

*„The dynamics of normative orders“*

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Panel: New Liberalism and International Relations

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Call for Papers

Liberalism can be conceived as ideology that is constituted by interrelated concepts. These can be decontested, interpreted or framed in particular fashions in order to exclude dismissed understandings and put forward novel ones. The perspective is especially open to (normative) motions within Liberalism. At the beginning of the 20th century, British liberals as L.T. Hobhouse and J.A. Hobson and similar minded socialists as Harold Laski and G.D.H. Cole aimed at rephrasing central concepts of liberalism and blurred the lines between liberalism and different ideologies which appeared as mutually exclusive before. In contrast to their political conceptions in reference to the domestic sphere, the international thought of New Liberals (with possible exception of J.A. Hobson) who are also known as “idealists” in International Relations have not received the same scholarly attention. Therefore, a special focus in the panel should be New Liberals’ views on international relations or (de-)conceptualizations that belong to the international realm. It invites papers that discuss particular ascendancies, moments, authors or rephrasing lines within New Liberalism and their impact on the international thought or contributions that directly access e.g. reform proposals for the international realm.

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