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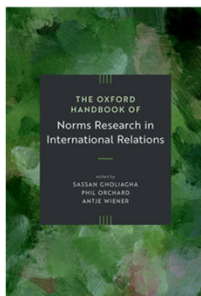
The HPS Seminar Series features international speakers presenting cutting-edge research in all subfields of political science and political economy. For further information about dates and speakers in SuSe 26 please refer to the [HPS³ Website](#).

We welcome on

June 3, 2026 17:15-18:45 CET in Phil E - Von-Melle-Park 6

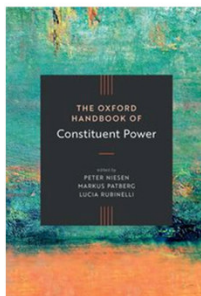
[Anthony Lang](#) (Professor of International Political Theory, School of International Relations, University of St Andrews, Scotland) as critical discussant in the presentation of two new Oxford Handbooks by members of the Faculty:

The Oxford Handbook of Norms Research in International Relations, edited by Sassan Gholiagha, Phil Orchard, and Antje Wiener, OUP 2025



Norms research has become a widely recognised subfield in International Relations (IR). Its toolbox of concepts, approaches, and methods have often resulted from debates representing distinct perspectives on how norms matter for IR as a field and for global IR more generally. Three groups of enduring questions guide norms research. The first focuses on processes of norm emergence, change, or disappearance, as well as contestation, violation, diffusion, or replacement; the second on degrees of agency at distinct sites and scales of global order; and, third, the embeddedness or interaction of norms with other pre-existing norms and structures, such as the prevailing rules of engagement with normative meaning-in-use. The Handbook provides an overview of norms research in IR. It provides a comprehensive overview of the toolbox that has developed during this time, mapping the field's development based on key conceptual milestones, notable theoretical moves, and developments with regard to the field's contribution to social science theory development, on the one hand, and politics and policymaking in world politics, on the other.

The Oxford Handbook of Constituent Power, edited by Peter Niesen, Markus Patberg, and Lucia Rubinelli, OUP 2026



This volume examines a key notion in political and constitutional theory. Constituent power denotes the capacity and authority to make (democratic) constitutions. The concept plays a key role both in real-world processes of constitution-making and constitutional transformation and in their scholarly analyses. The handbook brings together leading scholars across political theory, philosophy, intellectual history, and law to explore the political, constitutional, and normative relevance of the concept of constituent power. Covering its origins and history in Western and non-Western political thought and leading up to present authors, the volume investigates its conceptual neighbourhood, its applications to different types of polities (both intra-state and supra-state), its agents and practices of exercise, and its recent developments.

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We invite everyone interested to attend!