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Seminar (BA):

International Institutions and their Role in Global Governance

ECTS: 6

Date: Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 12 a.m.

Room: F21/02.41

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 or F21/3.18).

International Institutions & Their Role in Global Governance		
1.	18.04.2023	Introduction: Mapping the Theoretical Landscape
2.	25.04.2023	No session
Theoretical Foundations		
3.	02.05.2023	The Institutionalist Perspective: Solving Cooperation Problems
4.	09.05.2023	The Realist Perspective: The False Promise of International Institutions (?)
5.	16.05.2023	The Constructivist Perspective: The Role of Knowledge and Ideas
International Security		
6.	23.05.2023	The UN and the UN Security Council
7.	30.05.2023	No session - Holiday
8.	06.06.2023	IO Pathologies and the UN's Failure to prevent Genocide in Rwanda
9.	13.06.2023	NATO then and now
International Financial Relations		
10.	20.06.2023	The International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank and China's Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
International Environmental Protection		
11.	27.06.2023	The UNFCCC, Kyoto and Paris
International Trade in Context		
12.	04.07.2023	The World Trade Organisation (WTO) and its Dispute Settlement Body
13.	11.07.2023	The WTO in Context: The Shrimp-Turtle Case & the TRIPS-Agreement and Access to Medicine
International Health		
14.	18.07.2023	The World Health Organisation (WHO) + Term Paper Preparation
	30.09.2023	Deadline Term Paper