

Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg
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Office hours: Tuesdays, 16:00–17:00



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Seminar (MA):

Internal security policies

How can human rights and civil liberties be reconciled with tighter borders and the exclusion of migrants? This course deals with the growing tension between the liberal ideals of most (Western) countries and the increasing emphasis on security and exclusion. It looks at national and international political developments in order to understand the shifting nature of internal security policies since the end of the Second World War. The course aims to critically challenge our understandings of borders, asylum, migration and how they fit into the classical image of a sovereign state. Can security and liberty be reconciled or are they two faces of the same coin? It therefore deals with key issues of state-making: sovereignty, borders, citizenship, inclusion and exclusion, and how these debates are uploaded to international level. The variety of questions and levels of analysis that are raised when investigating these issues requires a careful consideration of the best theoretical and methodological approach to find accurate answers. This course aims to help students find solutions to these questions and engage in a more critical appraisal of internal security policies.

Date: Mondays, 14:00–16:00
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Eligibility Requirements:

- The working language of this course is English. Presentations and coursework must also be completed in English.
- Regular attendance and knowledge of the required readings will be expected.
- To obtain a certificate, participants will have to prepare a topic for discussion during the seminar and write a term paper.
- **Please note:** The number of participants is limited. Student registration via FlexNow! is required.

A detailed syllabus with required and further readings will be made available at the latest in the first session of the seminar and will be available on the “Virtual Campus” webpage of this course.