

Titel: Introduction to International Relations: International Organizations in International Relations.	Verantw.: Carey, Sabine. Ershova, Anastasia Durchf.: Ershova, Anastasia
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Kursbeschreibung:

This seminar will introduce students to the main theories of International Relations, and their application to International Organizations. It is a complementary part to the lecture of “Introduction to International relations”. It consists of several parts. The first one will provide a detailed introduction of the main theories, actors, and terms of International Organizations. The next parts course will focus on the application of the theoretical foundation to specific empirical examples. Students will examine in greater details the structures, function, and role of the International Organizations. Such issues as collective security, international trade and finance, human rights, democratization, and environmental challenges will be address throughout the course. Theoretical and empirical insights will help students to prepare for their presenting their argument in the position paper.

In addition the focus of the course on the effect of International Organizations will give students an opportunity to analyze the international politics and the state of International relations from various perspectives.

Course objectives:

- To become familiar with the main theoretical approaches to the study of International Organizations, and be able to identify weaknesses and strengths of existing studies,
- To be able to assess and explain the functions IO,
- To become familiar with the functions of IOs in various areas and assess their impact on those areas,
- To explain how international institutions may help states cooperate in different areas.