



<b>Online Course Title</b>	<b>Global Governance: Power, Structure, Agency</b>
<b>Category</b>	Social Sciences, Politics & History
<b>Online Course Period</b>	<b>January 6<sup>th</sup> – January 26<sup>th</sup> 2021</b>
<b>Course Structure</b>	<p>The course content is equivalent to an on-site course offering 45 contact hours.</p> <p>The study time includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• virtual class room lessons with the lecturer and the fellow students (30%)</li> <li>• group exercises (30%)</li> <li>• assignments and self-study (40%)</li> </ul> <p>Weekly schedule of virtual class room lessons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course days: Monday and Wednesday</li> <li>• 10.00 am – 12.00 pm (Berlin time, UTC+1)</li> <li>• 17.00 pm – 19.00 pm (Beijing time, UTC+8)</li> <li>• 20.00 pm – 22.00 pm (Sydney time, UTC+11)</li> <li>• 03.00 am – 05.00 am (Chicago time, UTC-6)</li> </ul>
<b>Technical Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully functional device (laptop, tablet, PC or smart phone)</li> <li>• Stable internet connection</li> <li>• Software: Zoom (video/audio), Moodle (e-learning platform)</li> </ul> <p>Recommended hardware: external headset for better sound quality</p>
<b>Course Level &amp; Target Group</b>	Undergraduate students of all subjects with an interest in German social sciences, politics, economy, and history.
<b>Course Language</b>	This course is taught in English, including readings in English. For the understanding of the texts and the discussions in class a language level B2 (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) is required.
<b>ECTS</b>	5 ECTS
<b>Instructor</b>	Mr. Christian E. Rieck

## Course Description

This course will give an overview of how global governance works in a world of networks, diluted power, fragmented organizational structures, renewed great power competition, and exceeded planetary boundaries. The focus will be on the actors, institutions and ideas of world politics today – from the UN family and Agenda 2030 to Great Powers to thematic alliances such as the OECD.

Some hope Germany will take on the mantle of “leader of the free world”. While it is true that Germany has entered a phase of “new responsibility” in its foreign policy, and remains strongly committed to the liberal order and global sustainability, it is becoming more and more difficult for such powers to project its influence into the global order. The course will take this German perspective as a starting point to try to understand the state of global governance more broadly.

Who are the indispensable nations? Who are the spoilers? What kind of cooperation is needed to save the planet? Whose Global Order is it? How to save the world?

We will look at multilateralist and unilateralist behavior of states, at recent efforts to bring more sustainability to global governance, as well as at the disruptions the COVID-19 pandemic has caused. We will also identify non-Western visions of global governance. Finally, the course will revolve around the question of how to make the global liberal institutionalist order (and ultimately, our planet) more resilient in the face of new authoritarian challenges – after all, this is what Germany and other countries like it are striving to do.

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## Course Schedule

A detailed syllabus containing the concrete topics, research questions, readings and assignments for every class will be made available online before the start of the course.

The course will include two online field trips to a government agency, as well as talks and discussions by guest speakers from relevant federal ministries and the Bundestag.

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## Course Objective & Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- understand core concepts of global governance and power in International Relations
  - enrich them with a specifically German worldview of international cooperation
  - apply these concepts to the institutions and organizations of our present global order
  - analyze foreign policy ideas and behavior of pivotal states in world politics
  - come up with concrete policy recommendations for their own countries
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## Readings

### Required

Reading materials will be available via Moodle during the course.

### Suggested

Amitav Acharya: *Rethinking Power, Institutions and Ideas in World Politics*, Routledge 2013.

Ian Bremmer: *Every Nation for Itself. Winners and Losers in a G-Zero World*, Penguin 2012.

Andrew Hurrell: *On Global Order*, Oxford 2007.

Oliver Stuenkel: *Post-Western World*, Polity 2016.

The websites of both FOREIGN POLICY and FOREIGN AFFAIRS are not only a great source on current developments in the world regions, they also offer good coverage of the main institutions of global governance: [www.foreignpolicy.com](http://www.foreignpolicy.com) ; [www.foreignaffairs.com](http://www.foreignaffairs.com)

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## Assignments

In order to be granted 5 ECTS, participants will be asked to actively attend all sessions (you may not miss more than one synchronous session), and to hand in weekly assignments as well as an academic paper (5 pages) on the topic.

Submission deadline: last course day.

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## Assessment Components

The final grade will be composed of weekly assignments and active participation in class (50%) and the final academic paper (50%).

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## Expectations & Policies

Preparation for lively discussions in the virtual classroom: be on time, have at least the required readings completed and points in mind for discussion or clarification.

Group exercises, assignments, and self-study: complete all tasks according to the specified requirements on schedule including handing over to the lecturer.

Commitment in online-class: pay particular attention to the lecturer and respect differences of opinions (classmates', lecturers).

Academic guidelines: Comply with academic integrity policies (such as no plagiarism or cheating, nothing unethical) especially the academic honour code and the student code of conduct (see *FAQs* on [www.huwisu.de](http://www.huwisu.de)).

Attendance policy: No unexcused absences are permitted. Students must contact their class lecturer to catch up on missed work – to excuse absence please contact the HUWISU office.

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## Your Instructor

Christian E. Rieck is an Assistant Professor in Contemporary History and International Relations at the University of Potsdam and Senior Analyst for Regional Powers and Regional Integration at the Global Governance Institute in Brussels. He also teaches at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and in the Master of Global Affairs programs in Strasbourg, Mexico City, Charlottetown and Madrid for Universidad Rey Juan Carlos.

Previous posts in applied research include the foreign policy think tank at Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the European Foresight Program at the technology think tank Stiftung Neue Verantwortung, the Latin American Institute of the German Institute for Global and Area Studies GIGA, as well as a Carlo Schmid Fellowship in the area of competition policy at the United Nations in Mexico City. Christian is also a tutor at the Academy for International Cooperation of GIZ in Bonn where he prepares diplomats and development professionals for their stations abroad. He is writing a book on German science diplomacy, based on research funded by the Foreign Office, and was a member of the Think Tank 20 process of the G20.

The area studies specialist holds a postgraduate degree in Latin American Studies by the University of Oxford. Before that he studied law and economics in Bayreuth and Seville, then European and international public law at HU Berlin as well as at the European University Institute in Florence. His prize-winning work on European integration was awarded, among others, the Prize on the Future of Europe from the German Council on Foreign Relations.

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Please note that the course and its syllabus are subject to change. Last update: September 2020