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Uppsala Forum Schedule of Events May-June 2021

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Please find below information on events organized or supported by Uppsala Forum on Democracy, Peace and Justice at Uppsala University. [You are kindly invited to attend.](#)

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Uppsala Forum organises a workshop series, in collaboration with the [Unit for Professional English](#) at the Department of English, for researchers at every level seeking to improve skills in English for academic and professional success, with lecturer [Gregory Garretson](#). The workshop series entitled **Presenting Your Research in Speech and Writing** takes place May 20-31, 2021 and includes hands-on exercises and feedback on your work. Register before **May 1, 2021** by [email](#). Please see the [call for participants](#)



[Uppsala Forum Open Lecture](#)

Rebecca Thorburn Stern Migrant Children: A Rights-Based Perspective

When: May 5, 2021, 18.15 -19.30

Where: Zoom

Link: <https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/61589374686>

Contact: [Daniel Hedlund](#)

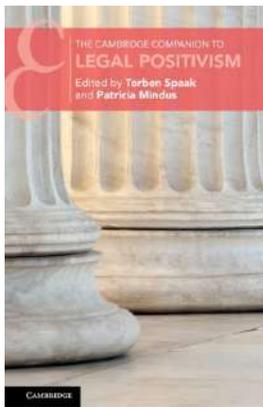
Organisers: Uppsala Forum on Democracy, Peace and Justice & UF - The Association of Foreign Affairs.

A large part of the migrants in the world today are children. The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) establishes a comprehensive catalogue of rights for children, including children on the move. In the context of migration, however, the child-centred perspective of the Convention and its general principles of the best interest of the child and the child's right to be heard may be at risk of being overshadowed of the child's status as a migrant with all that entails of rights limitations and restrictions. In this talk, Rebecca Thorburn

Stern discusses what it means to apply a rights-based perspective on migrant children, children in forced migration in particular, and the consequences this might have, for example, in the assessment of the right to international protection.

About the lecturer: Rebecca Thorburn Stern is Professor of Public International Law at Uppsala University. Her research interests include human rights with a focus on children's rights, asylum and migration law and the relationship between national and international law.

Discussant: Dr. Kavot Zillén is Associate Professor in Public Law at Stockholm University and Deputy Director of the Stockholm Centre for the Rights of the Child.



Book Launch

The Cambridge Companion to Legal Positivism

Editors: Professor Torben Spaak, Stockholm University, and Professor Patricia Mindus, Uppsala University.

When: May 7, 2021, 11.30 -12.30

Where: Zoom

Link: <https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/69640851498>

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Contact: [Patricia Mindus](#)

Organisers: The International Association of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy.

Legal positivism is one of the fundamental theories of law. What does it submit? Why it is relevant? What are its fundamental ideas, its history and major theorists? How does it relate to justice and ethics? The editors present the thirty-three chapters composing the volume and discuss the current developments and influence of legal positivism, as well as on criticisms moved against it.



Uppsala Forum Open Lecture

Ralph Sundberg



The Unknown Success of Peacekeeping – But Why Does it Work?

When: May 12, 2021, 18.15 -19.30

Where: Zoom

Link: <https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/69920665325>

Contact: [Daniel Hedlund](#)

Organisers: Uppsala Forum on Democracy, Peace and Justice & UF - The Association of Foreign Affairs.

Despite what many may believe the track record for peacekeeping is one of success. The missions deployed by the international community to stop armed conflict, uphold ceasefires, and attempt to rebuild states are – on average – successful in their undertakings. Despite this impressive track record we have very little knowledge about why this is the case: what mechanisms and activities convert the presence of boots on the ground into outcomes such as less civilians being targeted and less battles taking place between belligerents. In this lecture Sundberg reviews the “unknown” success of UN peacekeeping missions and presents where current research stands on what peacekeepers do and why it works.

About the lecturer: Ralph Sundberg (Ph.D. 2015) is an associate professor at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University. He specializes in political and military psychology, as well as peacekeeping. His work has been published in journals such as the Journal of Peace Research, the Journal of Politics, the Journal of Personality, and Military Psychology.

Discussant: Pontus Winther, Doctor in International Law and Researcher at the Swedish Defence Research Agency.



[Scholars at Risk \(SAR\) Speaker Series](#)

Leila Papoli-Yazdi

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When: May 17, 2021, 15.15 -17.00

Where: Zoom

Link: [Webinar link here](#)

Contact: [Daniel Hedlund](#)

Organisers: Uppsala Forum on Democracy, Peace and Justice, UU Division for Internationalisation, and Vivian G. Prins Scholars at Risk Speaker Series.

Leila Papoli-Yazdi is a visiting scholar at the Department of Cultural Sciences, Linneaus University. She is an archaeologist of the recent past. Since 2003, she concentrated on the disaster archaeology of Bam, a city destroyed dramatically by an earthquake. Afterward, she directed several projects in Pakistan, Kuwait, and Iran. The main themes of her researches are oppression, gender, colonialism, and violence. Her works on political oppositions and nationalism from an archaeological viewpoint can be cited as pioneer works in Iran. Her last book is *The Politics of the Past: The Representation of the Ancient Empires by Iran's the Modern States* co-authored with Maryam Dezhankhooy.

She lost her job as a professor of archaeology in 2012 and was the target of political pressure in Iran for over a decade. Subsequently, she applied to [SAR](#) and is working as a [SAR](#) scholar in Sweden since 2019.

The Vivian G. Prins Scholars at Risk (SAR) Speaker Series provide academic institutions with the opportunity of inviting scholars to their environments and learning first-hand about the threats against to academic freedom, the experiences of scholars subjected to academic oppression, as well as to know more about their research activity. SAR scholars represent diversity both in relation to their country- specific backgrounds and their scholarly interests.

[Read more about SAR here.](#)



Uppsala Forum Open Lecture

Annalisa Pelizza **Processing Alterity, Enacting Europe**

When: May 20, 2021, 15.15 -17.00

Where: Zoom

Link: <https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/62548817325>

Contact: [Daniel Hedlund](#)

Organisers: Uppsala Forum on Democracy, Peace and Justice, CIRCUS Research Network on Migration, and the Higher Seminar in Philosophy of Law.

This lecture draws on a ten-year long research line on the morphology of government institutions and data infrastructures and focuses on the data-aided management of third country nationals to follow the construction of the European order. It introduces the concept of “alterity processing” to account for the simultaneous enactment of individual “Others” and emergent European orders in the context of informational migration management.

About the lecturer: Annalisa Pelizza is Professor of Science and Technology Studies at the University of Bologna. Before that, she was Associate Professor at the Science, Technology and Policy Studies department of the University of Twente, where she is now Visiting Professor. Her research focuses on how governance *by* data infrastructures shapes modern institutions. By studying how information systems entail broader but unnoticed transformations in the modern order of authority, which are buried in technical minutiae, Prof. Pelizza’s work brings tools proper to STS analyses to investigate macro political developments.

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A Digital Symposium

Making sense of the 2020 U.S. Election: Political and Cultural Consequences

When: May 21, 2021, 15.00 -17.00

Where: Zoom

Contact: [Dag Blanck](#)

Organisers: The Swedish Institute for North American Studies (SINAS), the Swedish Association for American Studies (SAAS) and Uppsala Forum on Democracy, Peace and Justice.

The symposium consists of an on-line discussion between and with three prominent scholars, who from their different disciplinary perspectives will place the 2020 election in a larger context. Formal presentations by the participants

will be available for symposium participants from May 14, 2012.

Speakers and topics include:

Steven Schier, Professor of Political Science, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota: "Piercing the Fog: Perspectives on the 2020 US Elections"

Gunlög Fur, Professor of History, Linnaeus University, Växjö: "Falling Apart Since 1607"

Frida Beckman, Professor of Comparative Literature, Stockholm University: "The Steal: Paranoia and the Repossession of White Male Agency"



Uppsala Forum Guest Lecture

Aili M. Tripp
Seeking Legitimacy: Why Arab Autocracies Adopt Women's Rights

When: May 26, 2021, 18.15 -20.00

Where: Zoom

Link: <https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/68683827354>

Contact: [Daniel Hedlund](#)

Organisers: Uppsala Forum on Democracy, Peace and

Justice.

The talk is based on Aili Tripp's recent book, *Seeking Legitimacy: Why Arab Autocracies Adopt Women's Rights* (Cambridge University Press, 2019) in which she explains why autocratic leaders in Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria embraced more extensive legal reforms of women's rights than their Middle Eastern counterparts.

About the lecturer: Aili Mari Tripp is Wangari Maathai Professor of Political Science and Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her research has focused on women and politics in Africa (including North Africa), women's movements in Africa, transnational feminism, authoritarianism in African politics, and on the informal economy in Africa. She is author of several award-winning books. Her most recent book is a comparative study of women's rights and legal reform in North Africa: *Seeking Legitimacy: Why Arab Autocracies Adopt Women's Rights* (Cambridge University Press, 2019).

Discussant: Dr. Cecilia Josefsson, Researcher in Political Science, Department of Government, Uppsala University.



Uppsala Forum Open Lecture

Christina Kullberg **Racisms before Race? Early Modern French Travel Writing to the Caribbean**

When: June 2, 2021, 10.15 -12.00

Where: Zoom

Link: <https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/63855852770>

Contact: [Daniel Hedlund](#)

Organisers: Uppsala Forum on Democracy, Peace and Justice.

Spurred by the Black Lives Matter movement in the United States, people of color in France have forcefully questioned the narrative of France's national history for being one-dimensional, hiding the dark sides of the colonial legacy that built the republic. Most famously, the statue of Colbert, the minister of finances under Louis XIV, that stands outside the National Assembly in Paris was tagged with the words *Nérophobie d'état* (State negrophobia) in red. Colbert prepared the French slave laws. Looking at travel writing from the French settlements in the Caribbean from 1625 to 1671, this talk explores how enslaved people were represented in texts before the institutionalization of slavery in order to trace the emergence of modern forms of racisms.

About the lecturer: Christina Kullberg (Ph.D. New York University 2009; Fil.Dr. Uppsala University 2006) is professor of French literatures at the Department of Modern Languages, specialized in contemporary Caribbean, world literatures, and early modern travel writing.

Discussant: Dr. Irmy Schweiger, Professor of Chinese language and culture at Stockholm University



Uppsala Forum Open Lecture

Mathilde Emeriau



Learning to be Unbiased: Evidence from the French Asylum Office

When: June 3, 2021, 15.15 -17.00

Where: Zoom

Link: <https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/61742780976>

Contact: [Daniel Hedlund](#)

Organisers: Uppsala Forum on Democracy, Peace and Justice, the CIRCUS Research Network on Migration, and the Higher Seminar in Philosophy of Law.

Mathilde Emeriau is Assistant Professor in the Department of Government at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Her research centers on discrimination and immigrant integration, with a focus on France. She graduated from Stanford University in June 2019 with a Ph.D. in Political Science. Before attending Stanford, Emeriau completed a M.A in Economics at the Paris School of Economics and worked on evaluations of health and cash transfer interventions with Innovations for Poverty Action in Cameroon, Uganda and Liberia.

News about Uppsala Forum

Recenty uploaded recordings from events

April 26. [MSCA Mock Assessment Workshop, Day 1 \(Introduction\)](#).

April 14. Uppsala Forum Open Lecture by Karin Kvist Geverts:

[Sweden and the Holocaust: Challenges and Possibilities for Holocaust Research Today](#).

March 17. Uppsala Forum Guest lecture by Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser: [Riding the Populist Wave: Europe's Mainstream Right in Crisis](#).

Staff news

Uppsala Forum would like to take this opportunity to thank [Daniel Hedlund](#) (post doc in Migration Law at the Faculty of Law) for his excellent service to Uppsala Forum during this term as a research assistant in replacement of Mattias Vesterlund, scheduled to be back in June

[Membership Call: The PhD Student Forum](#)

Uppsala Forum has a platform for PhD students. The PhD Student Forum aims to organize events that have a multi-disciplinary approach, in order to strengthen collaboration between young researchers in the Uppsala Forum environment. The ultimate goal is to foster cooperation on projects of an interdisciplinary nature. The PhD Student Forum is also an opportunity to initiate activities of interest to doctoral students, such as organising workshops and inviting speakers. The PhD Student forum organises an annual conference on a topic of relevance to the participating members. All doctoral students at the Uppsala Forum units, the Faculty of Social Sciences, the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Arts, and the Faculty of Languages, are most welcome to participate in the activities of the PhD Student Forum. If you are interested in participating in the PhD Student Forum or in the planning of the next conference, please contact [Elena Prats](#).

Next Call for Applications: Deadline October 31

Uppsala Forum offers the opportunity to apply for funding for visiting fellows, seminars, workshops, and research applications.

For more information, please visit the [Uppsala Forum Website](#).

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Curious about Uppsala PhD Student Forum? [Watch a short video here](#)

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