

Pulling on Threads: Exploring Trustworthiness and Trust within Relational Contexts

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Twenty years have now passed since the initial discussion of trust research within International Studies, yet unpacking the concept of trust within the discipline continues. In part this is because concepts like trust seem to offer a means of better understanding and explaining the past, navigating the present and a means to shape the future. This panel draws together a number of papers exploring the concepts of trust and trustworthiness in a diverse range of settings whether the maintenance and development of relations is crucial, from within organisations (like the UN) or supranational unions (like the EU) to between states in formal and informal diplomatic spaces. In doing so, the panel continues to pull on the numerous threads of trust research that have emerged since those early debates, engaging with both the theoretical discussions around the concept and the practical, real-world implications.

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