

Social Science

Research Colloquium Summer Term 2025

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*Revisiting the political effectiveness
of scapegoating: Evidence from the
International Monetary Fund*



Bernhard Reinsberg is Professor of International Political Economy and Development at the University of Glasgow. He holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Zurich, an MA in Comparative and International Studies from ETH Zurich. His research focuses on the political economy of international organizations, particularly the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He investigates what shapes the behavior of these institutions and the effectiveness of their development interventions. One major strand of his work explores the diverse impacts of IMF policy conditions on state capacity and sociopolitical outcomes.

Another focus is on institutional design, especially the role of trust funds, earmarked contributions from donor countries, as part of the growing trend toward informal and flexible governance beyond traditional intergovernmental organizations. His work primarily employs quantitative methods to analyze the drivers and consequences of these evolving governance mechanisms.

Thursday, June 5

4 - 6 pm in R201

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