

# **Identity in International Relations: Methods of Interpretation and Critique**

## **Workshop**

SOAS, University of London  
17-18 June 2017

Organised by the BISA Working Group 'Interpretivism in International Relations'

Convenors: Felix Berenskoetter (SOAS)  
Iain Ferguson (Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg)  
Evgeny Roshchin (RANEPA, St. Petersburg)

## **Programme**

Saturday 17 June

**12:30 – 13:30**      **Welcome Lunch and Introduction**

**13:30 – 14:30**      **Session 1: Foreign Policy, Discourse, and State Identity**

Chair: Felix Berenskoetter

Bernhard Stahl (University of Passau, Germany)

*Identity, Discursive Hegemony, Contestation, and Change – The German Discourse on Responsibility and the Arms Supply to the Peshmerga*

**Discussant:** Ursula Stark

Katharina Newberry (University of St. Andrews, UK)

*Applying discourse analysis to study the performance of state identity in Ethiopian foreign policy: methodology and research practice*

**Discussant:** Monika Bartoszewicz

*14:30 – 14:45*      *Coffee break*

**14:45 – 16:15**      **Session 2: Russian Identity: High and Low Politics**

Chair: Evgeny Roshchin

Stephanie Ortmann (University of Sussex, UK)

*Beyond 'state identity': Russia's seductive power and the resurrection of the Great Power myth in international relations*

**Discussant:** Daria Vorobyeva

Vsevolod Samokhvalov (University of Liege, Belgium)

*Russia, Europe, greatness and conflict: con-structuralist analysis of Russian-European security interaction in the Balkans and Black Sea region*

**Discussant:** Tamas Peragovics

Elizaveta Gaufman (University of Bremen, Germany)

*Eating Identity: Everyday Foreign Policy in Russia*

**Discussant:** Yuri van Hoef

Saturday 17 June (continued)

16:15 – 16:30 *Coffee break*

**16:30 – 18:00** **Session 3: European Identity: High and Low Politics**

Chair: Iain Ferguson

Heidi Maurer (Maastricht University, Netherlands)

*The Politics of European Union identity construction through European diplomatic cooperation abroad*

**Discussant:** Nicola Nymalm

Maren Hofius (University of Hamburg, Germany)

*What Makes the EU Cohere: Strategies for Reconstructing the Constitutive Rules of Community*

**Discussant:** Katharina Newberry

19:00

*Dinner at Ciao Bella (Italian)*

86-90 Lamb's Conduit St, Bloomsbury, London WC1N 3LZ



Sunday 18 June

09:30 – 10:00 *Coffee, pastries & fruit*

**10:00 – 12:00 Session 4: Liminality, Hybridity and Change**

Chair: Felix Berenskoetter

Nicola Nymalm (Swedish Institute of International Affairs)

*Converting the stranger: Identity/difference, and the expectations of change*

**Discussant:** Bernhard Stahl

Tamas Peragovics (Central European University, Hungary)

*Liminality and Agency – The Hungarian case from 1989 through 2010 until the Orbán-government today*

**Discussant:** Stephanie Ortmann

Monika Bartoszewicz (Vistula University, Poland)

*Identity as an Act and a Process: European Converts to Islam*

**Discussant:** Elizaveta Gaufran

Daria Vorobyeva (University of St. Andrews, UK)

*Ethnic return migration, integration and identity change: case study of Syrian Armenians in the Republic of Armenia*

**Discussant:** Felix Berenskoetter

12:00 – 12:15 *Coffee break*

**12:15 – 13:45 Session 5: Order, Community and Friendship**

Chair: Evgeny Roshchin

Yuri van Hoef (University of Leeds, UK)

*How Political Friendship leads to Othering: introducing the vice-friendship*

**Discussant:** Vsevolod Samokhvalov

Ursula Stark (Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany)

*All the world's a stage: Identity practices and international order at peace congresses*

**Discussant:** Heidi Maurer

Mor Mitrany (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)

*The international community: What are you talking about?*

**Discussant:** Maren Hofius

14:00 End of Workshop

