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Projektseminar (BA/MA):

National Model United Nations: "How the United Nations works"

Date: Wednesdays, 16:00–18:00 c.t.

Room: F21/03.03

Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Monika Heupel

ECTS: 6/8

This seminar is designed to support the delegates of the National Model United Nations (NMUN) project at the University of Bamberg. The aim of this seminar is to help students to acquire a sound understanding of how the United Nations (UN) can be conceptualised as an international organisation. This is an important prerequisite to empirically analyse what the UN actually does. In the first part of the semester, the seminar focuses on the institutional structure of the organisation, identifies the key actors in the UN system and introduces fundamental principles of international law. In a second step, the students get to know the major policy fields of the UN: International Peace & Security, Human Rights and Development. In the last part of the seminar, students familiarise themselves with more practically relevant skills for working within the UN: patterns of UN decision-making, the art of negotiation and the role of UN parlance.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Participation in this seminar is only for members of Bamberg's NMUN 2017 delegation, for whom, however, participation is mandatory. For information on the application process please visit: *www.uni-bamberg.de/nmun*
- The working language of this course is English.
- Regular attendance, critical reading of the assigned literature and active participation in class and group assignments are expected.
- To obtain a certificate (6 ECTS), participants have to pass a written mid-term examanitaion and submit their NMUN position paper at the end of the seminar. B.A. and M.A. students obtaining 8 ECTS have to write an additional short research paper (ca. 2.000 words).