



Winter Term 2022/23

PWM-IE-HS4 Hauptseminar Internationale und europäische Politik IV:

International Security Policy

Language:	English
Credits:	8 ECTS
Date:	Thursday, 8 – 10
Room:	F21/03.48

In this seminar students will make themselves familiar with key concepts, theories and themes of security studies and will learn how to make use of them when preparing their seminar essays. Students will get to know various concepts and theories that have shaped the field of security studies in the past decades. We will explore what security means to different scholars and practitioners and we will get to know the key assumptions of securitization theory. We will familiarize ourselves with the security dilemma concept, democratic peace theory and the debate on humanitarian interventions. We will discuss what the security implications of the rise of China are. We will debate contemporary challenges to UN peacekeeping and look into how the US has justified the “War on Terror”. Furthermore, we will concern ourselves with the twin issues of nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament. Obviously, we will also cover Russia’s war of aggression in Ukraine.

Language of instruction: English; discussions and presentations will be 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 Political Science MA program and other Political Science programs. Other students are welcome if they have sufficient knowledge in international politics to meaningfully participate in the seminar.

Participants are expected to

- attend the seminar regularly
- read the texts mentioned as 'Required Reading'
- participate in seminar discussions

To obtain a certificate participants have to

- give a **presentation** of 15 minutes and moderate a discussion of 30 minutes
 - topics will be allocated in the first session
 - the presentation should include a powerpoint presentation
- write an **essay** ('Hausarbeit') of 18 pages (12 point font size, 1.5 space, 2cm margin) excluding title page, literature, and possible annexes
 - the essay examines an aspect of the seminar in a theory-/concept-based way and uses a qualitative method
 - due 17 April 2023

Please note that the **Virtual Campus** is extremely important for you:

- You find the reading material of the course in 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 essay in the VC.