

WCED CONFERENCE

# SOVEREIGNTY UNDER THREAT?



MAY 8-9, 2015  
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## Friday, May 8

### 9:00—Opening Remarks

**Anna Grzymala-Busse** and **Pauline Jones Luong**, University of Michigan

### 9:15-10:45—Rethinking Sovereignty

**Ellen Lust**, Yale University

*The Challenge of Sovereignty: Concrete and Conceptual*

**Daniel Ziblatt**, Harvard University

*The Useful Fiction of “Parliamentary Sovereignty”: The Evolution of an Idea*

**Erik Wibbels**, Duke University

*Asymmetric Sovereignty: Conceptualizing and Measuring Stateness across Territory*

### 11:00-12:30—Fragile Domestic Institutions

**Lucan A. Way**, University of Toronto

*Domestic Sources of Territorial Unity and Separatism in Ukraine*

**Oxana Shevel**, Tufts University

*When is Dual Citizenship a Threat to State Sovereignty? Post-Soviet Region in Comparative Perspective*

**Ariel Ahram**, Virginia Tech University

*Black Spots and the New Enclaves of Sovereignty in the Middle East*

### 1:45-3:15—Populists, Parties, and Elites

**Erin Jenne**, Central European University

*Populist Threats to State Sovereignty*

**Milada A. Vachudova**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*Sovereignty, State Capture, and Party Competition under Postcommunism*

**Graeme Robertson**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*Building Political Identities at the Edge of Europe*

### 3:30-5:00—Who Seeks Independence? Identity and Sovereignty

**Laia Balcells**, Duke University

*The EU Paradox: Regional Independence Movements in Western Europe*

**Wendy Pearlman**, Northwestern University

*Narrative, Fear, and Identity in Syria*

**Harris Mylonas**, George Washington University

*International Competition, Border Fixity, and the Future of Secessionist Movements*

### 5:00—Graduate Student Poster Session and Reception

*Location: Henderson Room*

**Kiran Rose Auerbach**, University of North Carolina

**Trevor Johnston**, University of Michigan

**Katrin Katz**, Northwestern University

**Gregory John Kruczek**, Virginia Tech University

**Natalia Andrea Peral**, Central European University

**Milos Popovic**, Central European University

**Andreas Schadel**, University College London

**Julia Choucair Vizoso**, Yale University

## Saturday, May 9

### 9:30-11:30—International Conflict and Sovereignty

**Paul Staniland**, University of Chicago

*Armed Politics and the State in Post-Colonial Asia*

**Allen Carlson**, Cornell University

*Tibet's Sovereign Prison: Westphalia as an Obstacle to Preserving Self-Determination on the Rooftop of the World*

**Kristin Bakke**, University College London

*From War to What? The Legacies of Wartime Violence on Postwar Order in de facto States*

### 11:30-11:45—Closing Remarks