



Winter Term 2019/20

## Hauptseminar zu Themen der internationalen Politik

### Norms in International Relations

<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Credits:</b>	8 ECTS
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 12.00 - 14.00 p.m.
<b>Room:</b>	F21/03.03

Norms can have important constitutive and regulative effects in international relations: They constitute states' and other actors' identities and preferences, and they constrain their leeway by making norm-violating behavior costly. This seminar investigates the many different ways in which norms can shape international politics. We get to know basic concepts such as the norm life cycle, norm emergence and norm socialization. We ask how norms change over time, how they diffuse across space, and how they adapt to different contexts. We also concern ourselves with processes of norm contestation and norm regress or death. Empirically, the seminar draws primarily on examples from the issues areas human rights, security and development.

Language of instruction: English; discussions and presentations will be held in English unless all participants agree to change to German. Essays may be submitted in either English or German language.

Admission conditions: This is a Master-level course open to students of the MA program in Political Science as well as other Political Science programs (Hauptstudium Diplom, Wahlpflichtfach, Magister-Nebenfach). Other students are welcome if their knowledge of international politics so warrants.

Participants are expected to:

- attend the seminar regularly and participate in seminar discussions
- read the required reading
- act as a discussant and provide feedback to other students' presentations
- present their ideas for their essays in one of the final sessions

To obtain a certificate participants have also to:

- give a presentation
  - topic, research question and outline should be discussed with me at least one week prior to the presentation
  - the presentation includes a powerpoint presentation
  
- write an essay ('Hausarbeit') of about 25 pages (12 point font size, 1.5 space, 2cm margin) excluding title page, abstract, literature, and possible annexes
  - The essay examines an aspect of the seminar in a theory-/concept-based way, preferably based on the presentation
  - research question and outline should be discussed with me at least three weeks before submission of the essay is due
  - due 31 March 2020