

News and Events

Global Debt Dynamic Initiative (GDDI)

CGPE in cooperation with the Centre for Rising Powers and Global Development (CRPD) at the Institute for Development Studies (IDS) have launched a new international initiative and research network on Global Debt Dynamics. The Global Debt Dynamics Initiative (GDDI) aspires to advance the state of the art in global debt analysis, especially with regard to the changing nature of vulnerabilities and dependencies between advanced and emerging economies. The GDDI inaugural workshop took place in Brighton on 26 May 2016.



GDDI Inaugural workshop, The Old Courtroom, Brighton. From far left: J. Gu (CRPD); R. Wilkinson (Sussex); A. Antoniadis (GDDI); A. Offer (Oxford); K. Phylaktis (Cass Business School); N. Naqvi (LSE); M. Chui (BIS).

The workshop was attended by over 50 researchers and featured 28 research papers. It included experts from UNCTAD, Bank for International Settlement, World Bank, IFAD, South Centre, Jubilee Debt Campaign et al, and academics from different academic disciplines, including Economics, International Political Economy, Development Studies, Finance, History, Social Policy, Anthropology and Geography. The first session explored key aspects of current global debt dynamics including global liquidity, currency mismatches, sovereign bond markets, corporate debt, real estate debt and inequality. The second session expanded this agenda by examining how global and local debt, and financialisation impact on development, and what new strategies can be adopted to advance development. Furthermore, Stephanie Blankenburg, the Head of Debt and Development Finance Branch of UNCTAD, discussed ways in which international debt sustainability methodologies can and should be revised. The final session focused on sovereign debt challenges and examined ways in which the existing system of global debt governance can be revised. The contributions to the inaugural workshop are available online here.

If you are interested to join the GDDI and stay updated with its activities please contact the GDDI convenor **Dr Andreas Antoniadis** at **A.A.Antoniades@sussex.ac.uk**.

For more information on GDDI please see here: <https://globaldebtdynamics.net/>

Other News and Events

- Prof Peter Newell, former CGPE director, has recently been appointed to the board of directors of Greenpeace UK in July this year.
- Dr Andreas Antoniadis became a member of the Academic Advisory Network of the Jubilee Debt Campaign.

Forthcoming Events

Subjecting Labour II: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue on Labour and Development

Following on from a very successful event at De Montfort University in June 2016 we are delighted to announce that the second workshop in the Subjecting Labour series will be held at the University of Sussex in early 2017 (dates TBC). The series seeks to build interdisciplinary methodological approaches to understanding “labour” as an active subject in development. It brings together Anthropology, Industrial Relations, Geography, and International Political Economy (IPE) and is currently building towards a special issue in a leading journal.

Anthropologists and geographers have long engaged with ‘agency’ as being critical to understanding how workers negotiate and interpret local economies, spatial conditions and processes of development. Yet, primarily, this has remained focused on the ability of various labouring communities to manoeuvre, shape or re-interpret the confines of global and state structures, shifting economic configurations and development programs or policies. Likewise, labour agency has been central to studies of industrial relations, albeit largely as a ‘collective actor’ that mobilises institutional means to bargain for better wages and working conditions. However, traditional/institutional industrial relations have not given sufficient attention to forms of labour that have always existed as a value creator beyond the formal workplace: in households, communities and in the realm of social reproduction, or to the wider concerns and role of labour in society. For scholars in IPE, a discipline founded on understanding the relationship between states

and markets, labour has been gaining increasing attention. From contesting firm strategies within global production networks to directly and indirectly influencing the policy decisions of states, labour gained new analytical significance. Yet, as with industrial relations, labour is too often conceptualised as an “interest group”, with this remaining locked either into traditional Marxist dichotomies of class or by situating labour as an institutional actor pursuing gains from a process within which its role is already circumscribed.

This workshop series has been developed as a means to rethink definitions, strategies and struggles of labour in production and reproduction. Labour has, to varying degrees, been an actor in development, in freedom struggles in the Global South and in universal aspirations towards improved quality of life, citizenship rights and other forms of change. Remaining conscious of the ambiguity of defining what ‘labour’ can be seen to incorporate, we none the less seek to rethink the historical and contemporary role of ‘labour’ in impacting development trajectories and discourses. In so doing we seek to move beyond categorisations based solely on ‘interest groups’ or ‘agency’ and to push our understanding of the relationship between ‘labour’ and (the often messy, contested or contradictory) forms of development that take place at state level and beyond.

We will be issuing a formal call for papers once dates are confirmed but would welcome expressions of interest in the meantime.

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Organising Committee: Dr Adam Fishwick (DMU, International Political Economy); Dr Thomas Chambers (Sussex, Anthropology); Dr Anita Hammer (DMU, Labour Geography and Industrial Relations). **Advisors:** Professor Jonathan Davies (DMU), Dr Geert de Neve (Sussex), Dr Benjamin

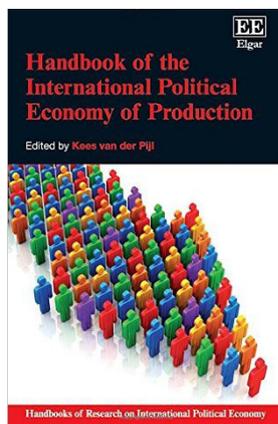
Selwyn (Sussex), Dr Rebecca Prentice (Sussex). **Other Network Members:** Dr Kevin Gray (University of Sussex); Dr Alessandra Mezzadri (SOAS); Dr Fenella Porter (Ruskin College); Brandon Sommers (ISS); Ilias Alami (University of Manchester); Eva Herman (Middlesex University).

Webpage: <https://labouranddevelopment.wordpress.com/>

Sponsored Talks at Sussex

- Prof Ben Fine (SOAS) on **'Political Economy is Dead: Long Live Political Economy'** – Monday 21st November 5-7pm (Room TBA).
- Susan Ferguson and David McNally (Wilfrid Laurier University and York University, Ontario) on **'Labour, Social Reproduction and the Making of a Global Working Class'** – 9th November, 1-3 pm. Fulton 101.
- Tony Norfield (author of *The City: London and the Global Power of Finance*) on **'Capitalism, Imperialism and Finance'**. Discussant Sam Knafo (Sussex) – Thursday 16th of February 2017, 5-7pm (Room TBA).

Publications: Books and Special Editions



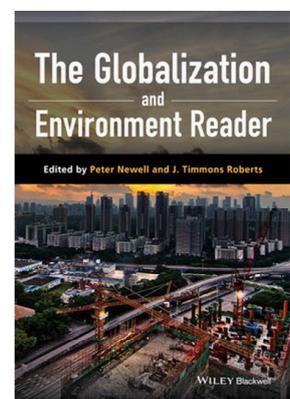
Handbook of the International Political Economy of Production - paperback edition
Edited by Kees Van der Pijl, Fellow, CGPE and Professor Emeritus, University of Sussex. (Edward Elgar, 2015)



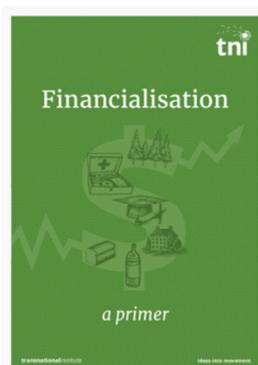
Third World Quarterly Special Issue: Class dynamics of development
Liam Campling, Satoshi Miyamura, Jonathan Pattenden & Benjamin Selwyn (Taylor & Francis, August 2016)



Sustainable Energy for All
David Ockwell & Rob Byrne. (Routledge, 2016)



The Globalization and Environment Reader
Peter Newell and Timmons Roberts (Eds) (Wiley-Blackwell, 2016)



Financialisation: a primer

Authors: Frances Thomson and Sahil Dutta
Transnational Institute
(TNI, 2016)

Publications: Journal articles & Book chapters

Baker, Lucy (2016) in 'Handbook on Sustainability Transition and Sustainable Peace' Editors: Brauch, H.G., Oswald Spring, Ú., Grin, J., Scheffran, J. (Eds.). ***Hexagon Series on Human and Environmental Security and Peace*** <http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319438825#aboutAuthors>

Campling, Liam, Miyamura, Satoshi, Pattenden, Jonathan & Selwyn, Benjamin (2016). '***Class dynamics of development: a methodological note***', Third World Quarterly, 37:10, 1745-1767, DOI: 10.1080/01436597.2016.1200440

Coleman, Lara Montesinos and Rosenow, Doerthe (2016) '***Security (studies) and the limits of critique: Why we should think through struggle***'. Critical Studies on Security. ISSN 2162-4887

Fishwick, A. and Selwyn, B. (2016) '***Labour-Centred Development in Latin America: Two cases of alternative development***'. Geoforum, 74, pp. 233-243

Gray, Kevin and Gills, Barry K (2016) '***South-South cooperation and the rise of the Global South***'. Third World Quarterly, 37 (4). pp. 557-574. ISSN 0143-6597

Hannah, Erin and Wilkinson, Rorden (2016) '***Zombies and IR: a critical reading***'. Politics, 36 (1). pp. 5-18. ISSN 1467-9256

Knafo, Samuel (2016) '***Bourdieu and the dead end of reflexivity: on the impossible task of locating the subject***'. Review of International Studies, 42 (1). pp. 25-47. ISSN 0260-2105

Lee, Jong-Woon and Gray, Kevin (2016) '***Neo-colonialism in south-south relations?: The case of China and North Korea***'. Development and Change, 47 (2). pp. 293-316. ISSN 0012-155X

Newell, P. and J. Phillips (2016) '***Neoliberal energy transitions in the South: Kenyan experiences***'. Geoforum 74: 39-48.

Roemer-Mahler, Anne and Elbe, Stefan (2016) '***The race for Ebola drugs: pharmaceuticals, security and global health governance***'. Third World Quarterly, 37 (3). pp. 487-506. ISSN 0143-6597

Selwyn, Benjamin (2016) '***Global value chains and human development: a class-relational framework***', Third World Quarterly, 37:10, 1768-1786, DOI: 10.1080/01436597.2016.1156484

Wilkinson, Rorden, Hannah, Erin and Scott, James (2016) '***The WTO in Nairobi: the demise of the Doha Development Agenda and the future of the multilateral trading system***'. Global Policy, 7 (2). pp. 247-255. ISSN 1758-5880

Blogs & Op-Eds

Andreas Antoniadis - **'From austerity to indebtedness and back'**

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/uk/austerity-media/andreas-antoniades/from-austerity-to-indebtedness-and-back>

Felipe Antunes de Oliveira - **'Why Brazil's economic rollercoaster is far from over'**

<https://theconversation.com/why-brazils-economic-rollercoaster-is-far-from-over-57372>

Benjamin Selwyn:

'Rethinking recovery: poverty chains and global capitalism'

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/beyondslavery/benjamin-selwyn/rethinking-recovery-poverty-chains-and-global-capitalism>

'Promoting decent work in supply chains?' An interview with Benjamin Selwyn. <https://www.opendemocracy.net/beyondslavery/ilc/benjamin-selwyn/promoting-decent-work-in-supply-chains-interview-with-benjamin-selwyn>

Ibidapo Olufemi Oyewole - **'Will Brexit put a damper on the uk's global generosity?'**

<http://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2016/07/01/484309722/will-brexit-put-a-damper-on-the-u-k-s-global-generosity>

Blog 1: **What's worth reading:** What to read and what to avoid in and around critical political economy. Written by Paul Cammack.

Blog 2: **Culture and Capitalism:** A Sussex Anthropology blog. It was created by students and faculty of the MA in the Social Anthropology of the Global Economy (SAGE).

Working Papers

Samuel Appleton - **'The problem with 'embedded liberalism': the World Bank and the myth of Bretton Woods'**

Working paper No 11

<https://www.sussex.ac.uk/webteam/gateway/file.php?name=appleton-problem-with-embedded-liberalism-with-imprint.pdf&site=359>

Benjamin Selwyn - **'Global Value Chains or Global Poverty Chains? A new research agenda'**

Working paper No 10

<https://www.sussex.ac.uk/webteam/gateway/file.php?name=selwyn-global-chains-2016-w-imprint.pdf&site=359>

Benjamin Selwyn - **'Beyond Elitism: The Possibilities of Labour-Centred Development'**

Working paper No 9

<https://www.sussex.ac.uk/webteam/gateway/file.php?name=selwyn-beyond-elitism-2016-w-imprint.pdf&site=359>

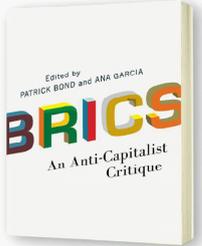
Sandy Brian Hager - **'Global Safe Haven Bonding Foreign and Domestic Owners of the U.S. Public Debt'**

Working paper No 8

<https://www.sussex.ac.uk/webteam/gateway/file.php?name=hager-2015-gsh-circulated-withcover.pdf&site=359>

CGPE Events at Sussex 2015/2016

BOOK LAUNCH



Edited by
PATRICK BOND and ANA GARCIA
BRICS
An Anti-Capitalist
Critique

Speaker: Patrick Bond

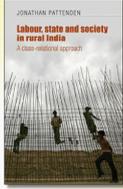
Tuesday 3rd November
4-6pm Chichester 3 3R143

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SUSSEX ASIA CENTRE &
THE CENTRE FOR GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY PRESENTS

**Labour, state and society
in rural India**

Book Launch



JONATHAN PATTENDEN
**Labour, state and society
in rural India**
A class-relational approach

Speaker:
Dr Jonathan Pattenden
(University of East Anglia)

Discussants:
Geert De Neve (Sussex Asia Centre)
Benjamin Selwyn (CGPE)

Tuesday 3rd May
4-6pm
JUB - G31

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THE CENTRE FOR GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY &
SUSSEX POLITICAL MARKETS RESEARCH GROUP PRESENT:

**Gendered States of
Punishment and Welfare:**
Feminist Political Economy,
Primitive Accumulation and the Law



Adrienne Roberts
(University of Manchester, International Politics)
will be presenting on her forthcoming book

<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/research/adrienne.roberts/>

Friday 6th May
12-2pm
FUL - 214

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IMPERIALISM
Book Launch



John Smith
(Kingston University, London)

Winner of the first Paul A. Baran-
Paul M. Sweezy Memorial Award
for an original monograph con-
cerned with the political economy
of imperialism

http://monthlyreview.org/products/imperialism_in_the_twenty-first_century/

Discussant: Benjamin Selwyn (CGPE)

Friday 15th April
3-5pm
FUL - 201

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The Sussex **Centre for Global Political Economy** was established in 2000. Its core re- search team consists of members of the Department of International Relations working on different dimensions of Global Political Economy along with other selected faculty members at the University of Sussex from Development, Economics, Geography, Poli- tics, Sociology and Anthropology and doctoral students conducting research in GPE.



The Centre's current work covers a number of themes of central importance to the contemporary global po- litical economy including trade and finance; environment and development; labour, gender and social move- ments.

Our regional expertise includes East Asia, Latin America, Europe, Africa and India and we have partnerships with many research and activist institutions in those regions.

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