

## UNIVERSITY SEMINARS AND LECTURE SERIES

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Note: lectures and seminars are partly taught in German, partly in English

### Lecture Series:

- Introduction to International Relations (yearly, since 2010)
- Understanding Peace and Conflict (every second year, since 2010)
- Managing Peace and Conflict (every second year, since 2010)
- Qualitative Methods (yearly, coordinator, one-third of the lectures, since 2016)
- Legitimacy and Legality of International Organizations (interdisciplinary Lecture Series with invited German and international speakers, 2014, with Prof. Dr. Manuel Fröhlich)
- Introduction to International Organizations and Crisis Management (yearly, since 2020, with Prof. Dr. Christian Kreuder-Sonnen)

### Seminars:

#### A. Regularly:

- Global Governance: Konzepte und Debatten (every winter semester)
- Readings Seminar on major IR theories (cycle of seven seminars, yearly until 2019)
- Research Seminar (final thesis preparation, every semester)
- IOCM Master Thesis Workshop (likewise, every semester)

#### B. Irregularly:

##### 1. International Organizations

- The European Union and Its Partner Organizations
- Inter-organizational Relations
- European Security Institutions
- Security Cooperation between NATO and the European Union
- The Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union
- The Enlargement of the EU and NATO
- 50 Years of NATO

##### 2. Peace and Conflict

- Basic Concepts of Peace and Conflict Research
- Crisis Prevention, Mediation and Third-Party Intervention in Conflicts
- Crisis Prevention
- Legitimacy and Legality of Humanitarian Intervention
- Ethics of Peace and Conflict
- Spoilers in International Peace Operations
- Secession and International Order
- Comparing Secessionism
- Patron-Client Relations in Secessionist Conflict
- De Facto States
- Conflicts of Indivisibility
- Political Culture and International Mediation
- Humanitarian aid
- Cultural Dimensions of Security
- Security Cultures in Comparison – Europe and the USA
- Towards a Regional Security Culture in Europe?
- Third-Party Intervention in the Balkans and the Caucasus
- The Final Status Negotiations on Kosovo – a Simulation

3. IR Theories and Concepts

- Introduction to International Relations
- Interests, Institutions, and Ideas in International Relations
- Power in International Relations
- The Individual and World Politics
- Alliance Theory and International Politics
- Theories of International Relations and the End of the Cold War

4. Eastern Europe and Caucasus

- Post-Conflict Reconciliation in the Balkans
- Potentials and Limits of Europeanization. The Southern Caucasus and the Western Balkans in Comparison
- Transforming Post-Communist Europe
- Stabilizing South Eastern Europe –the European Contribution
- The Dissolution of Yugoslavia
- The Peaceful Revolution 1989/90 in Central and Eastern Europe

5. Other

- Debating International Politics
- The “External Aspects” of German Unification
- Decision-Making in German Foreign and Security Policy