



Centre for
**Global
Cooperation
Research**

Upcoming Fellow in January 2020

Dr. Umberto Sconfienza

Postdoc Research Fellow, January 2020 – Dezember 2020

Research Project: *The Environmental Trilemma*

Umberto Sconfienza is currently a postdoctoral fellow at the Cluster of Excellence “Normative Orders” at the University of Frankfurt. He obtained his PhD at the Department of European and International Public Law at Tilburg University, Netherlands. In his research, he takes a critical view at the narratives of sustainability and advocates a “post-sustainability” framework. The various economic and environmental approaches are placed in a broader political context and made accessible to policy analysis.

Research Interest: Ecomodernism
Degrowth
Environmental authoritarianism

Current Fellows at the Centre

Dr Maryam Zarnegar Deloffre

Senior Research Fellow, July 2019 – June 2020

Research Project: *Collective Accountability in Humanitarian Governance*

Maryam Z. Deloffre is an Associate Professor of International Affairs and Director of the Humanitarian Assistance Initiative at the Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University. Her research and publications examine accountability in global humanitarian governance, non-governmental organization (NGO) accountability and legitimacy; humanitarianism; and human security and global health governance.

Research Interests: Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
Accountability in global governance
Global humanitarianism
Global health

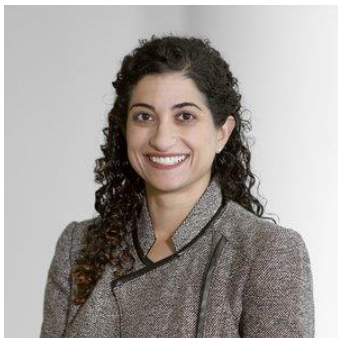
More Information: <https://www.qcr21.org/fellows/current-fellows/dr-maryam-zarnegar-deloffre>

Dr Catherine Hecht

Senior Research Fellow, October 2019 – September 2020

Research Project: *Inclusive International Institutions and Global Cooperation: Evolving Pathways for Democratic and Sustainable and Development*

Catherine Hecht conducts research on international organizations, evolution and contestation of international norms and institutions, democratic and sustainable development, and inclusive global governance, with an empirical focus on the United Nations and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe. Previously, she held a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Postdoctoral Fellowship and lectured at the Vienna School of International Studies. She received a Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia





and a MIA from Columbia University. Her work has appeared in journals including *International Politics* (2017), *Journal of International Organizations Studies* (2016), and *Review of International Studies* (2016).

Research Interests: International organizations
Evolution and contestation of international norms and institutions
Democratic and sustainable development
Multilateral diplomacy
Inclusive global governance

More Information: coming soon <https://www.gcr21.org/fellows/current>



Prof Dr Wolfram Kaiser

Senior Research Fellow, June 2019 – May 2020

Research Project: *Transnational Integration and Democracy Narratives: Dynamics in European Cooperation in Historical Perspective*

Wolfram Kaiser is Professor of European Studies at the University of Portsmouth, UK, and also teaches as Visiting Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges. His research concerns the history and politics of European integration and the EU and of global cooperation, the history of globalisation, and the history of Europe since the middle of the nineteenth century. His most recent books include *Shaping European Union. The European Parliament and Institutional Reform, 1979-1989* (2018), (ed. with J.-H. Meyer) *International Organizations and Environmental Protection* (2017), (with Johan Schot) *Writing the Rules for Europe. Experts, Cartels and International Organizations* (2014).

Research Interests: Global cooperation past and present
Transnational networks and actors
History of European integration
Narratives of (European) cooperation

More Information: <https://www.gcr21.org/fellows/current-fellows/prof-dr-wolfram-kaiser>



Dr Maria Koinova

Senior Research Fellow, April 2019 – March 2020

Research Project: *Governing Transit Migration: A Relational Approach to Polycentric Governance*

Maria Koinova is Reader in International Relations and chair of the British International Studies Association working group on the “International Politics of Migration, Refugees and Diaspora.” She successfully completed as Principal Investigator a large-scale European Research Council Starting Grant Project “Diasporas and Contested Sovereignty” (2012-2017). Koinova is currently on the governing board of the EU Jean Monnet network “Between Europe and Russia.” Koinova’s research interests span international relations, comparative politics, and international political sociology and focus on how migration, diasporas, and ethno-national diversity impact on the political development of conflict and post-conflict societies.

Research Interests: International Politics of Migration
Diasporas and Contested Sovereignty
Ethnonationalist, Intra-state Conflicts and Peace Studies

More Information: <https://www.gcr21.org/fellows/current-fellows/dr-maria-koinova>



PD Dr Florian P. Kühn

Senior Research Fellow, June 2019 – May 2020

Research Project: *Ambiguity and Peace – How Ambiguities Influence Global Cooperation*

Florian Kühn habilitated in 2017 at the Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg - University of the Federal Armed Forces. In 2018-2019 he held an interim full professorship at the Department of International Politics, Humboldt University at Berlin.

His research focuses on international security, interventionism and state-society relations. He has published widely, in *International Relations*, *Peacebuilding*, *Third World Quarterly*, and *Canadian Journal of International Relations*, among others. He is co-editor of the *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding* and has broad research experience in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Palestine as well as European capitals.

Research Interests: Statebuilding and Interventionism
Risk policy and resilience
Political economy and security policy of state actors
Sub-state figurations with a regional focus on South and Central Asia

More Information: <https://www.qcr21.org/fellows/current-fellows/dr-florian-p-kuehn>



PD. Dr Stefania Maffeis

Research Fellow, September 2019 – August 2020

Research Project: *Migration as a human right? Philosophical and political contentions in Europe*

Stefania Maffeis is Senior Lecturer (Privatdozentin) for Philosophy at the Freie Universität of Berlin, currently Senior Research Fellow at the Käte Hamburger Center for Global Cooperation Research in Duisburg-Essen. She has written extensively on Hannah Arendt's political theory and its transnational reception, on the history of philosophy in the GDR and in reunified Germany, on the political philosophy of Migration as well as on the approach of the transnational circulation of ideas. She teaches and researches within the field of political and social philosophy, focusing on the topics of Migration and Transnational Citizenship. In her current research project she reconstructs and analyses intellectual and political struggles in Europe on the implementation of a human right to free global movement.

Research Interests: Political Philosophy
Migration Studies
Sociology of Ideas

More Information: <https://www.qcr21.org/fellows/current-fellows/pd-dr-stefania-maffeis>



Dr Zeynep Sahin Mencütek

Senior Research Fellow, March 2019 – Feb 2020

Research Project: *The Governance of Refugee Returns*

Dr. Zeynep Şahin Mencütek has a disciplinary background in the field of Politics and International Relations. Her main research interests are in comparative migration policies, refugee governance and sending state-diaspora relations. She has regional expertise on the Middle East in general, on Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria in particular. Currently, she studies on refugee returns, transnational activities of refugee communities, grassroots organizing, resolving displacement and building peace and reconstruction in the war-torn countries with an emphasis on Syrian displaced population. She has the part of Horizon2020 project titled RESPOND: Multilevel Governance of Mass Migration in Europe and Beyond (770564).



Research Interests: International Relations
Middle East Politics
Migration and Refugee Governance
Diaspora-State Relations
Gender and Politics

More Information: <https://www.gcr21.org/fellows/current-fellows/dr-zeynep-sahin-mencutek>

Prof Dr Jens Steffek

Senior Research Fellow, September 2019 – August 2020

Research Project: *Global Standards of Good Governance*

Jens Steffek is Professor of Transnational Governance at Technische Universität Darmstadt. Before coming to Darmstadt he worked at the University of Bremen, Jacobs University and the Robert-Schuman-Centre for Advanced Studies. He was visiting professor at the University of Pavia, LUISS Guido Carli (Rome) and the Max-Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg, as well as a visiting research fellow at the University of Cambridge, the University of Montréal and the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB). His research interests include international relations (in particular the study of international organizations), international law and international political theory.

Research Interests: Global governance
International organizations
History of international thought
Democratic theory
International law

More Information: <https://www.gcr21.org/fellows/current-fellows/prof-dr-jens-steffek>