

Section 11 – Metodologia della ricerca

Panel 1. Formal Theory in International Relations.

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The goal of this panel is to tackle both long-standing and more novel International Relations questions from a theoretical point of view. Developing a solid body of theoretical work is particularly valuable and important, given the well-known challenges and difficulties that affect our ability to produce robust and meaningful empirical findings in the subfield of International Relations. While game theoretic analyses of international relations (and international security more in particular) are now commonplace, and while we have learned a great deal from them about, for example, war and peace, arm races, third-party intervention and mediation, more work is needed to revisit unsatisfactory answers to old questions and to start tackling the new ones. We hope that this panel, along with attracting interesting and rigorous contributions to the theoretical study of international relations, can also function as a focal point for Italian and European scholars who work in this area in order to foster the scholarly debate around this important issues.