



2015 Annual Millennium Conference:

FAILURE AND DENIAL IN WORLD POLITICS

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International relations are enmeshed in political failure and denial: from the governing of global climate change, financial collapse, and nuclear proliferation, to liberal statebuilding, development, and the potential for pandemics. Failure and denial reside in the background of world politics. In spite of their ubiquity and global relevance, however, it is paradoxical that these concepts remain under-theorised and under-conceptualised in International Relations scholarship. The 2015 Millennium Conference thus aspires to open new and critical grounds for debate and discussion by examining this paradox. It is a call for IR to theorise *failure and denial in world politics*.

What constitutes failure and denial in world politics? What does the fear and effect of political failure do to subjects, states, and international organisations? How does a state of denial affect and govern thought, conduct, politics, and subjectivity? In so far as failure and denial are socio-political categories, who can define a political outcome as a failure; how is the distinction between success and failure governed; how are failure and denial utilised as strategic tools; and how does the exposure of them feed back into political processes? What relations of power produce failures and maintain atmospheres of denial concerning gender, the postcolonial, the environmental, and insecurities of the international? How does the political recognition or denial of failure relate to temporality, memory, critique, and political action?

Keynote Lecture: Bruno Latour (Sciences Po)

Opening Address: **Cynthia Enloe** (Clark University) & **Stefano Guzzini** (DIIS, Uppsala University, IRI/PUC-Rio)

Roundtable Participants: Cynthia Weber, Claudia Aradau, David Chandler, Andrew Barry, William Walters, Iver B. Neumann, Beate Jahn, Tarak Barkawi, Anna Agathangelou, Oliver Kessler, Robbie Shilliam, George Lawson.

Millennium welcomes the submission of abstracts (250 words max.) and panel proposals (with a minimum of 3 abstracts) on these and related topics. The submission **deadline** for abstracts is **3 July 2015**.

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