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Winter Term 2020/21

Projektseminar (BA/MA):

National Model United Nations: “How the United Nations works”

Date: Wednesdays, 16:00–18:00 c.t.

Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Monika Heupel

Online Teaching via zoom

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, 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 jargon.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Participation in this seminar is only for members of Bamberg’s NMUN 2021 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 of zoom meetings, critical reading of the assigned literature and active participation in class and group assignments are expected.
- To obtain a certificate, participants have to write a research paper (that is to be submitted until February 29, 2021) and submit their NMUN position paper at the end of the seminar. The length of the research paper is 3,000 words (text only) for a 6 ECTS certificate and 5,000 words (text only) for an 8 ECTS certificate.

Online teaching:

Classroom teaching is at present not possible. The seminar is therefore taught online.

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- After each session, I will upload a powerpoint presentation to the VC.
- If I want to contact you, I will use the email distribution list that comprises the email addresses with which you have registered in the VC.
- In the VC Forum you can communicate with fellow seminar participants.
- You will upload your research paper in the VC.

Plenary meetings will be held as **Zoom** meetings. You can download the free version of Zoom, but you do not have to. Prior to seminar, I will send you an email with the link to the Zoom meetings. When the plenary meeting starts (Wednesday, 16:15), you click on the link, or copy and paste the link into the indicated window, to join the meeting.

My online **office hours** during the winter term are on Thursday between 10 and 11 am. I use **Skype business** for the office hours. You can download Skype business for free from here: <https://www.uni-bamberg.de/rz/dienstleistungen/tele/video/skype-for-business/>. You can contact me via Skype business by typing in my email (monika.heupel@uni-bamberg.de) or my name and then clicking on Videochat. You do not need to make an appointment for the office hours.

If you encounter any problems using Zoom or Skype business, please ask your fellow students for help. You can for instance use the VC forum to contact your fellow students. If you need further help, please contact Hannah O'Neill (hannah-rebecca.o-neill@stud.uni-bamberg.de) or Joke Reuvers (joke-linda-marion.reuvers@stud.uni-bamberg.de). If you do not have a computer or if you have no or only limited internet access, please contact me.