figurational Sociology of Law to the Cases of Hungary and Poland **Marta Bucholc**  
The Fall of the Habsburg Monarchy and the Crisis of Modern Europe: A Historical-Sociological Comparison **Helmut Kuzmics**  
Chair: Denis Duez

17.00-17.15 Break

**17.15-18.30 Plenary Session: Symbols and World Politics: Towards a Long-Term Perspective on Historical Trends and Contemporary Challenges** **Andrew Linklater**

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Venue: Room 1100

Chair: Aurélie Lacassagne

**18.15-18.30 Closing Remarks**

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**Saturday 8 December**

**09.00 Closing Breakfast** at the Hôtel Marivaux (on registration)

**11.00 Visiting Brussels City Tour** from the Marivaux (on registration)