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## Internationalising Protection: actors, themes, and practices of protection

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The panel aims at exploring concepts and practices of protection in the international arena. The last decades are characterized by the discursive explosion of protection, both in scholarly and political debates. The notion of protection expanded steadily and is meanwhile used to denote the need to address human suffering in manifold forms, as protection from physical violence and abuse, precarity, discrimination, exploitation, injustice, environmental shocks and disasters. The concept also expanded from human to non-human referents, such as the protection of animals, the built and 'natural' environment, traditions, (indigenous) knowledge, and data. The panel aims at addressing the rise of protection in the international arena and the effects it has from both a theoretical and empirical perspective. This includes, among others,

- Theories of and theoretical approaches towards studying protection
- Protection practices (including actors, approaches, policies, programmes)
- Effects of internationalized protection (on for example sovereignty, statehood, citizenship etc.)
- Spaces, infrastructures, and technologies of protection
- Protection as part of the judicialization of the social

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