

LOCI seminar 2025-26

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1) September 30th

Merete Monrad, *Abundance of Time and No Future: Dead Time in Citizen–State Encounters*
Discussants: Maristella Cacciapaglia and Lasse Schmidt Hansen

2) October 21

Magdaléna Hadjiisky: “*Everyday democracy*” in a post-communist context: a comparative fieldwork on two ordinary towns in Bulgaria and the Czech Republic
Discussant: Élise Massicard

3) November 6

Gabriela Lotta, *Street-level bureaucrats in Vulnerable Contexts: navigating vulnerabilities in Brazil*
Discussant: Juliana Montesano

Abstract: This presentation summarizes the main arguments of Gabriela Lotta’s forthcoming book, examining the complex dynamics of the state–citizen relationship in the context of public service delivery in vulnerable settings. Drawing on two decades of fieldwork with street-level bureaucrats in Brazil—including teachers, healthcare workers, social workers, and police officers—the talk explores how the characteristics of vulnerable contexts shape the everyday practices of these frontline actors. It highlights how elements such as low levels of trust, resource scarcity, perceived illegitimacy of the state, structural inequalities, and intense politicization influence how street-level bureaucrats interact with citizens, navigate constraints, and carry out their duties. The presentation aims to deepen our understanding of the challenges and adaptive strategies involved in delivering public services under conditions of social and institutional vulnerabilities.

4) December 10

Márta Baski, “Functional Families and Precarious Professionals: Un/Deservingness in the Hungarian Post-Welfare Regime”
Discussant: Rogério Medeiros and Ninive Machado

5) January 29th

Rik Peeters and Fernando Nieto-Morales, [Street-Level Bureaucracy in Weak State Institutions](#)

Discussant: Marie Østergaard Møller

6) February 11th

Vincent Dubois, “The field of institutions from below”
Discussant: Virgilio Pereira, tbc

Abstract: The field of institutions can be defined after the characteristics of institutions and after the types of relationships they have one with another. Here I propose another perspective, considering the institutional field from the point of view of the spaces of the users and uses of institutions. Based on the statistical re-processing of circa 200 qualitative interviews conducted among members of the lower classes in the urban district of Strasbourg, France, this paper proposes an exploratory mapping of who has to do with which institutions, how, and with what type of effects. By doing so, I will shed light “from below” on the structures of the institutional field.

7) March 17

Leslie Paik, *Administrative Burdens in the Multi-Institutional Maze*

Discussant: Antonin Besch

8) 27 April

Claire Dupuy, From administrative burden to policy feedbacks'

Discussant: Vincent Dubois

9) 19 May

Srimoyee Biswas, "From Category to Experience: Notes from New Delhi's welfare institutions"

Discussant: Ben Geiger

10) 16 June

Lorenzo Barrault, *The implications of the multiple hands of the state on the condition of the governed. Sociology of the (in)acceptance of political order*

Discussant: Virgilio Pereira, tbc