

# **Visions of Global Order: Peace, Law and Security after World War I**

**RSE Research Network – Christian J. Tams & Peter Jackson**

**First Network Workshop: 8-9 November 2018**

## **Tentative programme**

### **Thursday, 8 November 2018**

20.00 **Welcome dinner**

**Rossini, 39-41 Hyndland St, Glasgow G11 5QF**

### **Friday, 9 November 2018 – Workshop**

**Venue: Room 207, No.10 The Square (Main Campus)**

09.00 **Opening Remarks**

09.15 **Session 1: ‘A better world through international law’? The role(s) of international law in conceptions of a peaceful post-war order.**

– Coffee break –

11.00 **Session 2: ‘Born for the second time’? The Paris Peace Conference and its impact on international law.**

– Lunch break –

13.30 **Session 3: The possibilities of Interdisciplinary dialogue between International Law, IR and International History.**

15.00 **Concluding discussion**

16.00 **End of workshop**

**Annex: Potential questions for discussion**  
**(selective, non-exhaustive, not meant to limit anyone...)**

**Session 1: 'A better world through international law'? The role(s) of international law in the post-war order**

What significance was ascribed to international law in debates within the official or public spheres during the Paris Peace Conference?

How important was international law to the post-WWI settlement? Was its role different to earlier settlements?

Which actors tended to invoke international law? What were their motives for doing so? Were post-war debates about international law and global order any different from earlier debates?

Did the post-war order "overestimate" international law (Kunz), or did the League mark a "retreat" from it?

To what extent was international law fundamental to the post-war order? To what extent was it a convenient label to 'sell' decision reached for other reasons during the Peace Conference?

Did international law gain a new significance in the practice of international relations after 1919?

**Session 2: 'Born for the second time'? The Paris Peace Conference and its impact on international law**

Did '1918/1919/Paris' mark a turning point for international law? Was the international law of the post-war order a 'new' one (as Alvarez, Politis, Schücking etc. thought), or was it old wine in new bottles?

With respect to the last question, does our assessment today differ from that of contemporaries?

What elements of international law mattered to the post-war settlement?

What areas of substantive international law were influenced by the Paris Peace Conference? What areas remained unaffected?

What trends in the inter-war development of international law were shaped by debates at Paris?

**Session 3: The possibilities of Interdisciplinary dialogue between International Law, IR and International History**

From what angle do historical, legal and IR scholars look at the Peace Conference? What are their guiding questions?

Have the recent turns ("cultural" and "normative" in history; "historical" in law; "practice" in IR) brought disciplinary perspectives closer together?

What difference does methodology make in shaping disciplinary perspectives on international politics in general, and with respect to peace-making in particular?

What do you expect from research carried out by the other disciplines; in what respect could it enrich your understanding?

What questions do you have for the other disciplines?