



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2021

3,315: Multilateralism and the Crisis of the Rules Based International Order

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Presentation (in groups - all given the same grades) (50%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (50%)

Examination time: term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[3,315,1.00 Multilateralism and the Crisis of the Rules Based International Order](#) -- Englisch -- [Heusgen Christoph](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course except genuine interest in foreign policy

Learning objectives

- Deeper understanding of the functioning of foreign policy
- Appreciation of International Law and the rules based international order
- Deeper understanding of individual conflicts
- Ability to develop options for foreign policy actions

Course content

After the horrors of the Second World War the International Community was determined to prevent similar conflicts in the future. The UN were founded. The understanding was that future conflicts should be resolved peacefully, based on the strength of the rule of law and not through the rule of force exercised by the strongest. Currently, we are experiencing a crisis of the Rules Based International Order. Many international players simply ignore International Law. We observe this in the Wider Middle East, we observe this in Libya, in Ukraine, in the South China Sea and in other places. The course will look at the basis of the Rules Based International Order and individual crises where the Rules Based International Order is under attack.

Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

The Block Seminar will contain 6 main sessions:

1. Overview of the Rules Based International Order: UN Charter and Security Council Resolutions, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, International Courts, other components of International Law
2. The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
3. The Syria Conflict
4. The Libya Conflict
5. The Ukraine Conflict
6. The South-Chinese Sea Conflict



Each session will be introduced by Christoph Heusgen. He will then invite an international personality to present her or his view of each topic. A discussion on the conflict will follow. Dependent on the number of students participating in the course adaptations will need to be made (more group work vs. individual work). After the number of students inscribed is known more detailed information on course work and examinations will follow.

Course literature

There is no specific book to be read beforehand. Students should read newspapers, magazines, do some individual research on the conflicts. Everybody should look at the UN Charter.

Additional course information

Christoph Heusgen was foreign policy advisor to German Chancellor Angela Merkel for 12 years (2005-2017) and then Germany's Ambassador to the United Nations for 4 years. He has extensive practical experience with the course topic.

In the case of the President's Board having to implement new directives due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in AS2021, the course information listed above will be changed as follows:

- The course is conducted online via the platform Zoom (no recordings);
- The lecturer informs via StudyNet/Canvas or e-mail on the changed implementation modalities of the course;
- There are no additional changes necessary to the course information.

The examination information listed below would be changed as follows:

- The presentations are conducted online and are being recorded;
- Further information are communicated via StudyNet/Canvas and e-mail;
- There are no additional changes necessary to the examination information.

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/2)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Presentation (in groups - all given the same grades) (50%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

on specific conflict & possible ways ahead

Examination-aid rule

Presentations

In presentations, aids for visual presentation can be used. These aids can be specified or restricted by the lecturers.

Supplementary aids

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

2. Examination sub part (2/2)

Examination time and form

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (50%)

Examination time: term time



Remark

on presentation topic, ca. 5 pages

Examination-aid rule

Term papers

Written work must be written without outside help according to the known citation standards, and a declaration of authorship must be attached, which is available as a template on the StudentWeb.

Documentation (quotations, bibliography, etc.) must be carried out universally and consistently according to the requirements of the chosen/specified citation standard such as e.g. APA or MLA.

The legal standard is recommended for legal work (cf. by way of example: FORSTMOSER, P., OGOREK R., SCHINDLER B., *Juristisches Arbeiten: Eine Anleitung für Studierende* (the latest edition in each case), or according to the recommendations of the Law School).

The reference sources of information (paraphrases, quotations, etc.) that has been taken over literally or in the sense of the original text must be integrated into the text in accordance with the requirements of the citation standard used. Informative and bibliographical notes must be included as footnotes (recommendations and standards e.g. in METZGER, C., *Lern- und Arbeitsstrategien* (latest edition)).

For all written work at the University of St.Gallen, the indication of page numbers is mandatory, regardless of the standard chosen. Where page numbers are missing in sources, the precise designation must be made differently: chapter or section title, section number, article, etc.

Supplementary aids

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Examination content

Students are expected to demonstrate a deeper understanding of one of the five conflicts. What are the interests involved of the parties, of outside actors? What are constraining factors? What are possible solutions, ways forward?

Depending on the number of students participating in the course, the term paper will either be an individual paper (<15) or a group paper (>15).

Examination relevant literature

There is no mandatory literature or specific books. The components of international law applicable to the conflicts should be known. Current developments on the conflicts should be followed.



Please note

Please note that only this fact sheet and the examination schedule published at the time of bidding are binding and takes precedence over other information, such as information on StudyNet (Canvas), on lecturers' websites and information in lectures etc.

Any references and links to third-party content within the fact sheet are only of a supplementary, informative nature and lie outside the area of responsibility of the University of St.Gallen.

Documents and materials are only relevant for central examinations if they are available by the end of the lecture period (CW51) at the latest. In the case of centrally organised mid-term examinations, the documents and materials up to CW 42 are relevant for testing.

Binding nature of the fact sheets:

- Course information as well as examination date (organised centrally/decentrally) and form of examination: from bidding start in CW 34 (Thursday, 26 August 2021);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 18 October 2021);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 18 October 2021);

Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before the end of the registration period in CW 45 (Monday, 8 November 2021).