

Which region?
**The spatial and scalar politics of regions and the regional in
international politics and security**

(Hotel Zürichberg, 2–3 February 2018)

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Thursday 1st February

Arrival

19.30-21.30: **Welcome Apéro**

Friday 2nd February

09.00-09.30: **Introduction**

9.30-10.30: **Session 1** (Chair: Juliet Fall)

- From taken-for-granted spaces to social constructs: the conceptualizations of the region in critical geography and their implications to IR studies

Anssi Paasi (University of Oulu)

- Diplomatic Webs: conceptualizing civilizations through political infrastructures

Jason Dittmer (UCL)

10.30-10.50: **Coffee break**

10.50-11.50: **Session 2** (Chair: Aglaya Snetkov)

- Regions as geopolitical inventions of security: the case of the Middle East/s

Pinar Bilgin (Bilkent University)

- The Global Embeddedness of Middle East Orders and Borders

Jan Busse (University of Munich)

12.00-13.30: **Lunch**

13.30-14.30: **Session 3** (Chair: Stephen Aris)

- The appearance and disappearance of regions in the system of world politics

Mathias Albert (University of Bielefeld)

- Materialising the Arctic region: regionalising the intersection of land, sea and ice

Klaus Dodds (Royal Holloway)

14.30-14.40: **Break**

14.40-15.40 **Session 4** (Chair: Paul Kohlenberg)

- Queering security, regions and crises

Juliet Fall and Carinne Domingos (University of Geneva)

- Security politics and the 'remaking' of West Africa

Elisa Lopez Lucia (Free University of Brussels)

15.40-16.00: **Coffee break**

16.00-17.00: **Session 5** (Chair: Andreas Wenger)

- Towards a multi-dimensional discourse system of global spatialization: the case of the BRI

Nadine Godehardt & Paul Kohlenberg (SWP Berlin)

- Connecting Eurasia: The Belt & Road Initiative and the reimagining of Eurasian spatial governance

Aglaya Snetkov & Stephen Aris (ETH Zurich)

19.00: **Dinner** (Neumarkt)

Saturday 3rd February

9.30-10.30: **Session 6** (Chair: Stephen Aris)

- In search of the Global East: lost in-between North and South

Martin Müller (University of Lausanne)

- Producing regional spaces from the margins

Frank Matthies (Free University of Brussels)

10.30-10.50: **Coffee break**

10.50-11.50: **Session 7** (Chair: Aglaya Snetkov)

- Notes on the end of region building

Felix Ciută & Yannis Tsantoulis (UCL)

- Back to the future: Vestiges of a post-regional world

Joerg Balsiger (University of Geneva)

11.50 -13.00: **Wrap up and Next Steps**

13.00-14.00: **Lunch**

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