

## Syllabus: “Introduction to International Relations & European Studies”

Summer Term 2018, Benedict Ogola

### (a) Inhalt und Ansatz | Content and Approach

The purpose of this course is to help students answer fundamental questions in the introductory phase of studying International Relations (IR). It will do so by familiarising learners with key international relations issues and introducing them to some of the specialised IR topics that they may choose to study in the coming years. The course will caucus in some detail at both the real-world problems that IR addresses, and some of the essential theories it uses to understand world order.

### (b) Qualifikationsziele | Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- introduce you to a range of theoretical tools that will help you to analyse the behaviour of international actors and the nature of international systems and the world order
- define and discuss some main concepts within the discipline, including the state and power, the relationship between states, economic factors in determining the world order and an introductory understanding to the inner working of diplomacy and foreign policy
- critically assess challenges facing contemporary international society, including security, global governance and the rise of new actors.

### (c) Kursstruktur | Course Structure

2 contact hours per week

Friday: 12:00-13:30

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### (d) Kontakt | Contact

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### (e) Studien- und Prüfungsleistungen | Course Assessment

- Oral presentation (20 min)
- Oral examination (10 min)
- Term paper
- 3 ECTS