



Winter term 2018/2019

Hauptseminar zu Themen der internationalen Politik

Norms in International Relations

Language:	English
Credits:	8 ECTS
Date:	Wednesday, 12:00 - 14:00 p.m.
Room:	FMA/01.19

Norms are believed to have important constitutive and regulative effects in international relations: They constitute states' and other actors' identities and preferences, and they constrain their leeway by making norm-violating behavior costly. This seminar investigates the many different ways in which norms can shape international politics. We get to know basic concepts such as norm emergence, norm life cycle and norm socialization. We ask how norms change over time, how they diffuse across space, and how they adapt in different contexts. We also concern ourselves with processes of norm contestation and norm regress or death. Empirically, the seminar draws primarily on examples from the issues areas human rights, security and development.

Language of instruction: English; discussions and presentations will be held 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 MA program in Political Science as well as other Political Science programs (Hauptstudium Diplom, Wahlpflichtfach, Magister-Nebenfach). Other students are welcome if their knowledge of international politics so warrants.

Participants are expected to:

- attend the seminar regularly and participate in seminar discussions
- read the required reading
- act as a discussant and provide feedback to other students' presentations
- present their ideas for their essays in one of the final sessions

To obtain a certificate participants have also to:

- give a **presentation**
 - topic, research question and outline should be discussed with me at least one week prior to the presentation
 - the presentation includes a powerpoint presentation
- write an **essay** ('Hausarbeit') of about 25 pages (12 point font size, 1.5 space, 2cm margin) excluding title page, abstract, literature, and possible annexes
 - The essay examines an aspect of the seminar in a theory-/concept-based way, preferably based on the presentation
 - research question and outline should be discussed with me at least three weeks before submission of the essay is due
 - due 31 March 2019

OUTLINE

1) 17.10.2018: Introduction

2) 24.10.2018: Norms and their life cycle

Required Reading:

Finnemore, Martha and Sikkink, Kathryn (1998) International Norm Dynamics and Political Change, in *International Organization*, 52(4), 887-917.

Group Work:

Norms and their life cycle

3) 31.10.2018: Application of the life cycle approach

Required Reading: Kelley, Judith (2008) Assessing the complex evolution of norms: the rise of international election monitoring, *International Organization*, 62, 221-255.

Presentation: The Millennium Development Goals and the norm life cycle approach

Introductory Reading: Fukuda-Parr, Sakiko and Hulme, David (2011): International Norm Dynamics and the “End of Poverty”: Understanding the Millennium Development Goals, in: *Global Governance*, 17(1), 17-36.

4) 7.11.2018: The spiral model of norm socialization

Required Reading:

Risse, Thomas and Sikkink, Kathryn (1999) The Socialization of international human rights norms into domestic practices: Introduction, in: Risse, Thomas, Stephen C. Ropp and Sikkink, Kathryn (eds.): The power of human rights: International norms and domestic change, Cambridge University Press, 1- 38.

Presentation: Application of the spiral model to a country

Introductory Reading: Risse, Thomas, Stephen C. Ropp and Sikkink, Kathryn (eds.) The power of human rights: International norms and domestic change, Cambridge University Press.

5) 14.11.2018: Norm emergence

Required Reading: Coleman, Katharina P. (2011) Locating norm diplomacy: Venue change in international norm negotiations, *European Journal of International Relations*, 16(1), 163-168.

Presentation: Issue (non)emergence in transnational advocacy networks

Introductory Reading: Carpenter, R. Charli (2007) Setting the Advocacy Agenda: Theorizing Issue Emergence and Nonemergence in Transnational Advocacy Networks, *International Organization*, 51, 99-120.

6) 21.11.2018: Constitutive and regulative effects of norms

Required Reading: Glanville, Luke (2016) Does R2P matter? Interpreting the impact of a norm, *Cooperation and Conflict*, 51(2), 184-199.

Presentation: Norms and US sanctions against apartheid South Africa

Introductory Reading: Klotz, Audie (1995) Norms reconstituting interests: Global racial equality and U.S. sanctions against South Africa, *International Organization*, 49(3), 451-478.

7) 28.11.2018: Norm contestation

Required Reading: Deitelhoff, Nicole and Zimmermann, Lisbeth (2013) Things we lost in the fire: how different types of contestation affect the validity of international norms, Frankfurt am Main: PRIF Working Papers 18.

Presentation: Norm polarization and sexual orientation and gender identity rights

Introductory Reading: Symons, Jonathan and Altman, Dennis (2015) International norm polarization: sexuality as a subject of human rights protection, *International Theory*, 7(1), 61-95.

8) 5.12.2018: Norm change

Required reading: Sandholtz, Wayne (2008) Dynamics of International Norm Change: Rules against Wartime Plunder, *European Journal of International Relations*, 14(1), 101-31.

Presentation: Change of the anti-mercenary norm

Introductory Reading: Krahnemann, Elke (2013) The United States, PMSCs and the state monopoly on violence: Leading the way towards norm change, *Security Dialogue*, 44(1), 53-71.

9) 12.12.2018: Norm localization and norm translation

Required Reading: Acharya, Amitav (2004) How Ideas Spread: Whose Norms Matter? Norm Localization and Institutional Change in Asian Regionalism, *International Organization*, 58, 239-257.

Presentation: Translation of rule of law norms in post-conflict Guatemala

Required Reading: Zimmermann, Lisbeth (2017) More for Less: The Interactive Translation of Global Norms in Postconflict Guatemala, *International Studies Quarterly*, 61, 774-785.

10) 19.12.2018: Norm diffusion “from below”

Required Reading: Towns, Ann E. (2012) Norms and social hierarchies: Understanding International Policy Diffusion “From Below”, *International Organization*, 66, 179-209.

Presentation: Rising powers and norm diffusion

Introductory Reading: Stephen, Matthew (2012) Rising Regional Powers and International Institutions: The Foreign Policy Orientations of India, Brazil and South Africa, *Global Society*, 26(3), 289-309.

11) 9.1.2018: Norm regress

Required reading: McKeown, Ryder (2009) US Revisionism and the Slow Death of the Torture Norm, *International Relations*, 23:2, 5-25

Presentation: EU refugee policy since the 2015 “refugee crisis” as example of norm regress?

Introductory Reading: Human Rights Watch (2016) EU Policies Put Refugees At Risk, <https://www.hrw.org/news/2016/11/23/eu-policies-put-refugees-risk>

12) 16.1.2018: Taboos and stigmas

Required Reading: Tannenwald, Nina (1999) The Nuclear Taboo: The United States and the Normative Basis of Nuclear Non-Use. *International Organization* 53(3): 433–468.

Presentation: Stigmas and stigma management in International Relations

Introductory reading: Adler-Nissen, Rebecca (2014): Stigma management in International Relations: Transgressive Identities, Norms, and Order in International Society, *International Organization* 68, 143-76.

13) 23.1.2018: Short presentations of ideas for essays

14) 30.1.2018: Short presentations of ideas for essays

15) 6.2.2018: Short presentations of ideas for essays
