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Project: Back to Basics - the Benefits of Paradigmatic International Organizations



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Angela holds a B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy from the University of Chicago, and an M.Sc. in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Her master's dissertation employs poststructuralist discourse analysis to examine China's approach to (non-)intervention. A version of her dissertation will be published in an upcoming issue of the International Journal of China Studies.

For her Miller Fellowship, Angela is working with Professor Katerina Linos on a project examining the benefits of paradigmatic international organizations. In the early 2000s, scholars of global governance observed a rejection of formal international organizations in favor of smaller, more flexible alternatives such as transnational networks, public-private partnerships, and informal institutions. And yet, over the past two decades, these informal structures have systematically moved towards what they initially sought to discard—the paradigm of traditional international organizations. This project seeks to understand the continuing appeal of the traditional international organization form, and, in so doing, addresses the understudied questions of how international institutions interact with their external audiences.