



## Global Studies: critical and interdisciplinary perspectives

**Conference of the U4 Cluster Social Sciences, Economics & Law  
Ghent University, 26 & 27 June 2014**

Global Studies is an inherently transnational and interdisciplinary field of research, which tends to be postcolonial and critical, and has a distinctive historical and ethical dimension (Juergensmeyer, 2011). With this conference the Ghent Centre for Global Studies aims to capture this contemporary research agenda by focusing on three key tasks: Governing the Global, Localising the Global and Decolonising the Global. Addressing these themes requires both critical and interdisciplinary perspectives. Doing critical Global Studies entails a highly reflexive approach, scrutinising established concepts and theories, which reflect our European history and place in the world, our different national and disciplinary traditions. Crossing these boundaries, so as to “unthink” the Social Sciences (Wallerstein, 1991) or “indiscipline” Global Studies (Taylor, 2013), remains a fundamental challenge. With the multidisciplinary panels, addressing one or more of the above-mentioned three tasks, we wish to stimulate such an interdisciplinary dialogue.

### **Keynote lecture by Kees van der Pijl “The Discipline of Western Supremacy”**

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## General programme

Venue: Het Pand, Onderbergen 1, 9000 Gent

### ***Thursday 26 June***

12.00	Welcome and registration
13.00	Opening address
13.30-15.30	3 parallel sessions
15.30-16.00	Coffee break
16.00-17.00	Keynote lecture by Professor Kees Van der Pijl
17.00	Reception at Het Pand

### ***Friday 27 June***

9.00-10.30	2 parallel sessions
10.30-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-12.30	2 parallel sessions
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	2 parallel sessions
15.00-15.30	coffee break
15.30-17.00	2 parallel sessions
17.00-17.30	Closing address
18.00-19.00	Business meeting U4 cluster social sciences, economics and law
19.30	Conference diner at Brasserie HA'

## Detailed programme

### Thursday 26 June

- 12.30 Welcome and registration – *main entrance hall Het Pand*
- 13.00 Opening address by Ruddy Doom, Professor emeritus of Conflict and Development Studies and pioneer of Global Studies at Ghent University – *Room: Rector Vermeylen (2nd floor)*
- 13.30-15.30 3 parallel sessions:

#### **Panel 1 – Governing the Global: Ethical and Political Contributions on Sustainable Development** – *Room: Rector Vermeylen (2nd floor)*

Chair and discussant: Joris Kocken (RUGroningen)

Paper 1: Joren Verschaeve (UGent) – Towards a new forum for global aid negotiations? A comparative analysis of the OECD's Development Assistance Committee and the UN's Development Cooperation Forum

Paper 2: Ronald Holzhaecker (RUGroningen) – Exploring good governance and sustainable society in middle-income developing countries: the case of Indonesia and the SinGA Research Program at RUG

Paper 3: Gaston Meskens (UGent) – Are there workable worldviews for global governance?

Paper 4: Dries Lesage (UGent) – The United Nations' sustainable development goals meet global capitalism. Critical analysis with a focus on energy

#### **Panel 2 – Globalisation and the politics of the local: community, culture and indigeneity** – *Room: Priorzaal (1st floor)*

Chair and discussant: Nadine Voelkner (RUGroningen)

Paper 1: Pieter Boele van Hensbroek (RUGroningen) – Cultural resources and obstacles for democracy and citizenship: Indian and Korean Cases

Paper 2: Deborah Delgado Pugley (UCL & ESSHC) – Indigenous peoples' organizations in the global environmental change governance regimes

Paper 3: Romina Zago (UGent) – Citizen participation within the globalized postmodern society: the case of LEADER program into Community-led local development

Paper 4: David Shim (RUGroningen) – Between the international and the everyday: Exploring the geopolitics of home

**Panel 3 – Gendering the global: decolonizing gender ideologies and global feminisms in the MENA region – Room: Oude infirmerie (2nd floor)**

Chair and discussant: Sigrid Vertommen (UGent)

Paper 1: Loes Debuysere (UGent) – Global feminism and the post-revolutionary women’s movement in Tunisia

Paper 2: An Van Raemdonck (UGent) – The Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt: decolonizing rhetoric and conservative gender roles

Paper 3: Hania Sholkamy (American University in Cairo) – Can 'development' change the gender discourses of the state?

15.30-16.00            Coffee break – *Novicengang (1st floor)*

16.00-17.00            **Keynote lecture by Kees van der Pijl**  
– Room: *Rector Vermeyen (2nd floor)*

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17.00-19.00            Reception at Het Pand – *Novicengang (1st floor)*

## **Friday 27 June**

9.00-10.30

2 parallel sessions:

**Panel 4 – Climate Action and Environmental Governance – Room: Rector Vermeylen (2nd floor)**

Chair and discussant: Bernard Mazijn (UGent)

Paper 1: Jo Dirix, Wouter Peeters (VUB) & Sigrid Sterckx (UGent) – Diversified Climate Action

Paper 2: Lukas Giessen (Göttingen) – Transnational policy sectors as a determinant of international forest governance. EU policies to counter illegal logging (FLEGT), REDD+ implementation in Indonesia and the pan-European forest regimes as cases.

Paper 3: Nicky Broeckhoven (UGent) – Gender and Desertification: What role for international law and policy?

**Panel 5 – Global assemblages and state power – Room: Rector Gillis (2nd floor, through library)**

Chair and discussant: Jeroen Adam (UGent)

Paper 1: Nadine Voelkner (RUGroningen) – Tracing Health Security Assemblages: Capturing the materialization of the global

Paper 2: Lan Katharina Schippers (Queen Mary, London) – Trade for Development: EU trade governance as an example of state building intervention in Laos and Vietnam

Paper 3: Christopher Parker (UGent) – Effecting the State Through its Others: Tracing the Whereabouts of Power in a Free Zone (Aqaba, Jordan)

10.30-11.00

Coffee break – *Novicengang (1st floor)*

11.00-12.30

2 parallel sessions:

**Panel 6 – Regulating Global Markets: Ethical, Legal and Political Perspectives – Room: Rector Vermeylen (2nd floor)**

Chair and discussant: Frank Caestecker (UGent)

Paper 1: Lisa Diependaele (UGent) – Constitutionalizing intellectual property

Paper 2: Anna Simonova (Uppsala) – Governing the global: market regulation

Paper 3: Hang Yuan (UGent) – BRICS in global social governance: rule taker, shaker or maker?

**Panel 7 – Conflicted sovereignties? Foreign policy, peacekeeping and international law –**  
*Room: Rector Gillis (2nd floor, through library)*

Chair and discussant: Dries Lesage (UGent)

Paper 1: Jaap de Wilde (RUGroningen) – Small State Sovereignty: Anachronistic folklore with a dynamic future?

Paper 2: Tim Haesebrouck (UGent) – Collective action, democratic peace or both? A fuzzy set analysis of burden sharing during the 2006 reinforcement of the United Nations Interim Force In Lebanon.

Paper 3: Justine Jones (RUGroningen) – Deterrence in on-going conflicts: common or competing discourses in International Criminal Law

12.30-13.30                      Lunch – *Novicengang (1st floor)*

13.30-15.00                    2 parallel sessions:

**Panel 8 – Globalisation, law and democracy –** *Room: Rector Vermeylen (2nd floor)*

Chair and discussant: Pieter Boele van Hensbroek (RUGroningen)

Paper 1: Cécile Vandewoude (UGent) – The meaning of democracy in international law: an empirical study

Paper 2: Mashele Rapatsa (RUGroningen) – South Africa's Transformative Constitutionalism: A reflection of 20 years democracy

Paper 3: Sami Zemni (UGent) – Reconstituting the political: The making of Tunisia's post-revolutionary constitution

**Panel 9 – Critical perspectives on world-making: militaries, markets and the politics of intervention –** *Room: Rector Gillis (2nd floor, through library)*

Chair and discussant: Baz Lecocq (UGent)

Paper 1: Joris Kocken (RUGroningen) – Constructing interventionism

Paper 2: Martin Ottovay Jorgenson (UGent) – Decolonising the knowledge production on the military aspects of global governance

Paper 3: Mohammadbagher Forough (RUGroningen) – Transnational public spaces: decolonizing political spaces

15.00-15.30                    Coffee break

15.30-17.00            2 parallel sessions:

**Panel 10 – Governing outer space – Room: Rector Vermeylen (2nd floor)**

Chair and discussant: Jaap de Wilde (RUGroningen)

Paper 1: Xavier Li-Wen Liao (UGent) – The integrative dynamics and disintegrative gravity in the development of global space governance

Paper 2: Barry Kellman (DePaul University College of Law) – Environmental governance of outer space

**Panel 11 – Frontiers of Globalisation: land, place and power – Room: Rector Gillis (2nd floor, through library)**

Chair and discussant: Hossein Azadi (UGent)

Paper 1: Dorien Vanden Boer (UGent) – Place-making and power in a global borderland: the case of the Jordan River Peace Park

Paper 2: Hanne Cottyn (UGent) – Keeping enclosure at bay: Liberal land reform and communal land rights in Carangas (Bolivia), 1866-1952.

Paper 3: Boris Verbrugge, Jeroen Cuvelier, Steven Van Bockstael (UGent) – Min(d)ing the land: interrogating the relationship between artisanal and small-scale mining and land tenure in hybrid regulatory environments

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19.30                    Diner at Brasserie HA' (Handelsbeurs), Kouter 29, 9000 Gent