

Report for the Norm Evolution, Norm Death, or Norm Change: Why do Norms Lose Influence, and how does it Matter? ISA Workshop

Our workshop followed the schedule we had proposed in February 2014, with the following minor changes. Carmen Wunderlich was unfortunately unable to attend due to illness, and we gained some observers: Andrew Phillips from the University of Queensland, and Rebecca Shaw, a PhD candidate also at UQ.

Our discussions were lively and interesting, and a great many connections between participants were forged as a result of the day.

Our stated goal for the workshop was to create new research collaborations between participants, as a new way of understanding output. As a direct result of the workshop the following grant applications are proceeding:

1. Dietelhoff/Percy; Group of 8 Universities/DAAD German-Australian collaborative research grant
2. Orchard/Percy/True/Phillips Australian Research Council Discovery Grant
3. Carpenter/Percy National Science Foundation

In addition we identified two potential areas for significant future research collaboration:

1. An Oxford Handbook on Norms (or similar). One of the main conclusions of the workshop was that there was a need for a 'state of the art' on norms research, which has progressed significantly in recent years. We also identified the absence of an effective resource for graduate teaching on norms and norm related research. Such a Handbook would make a major contribution, but also constitute a major effort, and workshop participants are considering next steps in this area.
2. There is also the possibility of a special issue in a journal which workshop participants will consider as a potential outlet.

However, as a large number of participants in the workshop had not previously met, we felt that we met if not exceeded our most significant goal: the development of an international research network considering norms, and the targeting of specific grant schemes to help develop this network as well as moving research forwards.

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