



## PWB-IE-PS:

# Introduction to International and European Politics

<b>Term:</b>	Winter 2021/2022	<b>CPs:</b>	5 ECTS
<b>Schedule:</b>	Tuesdays, 14:00–16:00	<b>Room:</b>	Online or F21/02.31 <sup>1</sup>
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**Please note:** The instruction and working language of this course is English. Classes will be held in English. All coursework and assignments must be completed in English. Corresponding proficiency in English is therefore required.

### Course Description

This unit is designed to accompany the introductory lecture on international politics. It is also aimed at first-year BA students in the politics programme(s) or for students of other subjects who combine their concentration with politics. The seminar aims to recapitulate and deepen the most important assumptions and theoretical approaches to three areas of International Relations: *foreign policy*, *international institutions*, and *European integration*. Students will learn to apply these theories in a number of group assignments, via presentations, and a written portfolio. The seminar will therefore introduce students to the application of international political theory, academic writing, and the investigation of primary source material.

### Assessment

To pass, students need to:

- Give a short presentation in class (about 10 mins)
- Participate in and contribute to all group assignments
- Submit a portfolio consisting of two short papers on a different topic each

### Teaching Arrangements and Registration

The unit is delivered via weekly seminars. In contrast to lectures, seminars take place in smaller groups and aim to be much more interactive. Your active participation is therefore expected. Each seminar will proceed with the expectation of you having completed that week's reading. Without proper participation and preparation, learning outcomes will be hampered severely.

The number of participants is limited. Student registration via FlexNow! is *mandatory*. The registration period runs from *30 September to 14 October 2021*. Deregistration is possible until 29 October. Late registration requires compelling reason and is only possible in consultation with the lecturer. **If you have any questions regarding examinations, registration, and deregistration, please contact the secretary of the chair, Claudia Genslein (claudia.genslein@uni-bamberg.de).**

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<sup>1</sup> Arrangements will depend on the state of the pandemic, as well as current legal requirements to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

## Brief Unit Overview

1	19/10/2021	Introduction and Course Overview
2	26/10/2021	Writing Skills

### Part I: Foreign Policy

3	02/11/2021	Structural Realism
4	09/11/2021	Liberalism
5	16/11/2021	<i>No Session</i>
6	23/11/2021	Political Culture

### Part II: International Institutions and Governance

7	30/11/2021	Group Assignment: The War(s) in Syria
8	07/12/2021	International Regimes
9	14/12/2021	Game Theory
10	21/12/2021	Group Assignment: Game Theory
11	11/01/2022	International Institutions and Their Design

### Part III: European Integration

12	18/01/2022	Group Assignment: Structure and Procedures of the EU
13	25/01/2022	Neofunctionalism
14	01/02/2022	Liberal Intergovernmentalism
15	08/02/2022	Q&A Session/Special Topics
	<b>12/12/2021</b>	Essay on topic from part I due
	<b>15/03/2022</b>	Essay on topic from part II <i>or</i> III due