



British International Studies Association Foreign Policy Working Group

Mini Conference 2024/ Workshop

Critical Reflections on Contemporary Foreign Policy Analysis

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BISA Foreign Policy Working Group with the generous support of the Gulf Research Centre runs its third mini-conference. The conference will be coordinated and led by Dr Marianna Charountaki and Dr Sharad Joshi.

CAMBRIDGE
8th July 2024

Meeting Room: University Arms Hotel,
Crick Ball Room

PROGRAMME

9am - 9.30am

10am - 11.30am

11.45am - 1.15pm

2.15pm - 3.30pm

3.45pm - 5pm

9.30am - 10am

11.30am - 11.45am

1.15pm - 2.15pm

3.30pm - 3.45pm

5pm - 5.15pm

Registration/tea and coffee (9am to 9.30am)

Welcome (9.30am to 10am).

I. Theoretical re-assessments of foreign policy in the here and now (10am to 11.30am)

1. Dr Charountaki Marianna (Senior Lecturer in International Politics, University of Lincoln, UK) (mcharountaki@lincoln.ac.uk)
2. Dr Amnon Aran (Professor in International Politics of the Middle East, City, University of London) (amnon.aran.1@city.ac.uk)
3. Dr Lesley Masters (Senior Lecturer in International Relations, Nottingham Trent University) (lesley.masters@ntu.ac.uk)

Moderator: Dr Inna Rudolf (Senior Research Fellow, King's College London)
(inna.rudolf@kcl.ac.uk)

Coffee break (11.30am to 11.45am)

II. Economics and foreign policy: costs, capacity, and sanctions (11.45am to 1.15pm)

This panel explores some of the more specific economic inputs, outputs and outcomes of foreign policy, with a focus on exploring inflation, capacity and the utility of boycotts and sanctions.

1. Mr. Ahmed Tabaqchali (Chief Strategist of AFC Iraq Fund, Visiting Fellow at the LSE Middle East Centre, Senior Fellow at the Institute of Regional and International Studies (IRIS) at AUIS, and non-resident Senior Fellow with the Atlantic Council - Iraq Initiative) (ahmed.tabaqchali@aui.edu.krd)
2. Dr Umid Shokri (Senior Visiting Fellow, George Mason University) (ushukrik@gmail.com)
3. Dr. Jean Yves Ndzana (Leiden University) (j.y.ndzana.ndzana@fgga.leidenuniv.nl)

Moderator: Dr. Sharad Joshi (Associate Professor, Middlebury Institute of International Studies) (sharadj@middlebury.edu)

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Lunch break: (1.15pm - 2.15pm)

III. Religion in foreign policy (2.15pm to 3.30pm)

What role does religion play in foreign affairs? This panel sets out to explore the role that religion plays in specific contexts, identifying where state or non-state actors have used it divisively, selectively or through misunderstanding, and/or where there is potential for greater inter-religious dialogue.

1. Dr Sterling Jensen (Associate professor at the Mohamed Bin Zayed University for Humanities) (sterling.jensen@gmail.com)
2. Dr. Patrick Finnegan (Senior Lecturer, University of Lincoln) (PFinnegan@lincoln.ac.uk)
3. Dr. Sharad Joshi (Associate Professor, Middlebury Institute of International Studies) (sharadj@middlebury.edu)

Moderator: Dr Inna Rudolf (Senior Research Fellow, King's College London)
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Coffee break (3.30pm to 3.45pm)

IV. 'Polycrisis': foreign policy and risk management (3.45pm to 5.00pm)

1. Dr Linda Yueh CBE (Fellow in Economics, St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford and Adjunct Professor in Economics, LSE) (linda.yueh@economics.ox.ac.uk)
2. Dr Chris Zebrowski (Director of the CSS, Loughborough University) (c.r.zebrowski@lboro.ac.uk)
3. Dr. Marie-Eve Desrosiers (Associate Professor, Graduate School in Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa) (marie-eve.desrosiers@uottawa.ca) and Dr. Nic Cheeseman (Professor of Democracy, University of Birmingham) (n.cheeseman@bham.ac.uk)

Moderator: Dr Charountaki Marianna (Senior Lecturer in International Politics, University of Lincoln, UK) (mcharountaki@lincoln.ac.uk)

Wrap up (5.00pm to 5.15pm)