

Returning to Some Basic Questions: Social Reproduction and IPE of everyday life

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It is more than welcome news that the concept of social reproduction has made its way into an established cannon of texts referred to as 'Social Reproduction Theory' (SRT) that is largely multidisciplinary. While still overwhelmingly produced in the Global North, research in this vein has looked at the Global South from the variety of disciplines including Geography, Sociology and Economics. Furthermore, and in line with its critical outlook, SRT has been open to a postcolonial, intersectional and poststructuralist challenges – creating a body of work that while not necessarily entirely coherent, provides a catalogue of inspiration to understanding the International Political Economy.

Against this background and by introducing some current work in IPE on Social Reproduction this panel seeks to ask a variety of questions: What is specific IPE about Social Reproduction? Is the discipline of IPE still the/a home to SRT? Has SRT managed to bridge disciplinary gaps that were seemingly intangible for other approaches?

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