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Winter Term 2022

Proseminar (BA):

Introductory Seminar International and European Politics

ECTS: 5
Date: Tuesday, 08.00 – 10.00 (c.t.)
Room: F21/03.02

This course is designed as a complement to the introductory lecture on International Relations. The target audience is German first-year students (BA) and exchange students with little or no previous experience in the field of international and European politics. The course structure mirrors the content of the introductory lecture and thus includes an introduction to three main sub-areas of International Relations, i.e. 'Foreign Policy', 'International Institutions', and 'European Integration'. The purpose of the course is to reflect on learnt theories and assumptions, as well as to solidify the knowledge obtained. For this purpose, students are asked to participate in various group assignments with a practical orientation. Participants will learn how to conduct theoretically guided research and how to research primary documents.

Eligibility Requirements:

- The working language of this course is English. Presentations and coursework must also be completed in English. Papers may be written in German. We do not expect perfect oral English.
- Regular attendance and knowledge of the required texts is expected.
- Participants must give a presentation (about 10 min.) supplemented with slides (PowerPoint).
- Participants must actively participate in group works.
- To obtain a certificate, participants must hand in two papers, each comprising roughly five pages.
- **Please note:** The number of participants is limited. Student registration via FlexNow! is required. If you have any question regarding your registration, please contact Ms. Claudia Genslein (claudia.genslein@uni-bamberg.de or F21/3.18).

Course Outline

1. 18/010/2022 Introductory Session
2. 25/10/2022 Introduction to Academic Writing

Block I: Foreign Policy

- 01/11/2022 *No Session*
3. 08/11/2022 Neorealism
4. 15/11/2022 Liberalism
5. 22/10/2022 Political Culture
6. 29/10/2022 Group Work: The War in Ukraine

Block II: Governance and International Politics

7. 06/12/2022 International Institutions and Neoliberal Institutionalism
8. 13/12/2022 Regime Theory
9. 20/12/2022 Game Theory
10. 10/01/2023 Group Work: Game Theory and the Design of International Institutions

Block III: European Integration

11. 17/01/2023 Group Work: The European Union - Structure and Procedures
12. 24/01/2023 Neofunctionalism
13. 31/01/2023 Liberal Intergovernmentalism
14. 07/02/2023 Summary and Time For Questions

05/12/2022 **Deadline 1st Paper on Foreign Policy**

15/03/2023 **Deadline 2nd Paper on a topic from Block II or III**