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Seminar (BA):

## International Institutions and their Role in Global Governance

**ECTS:** 6

**Date:** Wednesday, 12 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Room:** F21/02.31

The globalized world is characterized by an increasing number of transnational challenges and problems like climate change, financial crises or security threats that cannot be solved by national states unilaterally. Therefore, states create international institutions that enable cooperation among them in the international system. Nowadays, almost all areas of international politics are regulated by international institutions and their number and scope continues to expand. However, international institutions are organized in very different ways and show mixed results in achieving their goals.

The aim of this undergraduate seminar is to develop a toolbox that allows students to analyse international institutions and their role in global governance systematically. In order to do so, this seminar is divided into two thematic fields. First, we will focus on different theoretical approaches towards analysing international institutions. Second, we will apply those approaches to central international institutions and to specific cases in which they are actively involved. Thus, the seminar enables students to deepen their theoretical knowledge of international institutions as well as their empirical knowledge of central issue areas like security, trade, financial relations, environment and energy governance.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- The working language of this course is English. Presentations and coursework must also be completed in English.
- In order to have sufficient basic knowledge of International Institutions previous participation in the introductory lecture (Einführungsvorlesung) or an equivalent is required.
- Regular attendance and knowledge of the required texts is expected.
- To obtain 6 Credit Points participants will have to give a presentation and write a term paper (10 to 12 pages).
- **Please note:** The number of participants is limited. Student registration via FlexNow! is required. Registration information can be found on the website of the Chair of International Political Relations: <https://www.uni-bamberg.de/polib/news-internationale-politik/>. Please note that your registration is binding. The lecturer has no influence on your registration. If you have any question regarding your registration, please contact our secretary Ms. Claudia Genslein ([claudia.genslein@uni-bamberg.de](mailto:claudia.genslein@uni-bamberg.de) or F21/3.18)

<b>International Institutions &amp; Their Role in Global Governance</b>		
1.	27.04.2022	Introduction: Mapping the Theoretical Landscape
<b>Theoretical Foundations</b>		
2.	04.05.2022	The Institutionalist Perspective: Solving Cooperation Problems
3.	11.05.2022	The Realist Perspective: The False Promise of International Institutions (?)
4.	18.05.2022	The Constructivist Perspective: The Role of Knowledge and Ideas
<b>International Security</b>		
5.	25.05.2022	The UN and the UN Security Council
6.	01.06.2022	IO Pathologies and the UN's Failure to prevent Genocide in Rwanda
7.	08.06.2022	NATO then and now
<b>International Financial Relations</b>		
8.	15.06.2022	The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank
9.	22.06.2022	Challenging Bretton Woods: China's Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
<b>International Environmental Protection</b>		
10.	29.06.2022	The UNFCCC, Kyoto and Paris
<b>International Trade in Context</b>		
11.	06.07.2022	The World Trade Organisation (WTO) and its Dispute Settlement Body
12.	13.07.2022	The WTO in Context: The Shrimp-Turtle Case & COVID-19 Vaccine Patents
<b>International Health</b>		
13.	20.07.2022	Agency Slack, the World Health Organisation (WHO), and its response to COVID-19
14.	27.07.2022	Last session – Evaluation and Term Paper Preparation
	30.09.2022	<b>Deadline Term Paper</b>