

*Courses offered in English*  
*Social and Political Sciences Department*  
*in the Fall Trimester 2018*

1. **“Cosmopolitanism within the history of ideas and systematic perspectives”**  
(6 ECTS credits, BA, module-no. 1415)

**Lecturers:** Prof. Dr. Dirk Lüddecke, Mr. Benjamin Schmid (M.A.)

**Time:** On Thursdays, 11:30 – 13:00, starting 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018, in building 33, room number 1413

**Content:**

The history of political thought begins with the Greek. It is Hella's philosophers, historiographers and poets that reflect the political. Building on the contents taught in the lecture *Introduction to Political Theory* the seminar aims to familiarize its participants with the political ideas of ancient Greece. Among other things, texts by Heraclitus, Thukydides and Euripides will be presented, read and discussed. In this way the seminar participants should recognize positions in the political thinking of the ancient Greeks and not least also be familiarized with the continuing effect and the significance of this political thinking in terms of the history of ideas.

This seminar tries to get hold of Cosmopolitanism from different sides. It will examine its development within the history of ideas, starting from its early roots in ancient Greece and Rome to contemporary positions. Besides that it will approach the topic from a more systematic perspective by exploring moral, cultural, political and economic dimensions of Cosmopolitanism. Critical assessments will be considered as well.

**Requirements:**

Regular attendance and active participation; preparation of literature (literature will be made available on shared document server); 15 - 20 minute presentation in class including handout; exposé to seminar paper (ca. 400-600 words), deadline: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017; term paper (6.000- 8000 words), deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019);

**Introductory literature:**

Brock, Gillian / Brighouse, Harry (Ed.): *The Political Philosophy of Cosmopolitanism*. Cambridge 2005.

Delanty, Gerard (Ed.): *The Routledge Handbook of Cosmopolitanism Studies*. Routledge 2012.

Held, David: *Cosmopolitanism: Ideals and Realities*. Cambridge 2010.

‘Cosmopolitanism’ in: *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*  
(<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/cosmopolitanism/> )

## 2. "Global Political Ethnography" (6 ECTS credits, BA, module-no. 1415)

**Lecturer:** Prof. Dr. Teresa Koloma Beck

**Time:** On Tuesdays, 13:15 – 14:45, starting 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018, in building 33, room number 1312

**Content:**

Among the most significant transformations of statehood throughout the 20th century is its growing internationalization. Whereas the classical theories conceive the state as a sovereign entity, we see a growing influence of global politics in state affairs. In some cases, states deliberately relinquish parts of their sovereignty to international bodies such as the European Union, in other cases international actors intervene in state affairs in response to perceived weaknesses or threats, as in the government debt-crisis in Greece or in the humanitarian intervention in Afghanistan.

In this seminar we look at these developments in a particular methodological perspective: through the lens of ethnography. In our discussions, we will combine classical theories of statehood with a growing body of literature which under the heading Global Political Ethnography studies the globalization of politics and statehood in a micro-sociological/-political perspective.

**Requirements:**

Regular attendance, active participation, mandatory readings, reading questions, session summary, oral presentation, term paper

**Introductory literature:**

Marcus, George E. 1995. »Ethnography in/of the World System. The Emergence of Multi-Sited Ethnography«. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 24, 95-117.

Shore, Cris und Susan Wright 1997, »Policy. A new field of anthropology«, in *Anthropology of policy. Critical perspectives on governance and power*. London; New York: Routledge, pp. 3-34.

Stepputat, Finn, and Jessica Larsen. 2015. »Global political ethnography. A methodological approach to studying global policy regimes«. *DIIS Working Papers (Danish Institute for International Studies) No.1*.

## 3. Research Seminar: "Moot Court Public International Law" (6 ECTS credits, MA, module-no. 1547)

**Lecturers:** Prof. Dr. Daniel-Erasmus Khan and Dr. Lando Kirchmair

**Time:**

The obligatory preliminary meeting will be on Wednesday, 9th of October at 15:00 in the faculty room (33/3138).

This research seminar is conducted as a block seminar; we meet on three separate days (one meeting each in October, November and December - plus the preliminary meeting). The individual meetings last three hours and in each of the three sessions we discuss specific aspects of the case study.

**Content:**

The main goal is to analyze an international law case in all its details. This year we will intensely work on detailed written and oral pleadings on the current

„Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition“. Our common work on the case will include particularly

- the validity of interstate arbitral awards,
- the capture of marine vessel,
- the breach of nuclear disarmament obligations,
- the conduct of naval warfare.

**Material:**

<https://www.ilsa.org/Jessup/Jessup18/2018%20Combined%20Compromis%20and%20CandC%20final.pdf>

<https://www.ilsa.org/jessup-history/jessup-2018/>

**Requirements to pass the seminar:**

Participants are required to give a presentation of the main problems related to the claim they work on and hand in a written memorial (4000-6000 words).

**4. International dispute settlement in practice – law, politics, and power (6 ECTS credits, MA, module-no. 1267)**

**Lecturers:** Prof. Christina Binder, Ms. Jane Hofbauer (M.A.)

**Time:** On Mondays, 11:30 –14:45, seven appointments starting on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018, in building 33, room number 1415

This course will focus on a legal analysis of several decisions rendered by international courts and tribunals during the last decade and put the legal issues in their political context. International affairs and politics continuously shape international law. Up until the early 20th century, international law in fact was not seen as a separate discipline but rather a continuation of politics at the international level. Yet, international law binds states and creates rights and obligations for its subjects. Can political conflicts be settled by law? To which extent is the power of states curtailed by international dispute settlement? When and how do judges show restraint/activism when deciding disputes pending before them? These questions will be answered by the close reading of international case-law.

The course will be structured into lectures and exercises, inter alia covering the following topics:

- politics and international dispute settlement
- sovereignty in international law
- armed conflict situations in international dispute settlement
- Particular focus will be placed on the International Court of Justice, as the principal judicial organ of the United Nations.

Students are expected to present a case (will be assigned in the first lecture) and participate in discussions. Please note that the class and presentations will take place in English, though the final exam may be written in German.

Students will be provided with basic reading materials on their respective cases, but are expected to conduct further research. Reading materials will be made available online. In preparation for class, a basic understanding of international law and dispute settlement is recommended.

See inter alia JG Merrills, International Dispute Settlement (5th edition, 2011).