

Critical Voices in Swiss International Relations

CALL FOR PAPERS

Background: One peculiarity of Swiss studies in international relations is the relative scarceness of critical research, including, for example, social constructivism, critical theory, feminist theory, historical materialism, post-colonial theory. In April 2008 around 20 junior and distinguished scholars participated in the first workshop on critical voices in Swiss IR organised at the University of Geneva. Both the participants and the organisers shared the view that the creation of such a platform allows young researchers in Swiss Universities who adopt a critical approach to international relations to present their work and receive constructive feedback, and that the initiative should be maintained so as to create a network of critical scholars studying international issues in Switzerland.

Aim: This second workshop aims to pursue this objective by prompting the organisation of such events on a yearly basis. This will reinforce the prospect of bringing together junior and senior scholars exploring from critical approaches a wide range of international issues. This year, the debate on the peculiarity of the Swiss environment with regard to the relative scarceness of critical studies on international issues will be carried on with particular emphasis on the prospects of interdisciplinary research as a core component of most critical perspectives.

Content: The workshop includes two keynote addresses by distinguished scholars, three panel sessions with presenters and discussants, and a round table on interdisciplinary critical thinking about international issues in Switzerland.

Date and venue: **4-5 June 2009**

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Submission of abstracts: We look forward to receive paper proposals from scholars studying international issues of various disciplines (such as anthropology, economics, history, law, sociology and political science) by email in the form of an abstract of no more than 250 words to the following address: SWIRCO@gmail.com

Deadline for paper proposals: **15 January 2009**

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