

Our Study Programmes

Our courses provide basic and specialized knowledge, mainly for undergraduate and graduate students in the Social Science degree programmes. In addition, we offer seminars for the program "Organization, Governance, Education" or in interdisciplinary modules. We supervise research and final theses in all fields of IR.

BA Social Science

- Introduction to IR
- Theories of IR
- Globalization & Global Governance
- Peace- and Conflict Studies
- International Political Economy
- International Organizations
- Methods in IR

MA Social Science

- Theories and Methods of IR
- Global Governance
- Research Internship IR

Examples of Research-Oriented Courses

- Global Governance of Resources
- Global Fight against Crime
- Global Illegal Markets

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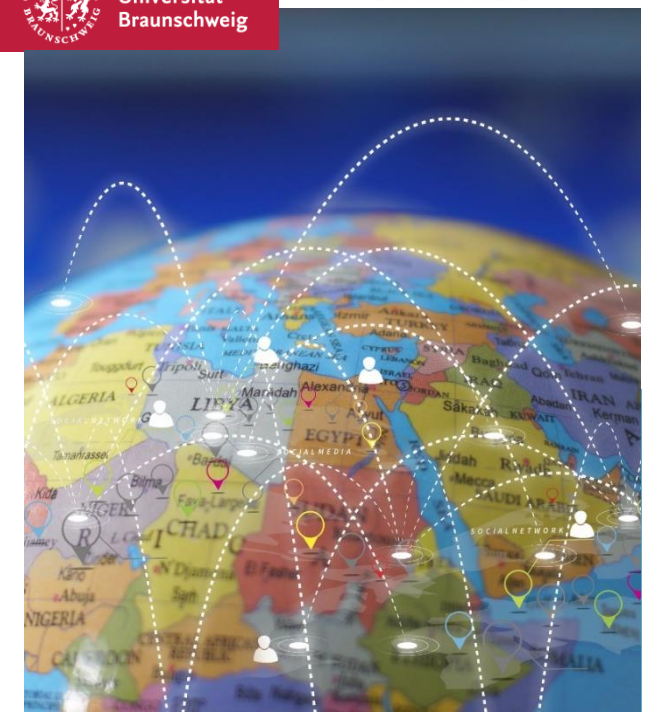
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Research at the Institute

The Institute of International Relations (IIR) focusses on research lined to global security, economic and environmental policy, as well as the work and impact from international organizations such as the EU or the UN.

Research activities are carried out through individual or collaborative projects. We are specialized in theoretical and empirical analyses of global governance, international institutions and organizations, as well as norm development and implementation in different global policy fields. This specialization is reflected in our four main areas.

Global Fight Against Crime

In this field of research, we analyze the conditions and the design of international cooperation against crime. The focus is on, for example, governmental, international and non-governmental actors, as well as their strategies against environmental crime, human trafficking, money laundering and cybercrime.



Global Illegal Markets

We are interested in the characteristics of global illegal markets and the attempts of international actors to combat them. We compare different illegal markets and examine why which forms of governance are introduced and how promising they are.



Non-Traditional Security Threats

We investigate the implications of actors such as criminals, gangs, rebels or hackers, which are increasingly defined as a new security threat. Our contribution in this field lies in the analysis of the influence of these actors on the social, national and international order.

Global Governance & Policy Diffusion

Here we are interested in the systematic investigation of global norms and rules as well as related processes of dissemination. We investigate how specific models in environmental policy, security or economic policy spread globally.

Project Example: REPLAWA

REPLAWA is part of an initiative by the German Federal Ministry for Education Research (BMBF) that examines ways of reducing plastic in the environment. The project we contribute to analyzes the protection of water in the area of wastewater drainage and treatment. Pollution caused by microplastic is the biggest challenge in wastewater.



Our team examines the worldwide spread of regulatory procedures in the field of plastic and microplastics. We show where and how which anti-plastic-norms arise and aim to explain variance in this area.

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