

## **Normativity, Diversity and Cosmopolitan Contestation: International Relations as Intercultural Relations**

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Das Opus Magnum ist 2018 erschienen: Antje Wiener: "Contestation and Constitution of Norms in Global International Relations", Cambridge University Press. Once norms, rules and principles of governance lose normative clout, they are likely to turn into political hazards due to their uneven perseverance in time, place, and space. To understand how norms work, therefore, human perception is key. Notwithstanding formal validity (e.g. as treaty norms) and social recognition (e.g. by given social groups) the potential for normative conflict grows with globalisation. Despite formal agreement and taken-for-grantedness contested compliance reveals a legitimacy gap at the meso-level between fundamental norms and standardised rules. This gap widens with the parallel development of globalised interaction (whether practiced locally or globally) and individual political estrangement (whether due to social mobility or cultural diversity). As such it represents a threat to the normative pull of international norms that is notable in moments where meanings of norms are contested. To assess the role of global governance institutions as mechanisms that facilitate legitimacy, the publication describes the interplay between diversity and normativity as two central premises of global governance to bear. It scrutinises the terms of engagement from the perspective of agency at sites of contestation where citizens and learned scholars intersect. The publication builds on International Relations Theories and Public Philosophy and develops Tully's concept of 'the citizen' as an agent engaged in struggles about the governance relations s/he encounters herself in for the larger context of global governance.

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