

„The dynamics of normative orders“

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Panel: Global Governance as Public Authority: Opposition and Normative Change

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Call for Papers

With the turn to a system of post-national governance, global norms and institutions have not only increased in number and scope but have equally begun to interfere ever stronger with national societies and their respective orders. At the same time, the power-balance underlying the global political order has come into motion, foreshadowing the turn to multi-polar system to come. With these twin developments, projections of the nature of the global political order have been pluralized and new conflicts have begun to emerge. The legitimacy of global norms, institutions, or even the global political order as a whole is questioned by a diverse group of actors from within and outside the OECD-world. However, while opposition is clearly on the rise, systematic analysis of opposition in and to global governance so far hardly exists.

The panel aims to shed light on this process and investigate the various forms of critique that have been emerging against global governance: What is the content of their normative claims? Can one also consider that the rise on contestation reflects a more profound change in the system of global governance; perhaps into one of rule and public authority (*Herrschaftssystem*)? Moreover, we should be attentive to the fact that the new forms of global governance often escape the formal settings in which to voice opposition (such as the mushrooming or public-private partnerships and purely private forms of regulations) or purport to work through consensual procedures that rule out opposition as obstructive (such as forms of consultation or deliberative forums often do). Another important question to consider is then what kind of space can empower opposition in a system of dispersed centers of authority? Global governance has already made some attempts to accommodate critique and one can see that the result of these processes profoundly differ from the ways opposition is dealt with in domestic settings. The panel thus also invites papers that engage with modern democratic theory in order to illuminate the challenges ahead and suggest more suitable ways to consider how opposition should be institutionalized in such a scenario of fragmented and asymmetrical relations of power and authority.

Contributions' abstracts should have between 250 and 400 words outlining the aims and scope of your paper, and be sent to Mariana.Pereira@normativeorders.net by **21st of August 2011**.