

Titel: Introduction to International Relations: War, Democracy and Foreign Aid	Verantw.: Carey, Sabine. Ziaja, Sebastian Durchf.: Ziaja, Sebastian
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Kursbeschreibung:

This seminar deals with two potential determinants of war and peace: Political institutions and third-party intervention, in particular the influence of democratization and foreign aid.

Does democratization lead to (civil) war in the developing world, as the current unfolding of the Arab spring might suggest? And can foreign aid ease this transition, or does outside involvement make things even worse? We will discuss some of the most controversial debates in the current political science literature that deal with the role of institutions and of foreign aid in conflict escalation. The discussion of conflicting studies will teach students to critically assess theories, data and methods in the study of international relations.