

Researching Peace: International Institutions, International Law and World Politics

(Ph.D. Winter School)

November 7–8, 2016

Aalborg University, Denmark

FINAL PROGRAM – PH.D. COURSE

Monday, November 7, 2016

9:30 – 10:00 am	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION Antje Gimmler , Head, Ph.D. School in Humanities and Social Science, Aalborg University, Denmark Aigul Kulnazarova and Christian Ydesen , Ph.D. Course Coordinators
10:00 – 11:00 am	SESSION ONE <i>Peace and Developing Phenomenology: challenges and prospects of peace and conflict studies</i> Keynote Lecturer: Jesper Garsdal, Associate Professor, Aalborg University, Denmark
11:00 – 11:15 am	BREAK
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	SESSION TWO <i>Peace and the United Nations: the role of international criminal tribunals in peace processes</i> Keynote Lecturer: Vesselin Popovski, Professor and Vice-Dean, School of Law, and Director of the Centre for UN Studies, Jindal Global University, India
12:15 – 1:45 pm	LUNCH
1:45 – 3:15 pm	WORKSHOP ONE Transitional Justice and the Institutionalization of Democracy: A Study of the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Process in Kenya Michael Omondi Owiso (Aalborg University, Denmark) Current Criticisms and Reframing of the principle of Non-Interference: Chinese Case Li Li (Fudan University, China) <i><u>Q & A, group discussion – 40 minutes</u></i> Moderators: Jesper Garsdal and Vesselin Popovski
3:15 – 4:30 pm	Review comments from Professors Garsdal, Popovski, Edgar and Kulnazarova, responses from Michael Omondi Owiso and Li Li
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Free talk
6:00 pm -8:00 pm	Social program – Dinner

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

10:00 – 11:00 am	<p>SESSION THREE</p> <p><i>The Role of Norms in International Peacebuilding</i></p> <p>Keynote Lecturer: Alistair Edgar, Executive Director of the Academic Council on the United Nations System, and Associate Professor of Political Science, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada</p>
11:00 – 11:15 am	BREAK
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	<p>SESSION FOUR</p> <p><i>Researching Peace: problems of conceptualization and methodology in international relations</i></p> <p>Keynote Lecturer: Aigul Kulnazarova, Professor of International Relations and International Law, Tama University, Japan</p>
12:15 – 1:45 pm	LUNCH
1:45 – 3:30 pm	<p>WORKSHOP TWO</p> <p>UNESCO-China Relations: conceptual history and impact analysis Yaron Cheng (Aalborg University, Denmark)</p> <p>“How Mountains Start to Run...”: the importance of contradictions in establishing peaceful minds Elisa Rieger (Karl-Franzens-University Graz, Austria)</p> <p>On Reformations of the UN Security Council (oral presentation) Bjarke Winther (Aalborg University, Denmark)</p> <p><u>Q & A, group discussion – 40 minutes</u></p> <p>Moderators: Alistair Edgar and Aigul Kulnazarova</p>
3:30 – 4:45 pm	Review comments from Professors Garsdal, Popovski, Edgar and Kulnazarova, responses from Yaron Cheng, Elisa Rieger and Bjarke Winther
4:45 pm -5:15 pm	REFLECTIONS
6:00 pm -8:00 pm	Social program – Dinner

* In each of the two workshops, the participants are expected to engage in intensive discussion, interaction and exchange information on 2 or 3 subjects/topics presented on each day. We do not assign individual discussants from among the participants since there are only 4 or 5 papers. Instead, we ask you to read and prepare several questions and comments about each paper. Whereas group discussions are mainly open to questions and comments from other participants, the keynote lecturers will provide their feedbacks following the each workshop.

** Please limit your presentations to 20-25 minutes, not longer. Tell us about the context of your research/dissertation, research question(s) and significance, research methods and design, research findings, and significance of research findings.

KEYNOTE LECTURERS' BIOS

Jesper Garsdal is a philosopher, Associate Professor at Aalborg University and Director of the Global Dialogue Council in Denmark. In his doctoral thesis (2002), received in Philosophy from Aalborg University, he compared different ideas of phenomenology and philosophical logic in Hegel and Hajime Tanabe. He has published in English and Danish on Christian, Jewish, Islamic, Buddhist and Chinese philosophy; more recently his research is concerned with the phenomenon of peace, intercultural dialogue and peace and conflict studies. He conducted research at the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture in Japan, Columbia University in the USA and San Cataldo Foundation in Italy. In 2008 Jesper Garsdal initiated, and developed together with Johanna Seibt, the idea of the Global Dialogue Prize to acknowledge outstanding achievements in research in intercultural value studies, and the application of such research for the promotion of global intercultural dialogue. He also co-organized two large international conferences on intercultural thought: *Understanding Conflicts – Intercultural Perspectives* (Aarhus, 2008) and *Responsibility – Climate Change as Challenge for Intercultural Inquiry on Values* (Aarhus, 2009). Among his recent publications are “Religion and Peaceful Conflicts” (ed.), a special issue of the *Journal of Religion, Peace and Conflict* (2010), and “Perspectives on Intercultural Philosophical Phenomenology” (2011).

Vesselin Popovski is Professor and Vice Dean, Jindal Global Law School, has been writing on international criminal tribunals for 15 years, even before the International Criminal Court came to existence, first in the journals *Security Dialogue* (PRIO, Issue 4, 2000) and *International Relations* (Issue 3, 2000). He also wrote “The Responsibility to Protect and to Prosecute” in *Global Community, Oxford Yearbook of Law and Jurisprudence* (2008); the chapter “Legality and Legitimacy of International Criminal Tribunals” in his coedited *Legality and Legitimacy in Global Affairs* (Oxford University Press 2012) offers in-depth legal analysis of all tribunals from Nuremburg to the ICC. He also coedited *After Oppression: Transitional Justice in Latin America and Eastern Europe* (UNU Press 2012), comprising 14 case studies (7 from each sub-continent), which examine how various countries dealt with the issues of peace and justice after long totalitarian regimes. More recently, his edited book *The Security Council as Global Legislator* (Routledge 2014), particularly his chapter on the relationship between the Security Council and the ICC, presents the latest developments after the first cases by the ICC have been completed. Dr. Popovski also wrote the background paper on the reform of the Security Council for the Commission on Global Security, Justice and Governance, forming part of its Report “Confronting the Crisis of Global Governance” (2015).

Dr. Alistair D. Edgar is Executive Director of the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS). He is president of the India-based International Jurist Organization (IJO), and Board member of the Canadian Landmine Foundation.

Dr Edgar is Associate Professor of Political Science at Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada. Research focus is transitional justice in peace building, with fieldwork in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Kosovo, and northern Uganda. Dr. Edgar holds his PhD in Political Science from Queen’s University, Canada. He was the John M. Olin Doctoral Fellow in Economics and National Security at the Olin Institute, Centre for International Affairs, Harvard University in 1992-93.

Aigul Kulnazarova, PhD, is Professor of International Relations and International Law at Tama University, Japan. Previously, she was a Japan Foundation Invited Fellow at Nagoya University, Japan, and the Dean of Law School at Kazakh-American University, Kazakhstan, held among other duties. She lives and works in Japan since 2001, and has taught courses on international law and international organizations, international relations theory, international protection of human rights, peace studies, Asian democracy, international relations of South and Southeast Asia, international relations of Central Asia and global studies. Since 2013, Dr. Kulnazarova is a member of the “Routes of Knowledge: The global history of UNESCO” project, funded by Danish Research Council for Independent Research in 2013-17. Her most recent publications include, *UNESCO Without Borders: Educational campaigns for international understanding* (Routledge, 2016), coedited with Christian Ydesen. She is the author of book chapters and articles on human rights, international organizations, peace and international relations in Asia, also appeared in Sage and Palgrave volumes. Her current book project is concerned with global approaches to peace.