

From Mechanics to Domesticity - Metaphors in International Political thought

Section: International Political Theory

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Abstract:

International systems as balancing machines, Europe as a family of states, Brexit as a long drawn-out divorce - which heuristic value and which political focus do such metaphors and imageries convey? The panel will explore the role of metaphors for international dynamics from a historical-comparative point of view.

Papers on all periods of international political thought, but particularly on the 19th-21st centuries, are invited. The panel particularly welcomes contributions on metaphors as heuristic strategies towards international conceptual problems, i.e. on examples in which metaphorical language and imagery are used to make sense of the complications, ambiguities and grey areas of international politics.

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