



Peace Research
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Annual Review

2019

1. Foreword

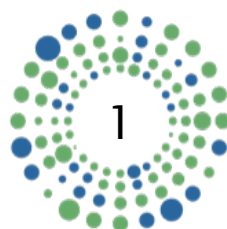
Prof. Dr. Harald Müller

PRCP looks back on a busy and successful second year of life. The numbers speak for themselves and need no further elaboration in this brief introduction.

The publication record is impressive for such a young and modestly sized institution and proves the quality of the research conducted at the center. The grant applications show that members of the Center do not rest on the laurels of in-house funding, but are active and creative in seeking additional funds for our work. We held the first annual conference at the Charles University, presenting work in progress and first results to the interested public.



Among new developments, I want to highlight three achievements: First, PRCP has established working groups across our three research fields non-proliferation, frozen conflicts, and global power change. One such working group, “Frozen Conflicts in World Politics”, connects the field of frozen conflicts with global power changes. The one on “NPT and Global Nuclear Politics” brings together power changes and non-proliferation.

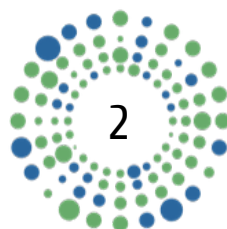


Second, PRCP has reached out to the international research community by leading a project involving prominent international scholars on the “Nuclear Taboo 3.0”, which takes a fresh look at a well-established, but contested theoretical concept on the non-use of nuclear weapons and places it in the context of present power struggles.

Third, PRCP has entered the road of cutting-edge methodological project work. The working group on a “World Information Connectedness Index” opens up a completely new road of utilizing the multitude of data about international communication in order to discover patterns which impact on political structures and relations. The working group “PRCP Experimental Lab” jumps into the growing momentum for applying experimental methods to international politics in order to gain new insights, perspectives and options for practice.

Finally, with the working group on “International Law and Order”, the position of law in PRCP has been consolidated and strengthened. This is important, given the challenges a rule-based order is facing in the light of increasing great power competition, and the central role it plays in the EU’s Common Foreign and Security Policy.

As this brief overview shows, much has happened in PRCP’s work during the last twelve months, and much progress has been made in research, outreach, and organization. And, as reflected in its new membership in the EU Consortium for Disarmament and Non-proliferation and Global Research Network on Peaceful Change, the Center is establishing itself as an important voice in the European and international environment.



2019 IN NUMBERS

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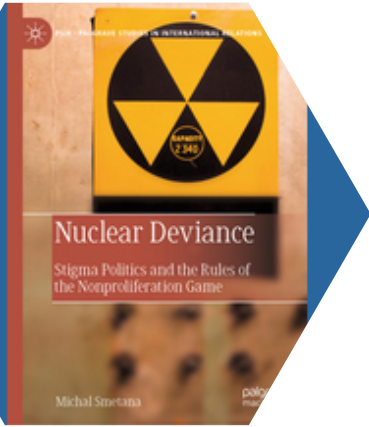
10 WoS

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2. Selected publications



Nuclear Deviance: Stigma Politics and the Rules of the Nonproliferation Game

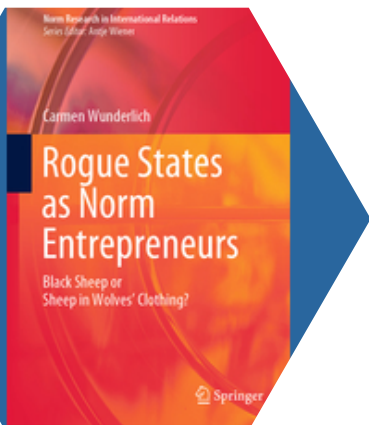
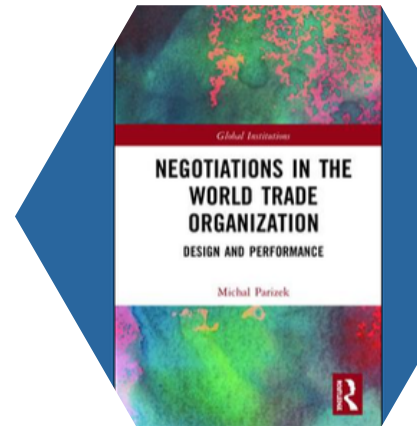
Michal Smetana

Palgrave Studies in International Relations

Negotiations in the World Trade Organization: Design and Performance

Michal Parížek

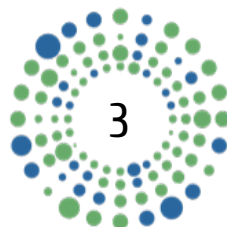
Routledge



Rogue States as Norm Entrepreneurs: Black Sheep or Sheep in Wolves' Clothing?

Carmen Wunderlich

Springer International Publishing



2. Selected publications



Closing the Window of Vulnerability: Nuclear Proliferation and Conventional Retaliation

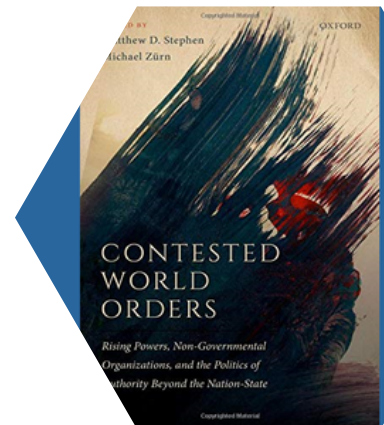
Jan Ludvík

Security Studies

The Contestation of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Regime

Harald Müller and Alexandros Tokhi

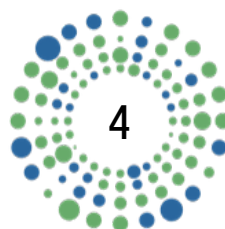
Contested World Orders, Oxford University press



Bringing the outsiders in: an interactionist perspective on deviance and normative change in international politics

Michal Smetana and Michal Onderčo

Cambridge Review of International Affairs



2. Selected publications



Nagorno-Karabakh: obstacles to the resolution of the frozen conflict

Pavλίna Bláhová

Asia Europe Journal

Theorising Indirect Coercion: The Logic of Triangular Strategies

Michal Smetana and Jan Ludvík

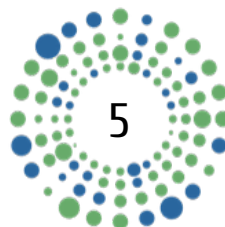
International Relations



Variation in Delegation Size in Multilateral Diplomacy

Michal Onderčo

British Journal of politics and International Relations



THE SPECIAL ISSUE

Special issue in Asia Europe Journal
(indexed in the WoS database)

Edited by Jan Ludvík and Michal
Smetana, PRCP team members

Published in March 2019

CHAPTERS

- 1. Michal Smetana and Jan Ludvík**
- Between War and Peace: A Dynamic Reconceptualization of Frozen Conflicts
- 2. Magdalena Dembińska and Frédéric Mérand** - The Role of International Brokers in Frozen Conflicts: The Case of Transnistria
- 3. Virginie Grzelczyk** - Threading on Thin Ice: Conflict Dynamics on the Korean Peninsula
- 4. Ondřej Ditrych** - Georgia's Frosts: Ethnopolitical Conflict as Assemblage
- 5. Pavlína Blahová** - Nagorno-Karabakh: Obstacles to the Resolution of the Frozen Conflict
- 6. Emil A. Souleimanov, Namig Abbasov, and David S. Široký**
- Frankenstein in Grozny: Vertical and Horizontal Cracks in the Foundation of Kadyrov's Rule
- 7. Valery Perry** - Frozen, Stalled, Stuck, or Just Muddling Through: The post-Dayton Frozen Conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 8. Sumit Ganguly, Michal Smetana, Sannia Abdullah, and Aleš Karmazin**
- India, Pakistan, and the Kashmir Dispute: Unpacking the Dynamics of South Asian Frozen Conflict



3. Policy briefs

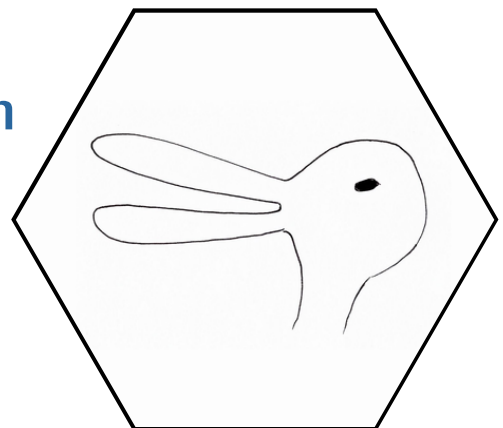


The Global Trade Regime in Crisis

Michal Parížek

On Perspectives on Disinformation

Vojtěch Bahenský



The corporate scramble for Africa and its unintended consequences

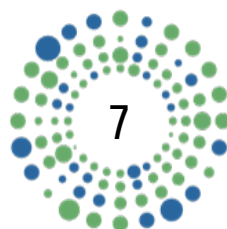
Kamil Klosek

4. Research pillars & working groups

Research agenda of the PRCP revolves around three main research pillars:

- 1 Arms Control, Disarmament, and Non-Proliferation
- 2 Frozen Conflicts
- 3 Power Shifts and World Order

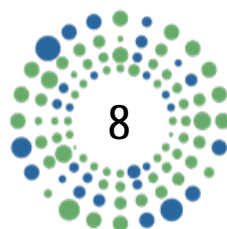
In 2019, we also established several working groups that conduct research within as well as across these three pillars, using new methodological approaches and exploring some intriguing linkages between phenomena of our interest.



4. Research pillars & working groups

The currently established working groups are:

- World Information Interconnectedness Index (WIII)
- PRCP Experimental Lab (PEL)
- Frozen Conflicts in World Politics (FCWP)
- Impact of financial flows on intrastate conflicts (IFFC)
- Power Shifts & World Order (PSWO)
- Nuclear Taboo 3.0 (NT3)
- International Law & Order (ILO)
- Norm Contestation & Dynamics (NCD)
- NPT & Global Nuclear Politics (NGNP)



5. Events

Expanding the Study of the Nuclear Taboo: Cross-National and Multi-Dimensional Perspectives

ISA Catalytic Research Workshop

26. 3. 2019 – Toronto

Peace and War in the Age of Turmoil

Micro Conference with T. V. Paul as a special guest

26. 4. 2019 – Charles University, Prague.



5. Events

Korean Peninsula - Global Implications Of Regional Conflict

Public seminar focused on the Korean Peninsula
20. 11. 2019 – Charles University, Prague



PRCP Research Workshop

Public presentation of individual research projects
18. 12. – Charles University, Prague

6. Research grants & funding activities

European Research Council - Starting Grant

Submitted by Michal Parížek

“International Flows of Political Information - INFLOWS”

Czech Science Foundation Grant

Submitted by Jan Ludvík

“Military Explanations of Nuclear Non-use”

Czech Science Foundation Grant

Submitted by Marek Vranka

“Moral Framing of Foreign Policy Attitudes”

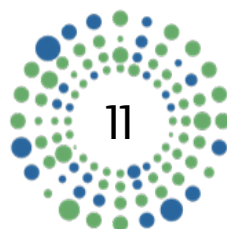
International Studies Association (ISA) Catalytic Research Grant

Awarded to Michal Smetana and Carmen Wunderlich

“Expanding the Study of the Nuclear Taboo: Cross-National and Multi Dimensional Perspectives”

Fulbright-Masaryk Scholarship

Awarded to Michal Smetana



7. Media



Media outreach

Our experts provided educated opinions to Czech media outlets.

Social media

PRCP communicated its activities through channels reflective to the 21st century.



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The baseline of the PRCP public outreach comes from the professionally made and regularly updated website.

8. International membership

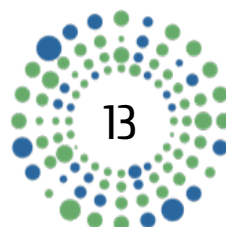


EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium

- a network bringing together foreign policy institutions and research centres from across the EU to encourage political and security-related dialogue and the long-term discussion of measures to combat the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and their delivery systems.

Global Research Network on Peaceful Change

- new platform of scholars and institutions worldwide to form new initiatives, connect scholars and publish existing projects.



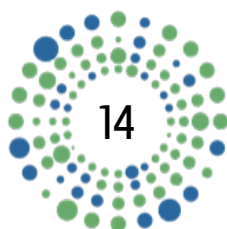
9. Other highlights

A New Dataset of Frozen Conflicts in World Politics

Our researchers finalized their work on the first comprehensive data set of frozen conflicts in world politics between 1946 and 2011. The dataset will be presented in a cross-sectional format compatible with the Correlates of War and the Uppsala Conflict Data Program that can be used by other researchers in peace and conflict studies to provide us with new insights into the dynamics of frozen conflicts. An article describing elaborating on the process of dataset construction is currently under review.

Collaborative Network on Nuclear Taboo 3.0

PRCP took the lead in establishing an international collaborative network that aims at advancing research into one of the major puzzles in our field: the non-use of nuclear weapons since 1945. At this point, we work closely on this project with researchers from Stanford University, Brown University, Monash University, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, and a number of other notable institutions. The first meeting of this network took place in March 2019 in Toronto, where we laid out plans to work jointly on both special issue and an edited book on this subject.



10. New team members for 2020



Tomáš Bruner

New junior researcher with focus on international law.



Barbara Dufková

New Ph.D. student with focus on international law and its application in Southeast Asia.

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Jan Hornát

New junior researcher with focus on power shifts in world order.

Irena Kalhousová

New junior researcher with focus on Israel and the Middle East.



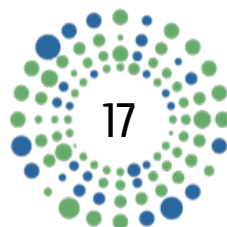
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Tomáš Weiss

New senior researcher with focus on EU's foreign affairs and security policy.

Tomáš will be also responsible for development of a new PRCP junior mentorship program.



PRCP team in 2020

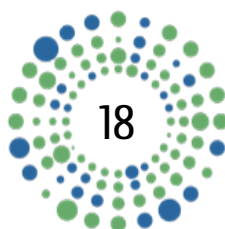
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- ◆ **Michal Smetana** (PRCP Coordinator
& Postdoctoral Research Fellow)

- ◆ **Tomáš Weiss** (Senior Researcher
& Head of the Mentorship Program)
- ◆ **Michal Tomášek** (Senior Researcher)

- ◆ **Michal Parízek** (Postdoctoral Research Fellow)
- ◆ **Jan Ludvík** (Postdoctoral Research Fellow)
- ◆ **Kamil Klosek** (Postdoctoral Research Fellow)
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