New Research on Secrecy in International Relations

April 26, 2019 Workshop
Co-organized by Keren Yarhi-Milo and Austin Carson

The past decade has seen growing scholarly interest in a range of applications of, motives for, and consequences of secrecy in IR. Participants will present working drafts of new research on secrecy-related themes, including but not limited to secret negotiations, private venues for arbitration and dispute resolution, secret alliances, covert operations, and leaks. The workshop will feature a series of sessions discussing individual papers and a final session on larger themes. Each session will include significant time for comments and critiques; attendees are therefore expected to read and comment on other submissions.

This workshop will feature a collection of new work on secrecy in IR. Topics will include trade-offs in conducting statecraft secretly, the loss of secrecy via bureaucratic leaks, forms of covert information warfare, and secrets among allies. The event is intended to showcase and improve innovative research on secrecy themes which represent the next steps in this research program. Depending on interest and thematic unity, the work presented at the event may be the basis for a journal symposium or edited volume proposal. All sessions will be open to Princeton graduate students and faculty.

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Princeton University
Prospect House, Library Room
Washington St, Princeton, NJ 08544s

Arrive and Continental Breakfast: 8:45 to 9:15am

Welcome: 9:15 to 9:30am

Session 1: 9:30 to 10:15am
Presenter: Robert Schub (Nebraska)

Session 2: 10:15 to 11:00am
Presenter: Lindsey O’Rourke (Boston College)

Break: 11:00 to 11:15am

Session 3: 11:15am to 12:00pm
Presenter: Mindy Haas (Princeton) and Keren Yarhi-Milo (Princeton)

Lunch: 12:00 to 1:00pm

Session 3: 1:00 to 1:45pm
Presenters: Andrew Kydd (Wisconsin) and Elizabeth Saunders (Georgetown)

Session 4: 1:45 to 2:30pm
Presenter: Michael Poznansky (Pittsburgh)

Break: 2:30 to 2:45pm

Session 5: 2:45 to 3:45pm
Memo for discussion circulated by Keren Yarhi-Milo (Princeton) and Austin Carson (Chicago), “Secrecy in IR: New Conceptual and Theoretical Directions?”

Closing: 3:45 to 4:00pm