

International Conference, Luxembourg-City, 24-25 September 2021

**Why Lilliput is all but one (theoretical) island:  
Knowledge, security & governance of (and in) small states**

Venue: Soeurs Franciscaines (Hotel and Conference Room; Parking garage available, Bus stop:  
“Franciscaines” [lines 5 and 6](#))

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**Programme**

Friday, 24 September 2021 – Salle Claire

9.00 Covid-Check

9.30 Welcome (Dr. Thomas Kolnberger, University of Luxembourg)

9.45 Publication plans

1. Institutional politics? Trans- and international security networks: Participation, representation and cooperation of small states.

10.00 **“Small States Post-2020: knowledge, security & governance “**

Prof. Dr. Timothy Shaw (Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance/ University of Massachusetts Boston)

10.20 **“Joining the 'Western Blob': Of Small States and Big Conferences”**

Dr. Alexander Graef (Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy/ University Hamburg)

10.40 **Open Discussion**

12.00 LUNCH (at venue)

14.00 GUIDED CITY TOUR

2. Whose 'capacities'? Small states' institutional security capacities and limitations: The domestic side of processes, communication, politics and governance.

16.00 **"Between Formal and Informal Politics. Governance and Democracy in Small States"**

Ass. Prof. Dr. Wouter Veenendaal (Institute of Political Science/ Leiden University)

16.20 **"What is a small state security policy? Luxembourg, Singapour & al."**

Thibault Fouillet & Dr. Antony Dabila (Fondation pour la recherche stratégique, Paris & University of Luxembourg // Université de Lyon)

16.40 **"Domestic incentives behind small states' shelter-seeking behavior"**

Prof. Dr. Baldur Thorhalsson (Director of the Centre for Small State Studies/ Faculty of Political Science/ School of Social Science/ University of Iceland)

17.00 **Open Discussion**

19.00 DINER (at venue)

Saturday, 25 September 2021 – Salle Claire

3. Why 'knowledge' matters: Understanding securitization and actors within small states.

10.00 **"Against all odds: Why smallness will introduce a new subject of international law. Securitization, Small Island States and History"**

Karl Hampel (Institute of History/ University of Luxembourg)

10.20 **"The Securitization of "Moro" Raids in the Spanish Colonial Philippines"**

Dr. Eberhard Crailshaim (Instituto de Historia/ Departamento de Estudios Americanos/ Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid)

10.40 **Open Discussion**

12.00 LUNCH (at venue)

14.00 MIX & MINGLE

4. Doomed to 'smallness' or champions of the international? How history shapes and breaks small states' security traditions.

15.00 **“What is a Small State? Answers from Structural and Prototype Theory”**

Prof. Dr. Iver Neumann (Director/ The Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway)

15.20 **“Smallness in Belize: a researcher's travel through Lilliput”**

Dr. Edith Kauffer (CIESAS - Unidad Regional Sureste/ Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social/ Chiapas, México)

15.40 **Open Discussion**

16.30 **Conclusions**

Prof. Dr. Harlan Koff, (University of Luxembourg)

17.30 Conference Closure