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Global Risk Governance

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The workshop brings together leading experts from sociology, international relations, law, and communications science to discuss new challenges for transnational preventive governance. By focussing on a peculiar type of transnational regulatory problems, so-called *global risks*, the workshop combines two theoretical perspectives: the sociological theory of ‘world risk society’ (Beck, Giddens) on the one hand, and IR theories on ‘transnational governance’ (Rosenau, Slaughter) on the other hand. ‘Global risks’ are considered as one of the most pressing – if not: *the* most pressing – problem(s) of governance in contemporary societies. Examples are modern risk technologies such as nuclear power and genetic engineering, new kinds of environmental and health problems (‘global warming’, global pandemics), new forms of transnational terrorism but also new systemic risks of global economics and finance. In the last three decades, these global risks have become the object of comprehensive, preventive regulatory demands and requirements which in particular are addressed at political authorities. However, there is considerable controversy on the most appropriate institutional response to these challenges. The workshop aims at addressing these problems both conceptually and empirically. Conceptually, the epistemological, institutional and political challenges of global risk governance will be analyzed. Empirically, the panel will discuss case studies on some of the most important global risks, i.e. climate change, transnational terrorism, and international financial risks.