Interest groups, international organizations, and global problem-solving capacity

International Workshop, June 11-12, 2018, funded by The Swedish Foundation for Humanities and Social Sciences

Venue: Stockholm University, Geovetenskapens hus, U29
Day one (June 11, 2017)

For paper presentations: 10’ presentation, 10’ discussion, and then Q&A

8:45-9:00 Welcome

9:00-10:30 Interest Group Effects on Global Interest Group Populations

9:00-9:45 Elizabeth A. Bloodgood and Lisa M. Dellmuth, “Interest group effects in global governance: Expectations about domestic and global opportunity structures”
9:45-10:30 Joost Berkhout and Marcel Hanegraaff, “The institutionalization of bias: Tracing interest group populations from the national to the global level” Discussion: Mette Eilstrup-Sangiovanni

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-11:30 Mette Eilstrup-Sangiovanni, “New angles on strategic advocacy by transnational advocacy networks” Discussion: Adam Chalmers
11:30-12:15 Nina Hall, “Advocacy in the digital era: Why such similar organizations in vastly different political contexts?” Discussion: Kirsten Lucas

12:20-13:20 Lunch at the Faculty Club, on campus

13:30-15:00 Panel debate: International non-governmental organizations, representation, and effectiveness in global governance (streamed online)

15:15-17:30 Interest Group Effects on Global Policymaking

15:15-16:00 Clifford Bob, “Shaping policy domestically and globally: The convergence of interest groups, NGOs, and transnational networks” Discussion: Laura Henry

16:00-16:15 Coffee break

16:15-17:00 Helen Yanacopulos, “The influence of international non-governmental organizations on Sustainable Development Goals in global public policy” Discussion: Naama Lutz
17:00-17:30 Erik Vikberg, Explaining interest representation in the European Commission’s expert groups Discussion: Matilda Petersson

19:00 Dinner, Aubergine, Linnégatan 38 (red tube to Östermalmstorg)
Day 2 (June 12, 2018)

For paper presentations: 10' presentation, 10' discussion, and then Q&A

8:30-10:00 Interest Group Effects on Global Policymaking (cont’d)

8:30-9:15 Naama Lutz, “Securitization of the ‘Boycott Divest Sanction’ campaign in Israel: Evaluating the impact of ‘naming and shaming’ by TANs” Discussion: Clifford Bob
9:15-10:00 Iskander De Bruycker, Marcel Hanegraaff, and Kirsten Lucas, “Lobbying success across the globe: How democracy and development drive lobbying strategies and success at global diplomatic conferences” Discussion: Andrew Heiss

10:00-10:15 Coffee break

10:15-12:30 Interest Group Effects on Global Policy Implementation

10:15-11:00 Matilda Petersson, “The effects of transnational partnerships on the outcomes of global marine and fisheries governance” Discussion: Helen Yanacopulos
11:00-11:45 Adam W. Chalmers and Adela Iacobov, “The determinants of vertical venue shopping in financial sector regulation” Discussion: Lisa McIntosh Sundstrom
11:45-12:30 Andrew Heiss, “Taking control of regulations: How international advocacy NGOs shape the regulatory environments of their target countries” Discussion: Nina Hall

12:30-13:30 Lunch at the Faculty Club, on campus

13:30-14:15 Laura Henry and Lisa McIntosh Sundstrom, “BRICS Interest groups and global governance: Uneven ascendancy” Discussion: Marcel Hanegraaff

14:15-15:15 Critical discussion of special issue: “Close cousins, or false friends? Studying interest groups and NGOs” (Darren Halpin)

15:15-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-16:30 (Final session) Summing up and discussion of steps ahead
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International Workshop on Interest Groups, International Organizations, and Global Problem-Solving Capacity

This workshop unites scholars and practitioners that think that we need to better understand interest groups’ effects in global governance. Specialized interests contribute to the policymaking and the provision of collective goods by international organizations such as the European Union and United Nations. The diversity of the content and the representativeness of the interest groups involved have important implications for the problem-solving capacity of international organizations. The workshop contributes with new knowledge on the effects of interest groups in global governance, and bring scholars and practitioners into dialogue.

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