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Newsletter

Editorial

Dear Partners and Friends,

Welcome to the latest edition of the CGP Newsletter.

In a growingly complex world a better understanding of global politics is more urgent than ever before. The global financial crisis is not yet over, countries involved in proliferation issues continue to generate uncertainties (i.e. North Korea, Iran, Israel), the oil crisis in the Gulf of Mexico shows us once more the externalities and risks of our heavy dependence on oil and gas, while the viability of the EU and the global dominance of the United States is increasingly being questioned.

Here at CGP we are adapting our resources to respond to these challenging times. The following are some of the recent examples of how we are expanding and consolidating our activities.

Our Programs

Over the last year we actively advertised our two master programs – **East European Studies Online** and **International Relations Online** and received very encouraging feedback. While the number of applicants is lower than in the preceding years, partly due to the current financial uncertainties, we have now improved both the flexibility and structure of the two programs.

Our **Global Politics Seasonal Schools** – as we are now referring to them – are on a very good track. In the second half of August the summer school in Shanghai will be a given fact for the seventh time. The first seasonal schools in Istanbul and Tehran took place at the end of June and at the end of July, Greece is scheduled for the first half of October and Hanoi in the first half of November. The Greek summer school will be implemented pending the awarding of special funding from the federal government of Germany.

German Studies Russia underwent an evaluation in May. We hope that the DAAD Commission (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst) that visited Moscow was convinced of the value of our program. The number of applicants this year – 44, a record number – is very promising.

The Graduate School of Global Politics is expanding as well. In addition to Fudan University we have established two additional partnerships, with Renmin University in Beijing and with Jinan University in Guangzhou. We are also talking with MGIMO, our GSR partner in Moscow, about the possibility of them joining the graduate school.

The CGP Alumni Network

We are actively preparing our third alumni workshop, which will take place in Vietnam in the first week of September. This year we will focus on the role of Global Cities and on the institutionalization of our alumni network.

Research at the Center for Global Politics

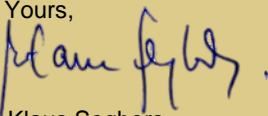
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Our University – Freie Universität Berlin

There is news to report at FUB as well. Professor Peter-André Alt, a philologist, was recently nominated as the University’s new president. Professor Alt visited the Center for Global Politics not long before he was formally elected. We are looking forward to a cooperative and constructive relationship moving forward.

Let me conclude by extending to you my very best wishes for an enjoyable, healthy and relaxing summer.

Yours,



Klaus Segbers
Director of the Center for Global Politics



Wendy Stollberg is the coordinator for the M. A. program East European Studies Online.
(photo: private)



Introduction to e-learning during the In-House Classes.



Our first Career Day for the EES Online students.
(photos: EES Online Team)

M.A. East European Studies Online



More Flexibility within a Better Structure in the EES Online Master's Program

by Wendy Stollberg

Being the only online master's program in the field of East European Studies worldwide, EES Online stands out with its unique method of teaching and communicating. While there are four one-week in-house classes in Berlin, most of the studying actually takes place online via a learning management platform. Students benefit from high-profile instructors from all over the world, guiding them through their modules, discussing up-to-date issues in online discussion boards, giving feedback and answering questions. Moreover, participants can study during their preferred times of the day and work through the modules using their preferred mode of acquiring knowledge. This is possible either exclusively online, or online in combination with audio and print material. However, in order to accommodate many of the students' desire, we have made studying even more flexible while, at the same time, keeping a high level of program quality. Since the beginning of this year, we concentrated on improving EES Online in different spheres. Here are three of the most important undertakings from that period:

1) Joint Commission on the Master's Programs

In 2009 we established a joint commission for the two master's programs at the Center for Global Politics, responsible for discussing and eventually deciding on major issues regarding organization, structure and content of both EES Online and IR Online. In contrast to their predecessors, the newly established joint commission is well acquainted with both EES and IR Online, allowing for efficient and lasting decisions for both programs. The first major task of the joint commission was to deal with new regulations concerning studies and exams for the master's programs. Many individual aspects of the regulations were debated in numerous meetings, eventually leading to the unanimous passing of the regulations in March of this year.

2) New Regulations Concerning Studies and Exams

The new regulations concerning studies and exams contain many modifications. One of the most important changes is the introduction of a part-time option. Students starting in October 2010 have the choice of studying EES Online either full time within two years or part time within four years. Secondly, the mandatory internship has been eliminated, thus acknowledging the fact that most students are already working and are occupied in their current professional lives. Students may do some training voluntarily but are no longer required to do so within the realms of the study program. Thirdly, the weight of the modules and the ECTS credits awarded to them has been harmonized. Except for the "Introduction and Tools" module which comprises twelve ECTS credits, all other modules consist of a workload of eight ECTS credits. Fourthly, there will be more electives for students to choose from, starting with a new module on energy politics and security. Fifthly, students now have more time – four months instead of three – for researching and writing their master's thesis. And finally, the new regulations contain stricter rules enforcing students to adhere to deadlines and to higher standards of scientific writing.

3) Various Opportunities during the Career Day

EES Online seeks to train students for international careers in NGOs, governmental agencies, private enterprises, academia, and the media. Apart from studying relevant theoretical methods, students are encouraged to apply their knowledge to the real world with the help of project work, simulation games, and case studies. Together with the program teams from IR Online and the Graduate School, we therefore initiated a Career Day during our last in-house classes in March. During the Career Day we offered different panels with experts from NGOs, from a political consultancy, and from the corporate sector. Students were provided with insights into the working world, job-entry requirements, and necessary qualifications for various vocational fields.

M.A. International Relations Online

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ONLINE



New Developments at IR Online

by Kristina Klinkforth



Kristina Klinkforth is the coordinator for the M.A. program International Relations Online.
(photo: private)

The M.A. International Relations (IR) Online was launched in 2006. Like EES Online, it is an e-learning based master's program which combines online instruction with on-site teaching at the FU Berlin's campus. IR Online is the first distance learning master's program in international relations (IR) in Germany. It imparts methodological and analytical knowledge on new challenges and opportunities for inter- and transnational issue regulation in global politics across a broad range of sub-fields such as migration, conflict management, international law, or international negotiation. During the program's in-house classes, students meet their instructors, who are experts in their respective fields from all over the world. Furthermore, the in-house classes aim to offer a comprehensive program that will further enhance students' soft skills and develop career opportunities. In the academic year 2009/2010, the following projects were inaugurated:

1) Coping with crises – curricula development enables students to prepare for today's challenges

The IR Online team has launched the development of an innovative theory module. Building on more traditional approaches in IR theory, it seeks to address new challenges with innovative and interdisciplinary theoretical approaches. Its focus rests on the observation that actors, structures, and institutions relevant for transnational and international processes are increasingly challenged. New and transboundary policy problems, overburdened national administrations, and at times dysfunctional institutional settings confront and afflict policy makers, activists, and citizens alike. The performance of the political system is deteriorating. The often conflicting and competing dynamics of globalization aggravate these developments. A new theory module will sketch out non-traditional (policy) problems, offer inter-disciplinary theoretical insights, and integrate the voices of practitioners offering real-world coping strategies. In addition, a new media module will sharpen understanding of the impact of narratives and the ability of various actors to shape them.

2) Career management – students will be provided with more opportunities to develop academic and applied skills

Enhancement of soft skills such as rhetoric, interview training, and oral presentation skills are an essential component of IR Online in-house classes. In March 2010, the IR Online team organized the first Career Day in cooperation with EES Online and the Graduate School of Global Politics to open up opportunities for practical career management. Furthermore, students will receive additional coaching in conducting academic research. A workshop during the first in-house session of future classes will discuss important steps to conducting social science research and give an introduction to academic writing. The subsequent Introduction and Tools module provides a comprehensive overview of scientific methods; these will be focused upon throughout the course of the two-year-program. Prior to writing their master's thesis, students will partake in an additional workshop and colloquium enabling them to draft research proposals and become increasingly adept at designing and conducting their own research projects.

By emphasizing both curricula development as well as academic and applied research skills, IR Online seeks to further strengthen the combination of flexible and high-quality online teaching with on-site coaching in specific skill areas. This combination allows the program to be an excellent stepping stone for young professionals.



The IR Online students during the In-House classes in March.



At the end of the week at the farewell dinner in Berlin.
(photos: IR Online Team)



Global Politics Seasonal Schools

GLOBAL POLITICS SEASONAL SCHOOLS



Four Seasons – Five Schools

by Franziska Weller



Franziska Weller is the program coordinator for the GP Seasonal Schools.
(photo: private)

Since the beginning of 2010, the summer schools organized by the CGP and its partner universities abroad have been reconfigured and the overall program has been expanded. Three summer schools, one fall school and one winter school will take place throughout the year 2010. Hence the new name “seasonal schools.” Each school is located in a vibrant global city with a distinct political backdrop and cultural flair: Istanbul, Tehran, Shanghai, Athens and Hanoi.

This program expansion has become possible thanks to the integration into a three-year long pilot project funded by the *German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)*. On the agenda of the pilot project is, among other things, to determine organizational synergies and to gain experience with different seasonal school program offers in vastly different target countries. While the new seasonal schools draw greatly from the experiences of our existing summer schools in Shanghai and Damascus, the particular constellations in each partner institution demand specially customized programs.



GP Summer School Turkey: “Economic Uncertainties, Political Solutions?”

Koç University, Istanbul. June 26 – July 5, 2010

As the title suggests, our first Summer School Turkey revolved around the topic of the global financial crisis and the resulting turbulences in the global political and economic landscape. In close cooperation with the College of Administrative Sciences and Economics at Koç University, located just outside of Istanbul, we put together a rigorous academic program for both Turkish and German students.

In addition to demanding modules on general politics and theories, a simulation game confronted the students with the nexus between security issues, terrorism and international relations in an especially interactive manner. As part of the supporting program, we invited participating students to a roundtable discussion at the German-Turkish Chamber of Commerce, to take a boat tour on the Bosphorus, and – of course – to watch a quarter-final and semi-final game of the Soccer World Cup.

GP Summer School Iran: “Cooperation in International Politics. Iranian and European Perspectives for the 21st Century”

School of International Relations, Tehran. July 24 – July 30, 2010

In the light of recurring moments of political deadlock on the diplomatic stage, we are especially proud to have launched a summer school program in Tehran this year.

In this summer school, select students as well as young professionals from Iran and Germany studied and discussed approaches to analyzing international institutions, networks, conflicts and cooperation from Iranian and European points of view. Together with renowned scholars from our partner institutions in Tehran – the School of International Relations and the International Institute for Caspian Studies – the curriculum offered an array of interrelated courses with a special focus on international negotiations in energy and climate change issues and on applied organizational and management issues.





GP Summer School China: “China and Europe in a Post-crisis World. Matching the Global and the Local”

Fudan University, Shanghai. August 15 – August 29, 2010

Taking place for the seventh consecutive year, our summer school in Shanghai combines well-tested program components with innovative new ideas.

During two intensive weeks, the analytical focus will shift from the global to the local realm. In addition to established modules on global politics, there will be a panel discussion with journalists, foreign correspondents, and bloggers addressing the impact of New Media on politics and societies in China, Europe and beyond.



Summer School China participants on a boat trip.
(photo: Summer School China Team)

Zooming in on metropolitan environments, urban studies expert Oliver Ibert (Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning) brings students closer to an examination of Global City Regions. Following this classroom introduction, a visit to the World Expo 2010, controversially titled “Better Cities, Better Life”, includes a guided tour of the fair grounds. Furthermore, a panel discussion revolves around the issue of reconciling global cities with local identities, with a special look at the case of Shanghai and previous expo cities.

Additional highlights include a roundtable on “Doing Business in Shanghai” in cooperation with the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce, a visit to the production site of a major German company based in Shanghai, a guided tour around some of the hidden historical and architectural gems of Shanghai, as well as a German-style dinner at the Kunshan Beer Festival and a Chinese-style karaoke night.



GP Fall School Vietnam: “Global Politics and Urban Dynamics”

National University, Hanoi. November 5 – November 17, 2010

Embedded in “Germany in Vietnam Year 2010”, the first ever Global Politics Fall School Vietnam commemorates the 35-year anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries. Advanced students of International Relations and related fields from throughout Vietnam and Cambodia will experience two weeks of an ambitious academic program that addresses the nexus between global politics and urban dynamics and resonates with the overall theme of the celebration year.

The fall school is jointly organized with the Faculty of International Studies and the Social Sciences and Humanities (USSH), Vietnam National University Hanoi.

GP Winter School Greece

In the midst of the myriad of news stories on fiscal and monetary developments in Greece and the Euro zone, the CGP will organize a winter school in Athens in late 2010.

Together with our main partner institution in Greece, the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), based in Athens, we are currently working on a high-level program.

For further information, we encourage you to visit our new website at <http://www.seasonal-schools.org>



German Studies Russia


Certificate Program German Studies Russia: Extra-Education for a Career in the German-Russian Context

by Julia Gerlach



Julia Gerlach is the program coordinator for German Studies Russia. (photo: private)

German Studies Russia, a supplementary course for bachelor students of *MGIMO University* in Moscow, is designed as a gateway to a career in the German-Russian context. Students enrolled in the program have the choice of either graduating directly from the program with the benefit of new knowledge and skills related to Germany and the European Union, or of continuing their education in this very context.

For a master's degree there is the Russian-German double degree program in International Relations (40% of the students are GSR alumni) and for PhD students the Graduate School of Global Politics at the Center for Global Politics will be open to GSR-graduates in 2011.

This summer, the class of 2010 (the sixth GSR-class) is preparing to graduate. Eleven students have successfully met all of the course requirements in politics, economics, media, and law and are now heading for their last GSR-site, the internship. The internship takes place at a company, representation, or organization connected to Germany and should be chosen according to the students' career ambitions. Political foundations and parties, large corporations, chancelleries, and German Media in Moscow, Berlin, and Bonn are the internships of choice for our graduates this summer. The variety of different internships reflects the wide range of our students' interests as well as the broad approach of GSR.

Our program has continued to arouse more and more interest: 44 MGIMO-students sent their applications to enroll in the GSR-program for the next year. Approximately 20 of them, with excellent German language skills, will form the class of 2011. The kick-off for the program will be a workshop on presentation skills at MGIMO in September 2010.

Our GSR co-curricular activities also seem to provide an attractive option for students and alumni; this year GSR has intensified its Public Lecture Series at MGIMO. Thanks to strong cooperation with the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation and the Heinrich-Böll-Foundation, well-known experts on political and social issues, for example the climate change specialist Prof. Stefan Rahmstorf (Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research), discussed relevant questions with the audience.

Activities focused on helping students get into the job market brought this year's GSR-students to the headquarters of a major German radio studio (ARD-Hörfunkstudio) in Moscow. Looking behind the scenes, they explored what might be news-worthy and what is not and how news are technically broadcasted. Becoming a journalist is a viable job option for nearly half of the class of 2010.

GSR's alumni network continues to bring together former and current students that all share a strong professional and personal interest in Germany. Enjoying their time together is as important to our members as discussing professional topics. In addition to the two major alumni events offered by the Center for Global Politics every year, more and more activities are started by the alumni themselves. GSR definitely unites!

Cooperation between the Center for Global Politics at Freie Universität Berlin and the School for Political Affairs at MGIMO University is gradually becoming stronger. In June 2010, Freie Universität Berlin opened its representation in Russia in the building of the MGIMO University. This reflects the strong ties between the universities and the major role MGIMO University plays as a key partner to Freie Universität Berlin. Dr. Tobias Stüdemann, representative of FU Berlin operating from MGIMO in Moscow, is now coordinating the university's activities in Russia.



Alumni from the sixth GSR run together with their tutors. (photo: GSR Team)



Dr. Tobias Stüdemann is the new FUB representative in Moscow. (photo: Freie Universität Berlin)





The Graduate School of Global Politics

by Bettina Rollow



Bettina Rollow is the student advisor of the Graduate School of Global Politics.
(photo: private)

The Graduate School of Global Politics (GSGP) is a three year PhD program focusing on dissertation projects in global politics and international relations. It offers a combination of academic research and practical experience for dedicated PhD candidates. The program is valuable for those seeking to acquire knowledge and field experience that will prepare them for an outstanding career in research-oriented occupational fields. The GSGP is a cooperative endeavour between Freie Universität Berlin and selected Chinese partner universities and enjoys the support of the *German Academic Exchange Service* (DAAD).

Methodology course and research semester in China

In April 2010 the second GSGP class started their second online course. The course focuses on methodology and is taught by Prof. Frank Schimmelfennig. An introduction to the course was provided through an intensive, week-long seminar held in early March, full of academic and scientific workshops and lectures. Thomas Jensen, a colleague of Prof. Schimmelfennig, led the seminar. It was also an excellent opportunity for students and staff to meet each other. In addition, a Career Day was provided in which PhD candidates were able to participate on panel discussions with high ranking professionals from different NGOs and industries. The second half of the day was dedicated to workshops on recruiting procedures in international organisations and career self-management. Upon completing the methodology course in July 2010 most of the PhD candidates will begin a research semester at one of our distinguished partner universities.



Claudia Kissling is the program coordinator of the Graduate School of Global Politics.
(photo: private)

An intensive seminar introducing the third online course, "Theory II" by Prof. Schieder, will be held at Fudan University in Shanghai in August 2010. For the first time the participants of the GSGP will meet in China. We are all looking forward to this interesting and productive time together.

October 2010 – Meet the third class

Meanwhile, the application period for the third GSGP class ended in early February 2010. The GSGP and the *China Scholarship Council (CSC) – FU Berlin Joint Program 2010* have enjoyed consistently increasing numbers of applicants from all over the world. Chinese graduates were able to apply for open, PhD positions in the latter program at FU Berlin – all supported by CSC scholarships (for further information please check <http://www.fu-berlin.org.cn/CSC/>).

The admission committee assessed all applications in mid-February and selected seven students for the regular GSGP program and five students for the CSC program. They will get together for their first intensive seminar in early October 2010 in Berlin.

Apply in November

From November 1, 2010 until February 1, 2011 the GSGP will be accepting applications for the fourth run which will start in October 2011. All information, as well as the login to the Online Application System, can be found on the GSGP website www.cgp-phd.org.

Scholarships for Chinese PhD candidates

As in previous years, the GSGP is offering several positions with an enclosed CSC scholarship for Chinese PhD candidates as part of closer cooperation between the FU Berlin and the *China Scholarship Council (CSC)*. These students will spend their entire PhD studies in Berlin with the opportunity to organize a research semester in a relevant country other than China. For further information please visit the following website <http://www.fu-berlin.org.cn/CSC/>.

If you are interested in applying, or have any questions, please contact phd@global-politics.org.



The PhD students of the second run during the intensive seminar at Freie Universität Berlin in March 2010.
(photos: GSGP Team)



The CGP Alumni Network

The alumni network is one of the most important areas of our work at the CGP. During the last three years, major efforts have been made to establish a sustainable infrastructure for the ever growing CGP community in order to allow alumni to stay in touch and benefit from continued interaction. After graduating, alumni continue to be members of CGP's academic community: they are provided with up-to-date information about CGP and the Alumni Network, they have several channels of communication with CGP and their fellow alumni and are provided with various opportunities to remain active. The CGP Alumni Network aims to maintain and enlarge the ties built-up during the students' studies at CGP beyond the duration of their study program. In addition, our staff has identified key roles for alumni to play at the Center for Global Politics: they are constant advisors in helping to improve CGP programs and own important functions in marketing and PR efforts for CGP.

The CGP alumni network offers the following advantages and services:

Y **CGP Alumni Forum**

Staying in touch and meeting fellow alumni online. Receiving up-to-date information on the latest developments at CGP and joining academic discussions on topics in global politics. Finding out about job opportunities at the CGP Career Center.

• **CGP Newsletter**

Receiving information on program developments and research being conducted at the Center as well as on students, tutors, staff and alumni via the regular digital newsletter.

Y **Alumni Ambassadors**

CGP nominates Alumni Ambassadors in order to strengthen the development of the CGP network and to establish a reliable contact person for new alumni and students in different parts of the world. Alumni Ambassadors are particularly active in the CGP Alumni Network; taking part in special forum groups, organising meetings in their regions and keeping the network alive.

In addition, the Center for Global Politics hosts an Alumni Workshop every year. At the workshop the Alumni Ambassadors and representatives of each graduation year meet for a five day seminar focused on academic topics in global politics as well as on developing and enlarging the CGP Alumni Network. In 2010 the Alumni Workshop will be held in Asia (Vietnam) for the first time, where the alumni will study and discuss topics related to the new CGP project "Urban Times". In addition, they will identify new projects for the Alumni Network and start drafting a project outline and distribute tasks to be carried out with their fellow alumni worldwide.

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Regular alumni meetings are taking place in many countries across the world. Here for example in China in March 2010; Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou.
(photos: Summer School China Alumni)

Research at the Center for Global Politics

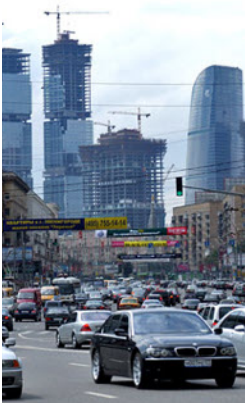
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Living in Urban Times? Designing a Research Project in IR

by Klaus Segbers and Julia Binder

The newly emerging global landscape holds various important implications. With the gradual modification and even decline of the traditional Westphalian system of the nation state as the one and only actor in IR, other non-global and non-national actors are gaining significance. These entities are to be included with more traditional actors into the levels of analysis. This development is also closely related to the need for new policy styles: more frequent election cycles and shorter time horizons; increasing acceleration of life styles and growing media involvement in political developments.

Four Megacities:



Moscow

We now live in a world in which physical distance has lost its importance and in which complexity has increased due to the development of uncountable interlinkages and flows. These flows (of goods and services, people, capital, and content) tend to ignore borders between states, but rather connect cities and similar hubs and nodes. Flows may not be as intangible as they first seem to be. Different types of flows are in part space-related, and if so, they are driven toward cities. They need to be processed and re-processed.

In short, financial and economic dependencies are growing; one careless step on Wall Street means minuses in Moscow, and a bankruptcy in Indonesia risks jobs in Belgium. Multi-level governance structures challenge administrations and political decision-making is bound. Furthermore, a technological revolution has taken place. As the world wide web enables people from all over the world to get (inter)connected the meaning of time and space is changing.

One important feature of this new landscape of global politics is the enhanced role of city regions, particularly of those who actively try to connect with major flows of capital, content, and people. This group of cities will be addressed as Globalizing City Regions (GCR). Together with TNC (transnational company) headquarters and representative offices, GCRs are the points where flows reemerge and touch ground, even if only for a short period of time. Cities also provide the background of stories, pictures, and visions. Cities are the fabric of postmodern, local, and global narratives. They are the sites of links and ruptures, of communities and disjuncture.

A systematic and interdisciplinary assessment of problems and opportunities related to cities under the impact of global flows is currently being developed at Freie Universität Berlin. So far, 30 research projects have been organized within four sub-clusters. Three cross-sectional questions have been developed to ensure the coherence of the research undertaken.



New York



Buenos Aires



Hong Kong

(photos: www.pixelio.de)



Julia Binder is the project coordinator of the research project *Urban Times*. She was born in 1983 in Oberhausen and received her B.A. in European Studies from the University of Osnabrück and her M.A. in International Relations from Freie Universität Berlin. She is interested in global politics and intercultural affairs. (photo: private)

Julia Binder: Taxation without Representation The Political Integration of Immigrants in Societies of Migration

Large-scale immigration has brought new challenges to European societies and democracies. This paper examines why the degree of political representation of migrants is higher in some Western European democracies than in others. In light of the latest research, three independent variables are identified: the naturalization regime, the right to vote in local elections and the electoral system. The research design controls for democratic stability and migration history in the immigration country, the immigrants' ethno-cultural origins and their relative concentration.

The cases; Berlin, Stockholm, Oslo, Vienna, Paris and Copenhagen; were selected due to their variation on the independent variables. For the last four cases the author collected previously unknown data on the composition of their city councils with respect to the presence of immigrants. A comparison of the six cases concludes that all three independent variables affect the dependent variable while the right to vote has the strongest effect.



Today's large scale immigration is a great challenge for Europe. (photo: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu>)



Sofja Klokatova was born in Kaunas, Lithuania, in 1985. In her hometown, she studied Music at *Juozas Gruodis Conservatory* and Political Sciences at *Vytautas Magnus University*. In 2010, Sofja Klokatova graduated from the Freie Universität Berlin with a M.A. degree in East European Studies. Her fields of specialization are East European Politics and History. (photo: private)

Sofja Klokatova: EU in Motion. Migration from the new member states of the European Union to the Federal Republic of Germany

This thesis analyzes migration processes from the new EU member states to the Federal Republic of Germany in the time period from 2004 to 2008. The research question investigates why the magnitude of emigration from the "new" to the "old" EU member states differs. The aim of this study is to define, on the basis of the selected theories, factors that cause migration from the new EU member states.

After a general presentation and analysis of the migration theories, two theories will be selected for further application. Two factors that cause migration are identified, namely a different economic situation in the country of origin from the destination country and the presence of a diaspora in the host country. The importance of these factors is analyzed in case studies of Latvia, Poland, the Czech Republic, and Slovenia.



Franziska Weller was born in Tuebingen, Germany in 1984. She graduated with a B.A. in Political Economy from Georgetown University in Washington, DC and received an M.A. in International Relations from the Joint Master's Program at Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität Berlin and the Universität Potsdam in 2009.
(photo: private)

Franziska Weller: Securing Peace – The Role for Guarantees in Post Conflict Situations A Comparative Case Study of Post-Agreement Phases in Angola, Burundi, El Salvador and Tajikistan

The dynamic literature on civil conflicts and their settlement is thin on lean and robust theories. This thesis proposes that part of the problem lies in the complexity of the phenomenon to be explained: most scholars aim to gauge the entire difference between renewed deadly war and democratic peace.

Scaling down the dependent variable to one sub-goal in the transition from war to peace – demilitarization – this master's thesis tests the applicability of two determinants of peace implementation in a qualitative case comparison of four post-agreement phases in Angola, Burundi, El Salvador and Tajikistan. The two independent variables, power-sharing institutions and external security guarantees, are tested for their short-term impact during the post-conflict transition phase.

Though some of the evidence remains inconclusive, the empirical analysis suggests that both factors improve the chances that parties in conflict lay down their arms and that these effects are mutually reinforcing.



Securing peace in Angola – UN election observation.
(photo: <http://www.unmultimedia.org/photo>)

Our University

New President at Freie Universität Berlin Ideas and Visions for Freie Universität Berlin in the Year 2030

by Kristina Klinkforth



Peter-André Alt is the new president of Freie Universität Berlin.
(photo: Freie Universität Berlin)

On May 12, 2010, Peter-André Alt was elected president of Freie Universität Berlin. He replaced former president Dieter Lenzen, who followed a call from the Universität Hamburg. Peter-André Alt is a professor for literature and linguistics and director of the Friedrich-Schlegel Graduate School, as well as the Dahlem Research School that serves to coordinate all PhD programs at Freie Universität Berlin. Professor Alt visited the Center for Global Politics not long before he was formally elected. He was introduced to all of the CGP programs. After a pleasant visit we are looking forward to a cooperative and constructive relationship.

In an article in the German daily *Der Tagesspiegel*, Peter-André Alt sketches out his ideas for the Freie Universität Berlin in 2030. This article covers some of its main points.

1. Virtual Spaces for research and teaching will gain importance. It is most likely that research will no longer be confined to national or regional endeavours. Instead, it will take place in world-wide research associations and projects, guided and empowered by new digital spaces and features. While the internet and digital coordination will be of growing significance, time for face-to-face communication will become ever more valuable. Individual mentoring will therefore be a continuing trait of students' guidance.
2. Future teaching and research will become transdisciplinary in nature. FU Berlin will be at the heart of a big research campus in Berlin-Dahlem, integrating the Max-Planck Institutes of Science. The expanding domains of transdisciplinary research will be constituted by geo-archaeology, risk and security studies, urban planning, international political studies, and digital medicine.
3. FU Berlin will build strong partnerships within and beyond Germany. New resources, labs, and (digital) libraries will be created and developed in cooperation with these partners in order to combine academic requirements and practice-oriented applications.
4. Junior researchers will be guided and supported in every phase of their careers – from their doctorate to post-doc programs, from their first research program to a tenure position. They will be able to apply for more flexible funding options as well as transnational working opportunities.
5. Research and science will gain much more significance when contributing to finding and implementing policy solutions to pressing problems. FU Berlin will seek to find new ways to support researchers and instructors along the way.

The political program of professor Alt's presidency is ambitious. FU Berlin's virtual campus features and e-learning programs already represent a good start. In addition, focus areas have been established to allow for more inter- and transdisciplinary research. However, much remains to be done – and hopefully feature prominently in the next round of the Initiative of Excellence.

See the full article at:

<http://www.tagesspiegel.de/zeitung/freie-universitaet-in-der-zeitmaschine/1846068.html>

For an interview with Peter-André Alt, please see:

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