

# F05 WORKSHOP

## “Making Sense of Change”

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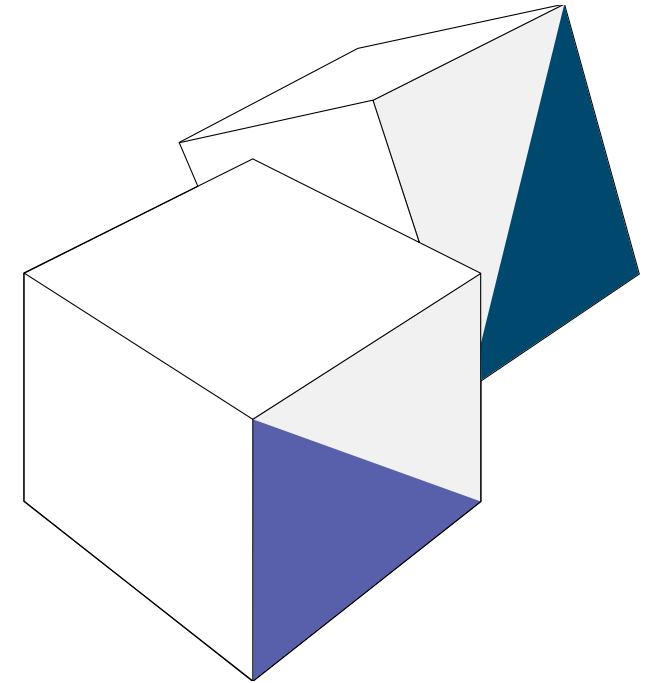
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Tuesday, December 6, 2022	
09:00	<b>Welcome and initial discussion</b>
09:45	Heikki Patomäki, <i>Helsinki</i> : Is change real? Two metaphysical stories about time, causation, and change
10:30	Break
11:00	Mathias Albert, Zoltan Simon, <i>Bielefeld</i> : Historical change in society and nature
11:45	Stefano Guzzini, <i>Copenhagen</i> : Change and explanatory circles in power analysis
12:30	Lunch (Univarza)
14:00	Felix Berenskötter, <i>London</i> : How do collective identities change?
14:45	Hilde van Meegdenburg, <i>München</i> : On change and stability in foreign policy narratives
15:30	Break
15:45	Carola Westermeier, <i>Frankfurt</i> : Fragmentation, innovation, consolidation? Infrastructural change amidst geopolitical tensions
19:00	Dinner (Jivino)

Wednesday, December 7, 2022	
09:15	Ralf Rapior, <i>Bielefeld</i> : The comparison of cultures, the diagnosis of (the absence of) change, and policy-making in world politics
10:00	Break
10:15	Katharina Glaab, <i>Münster</i> : (Un)knowing the future: Technology and change in times of an ecological crisis
11:00	Thomas Müller, Nike Retzmann, <i>Bielefeld</i> : "Global trends": US and EU foresight practices and narratives of a changing world
11:45	Lunch
12:45	Oliver Kessler, <i>Erfurt</i> : Exploring the politics of digital technologies: At the onset of a saddle time 2.0?
13:30	Concluding discussion

During the first funding phase, the project looked into military force comparisons as a specific form of comparing power. The second funding phase expands the research perspective to study shifts in the competition and combination of different forms of comparing power since the 1970s. Drawing on the example of the transatlantic community of states, it addresses the question of how, and to which extent, the development of practices of comparing is shaped by trans- and international communities of practice.

There has been an intensifying debate within the transatlantic community since the 1970s regarding distributions of power across various dimensions, as well as on the significance of these dimensions (such as political, military and economic power). The project assumes that communities of practice develop specific narratives of change - such as on a new, multipolar world economic order, or on the rise and fall of individual states - and that these communities disseminate comparative knowledge and render them politically effective by means of such narratives.

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