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# Summer School on Water and International Relations

Development, Conflict and Cooperation, International Political  
Economy and the "Green State"

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Photo: Turkana men armed with AK-47 rifles next to a water pump, northwestern Kenya, 18 February 2007. © Siegfried Modola/IRIN

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#### Overview

The Summer School provides an introduction to the political, economic and social aspects of the topic “water”. The course is organized in two parts.

In the first week the lectures are **theory-oriented** and serve as introductions to Development Policy, Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, International Political Economy and the concept of the “Green State”.

The second week is **policy-oriented**. What are the Millennium Development Goals with respect to water? How can the Transboundary Freshwater Dispute Database be used in order to analyze cooperation and conflict concerning shared river basins? How can the lack of water in arid countries be substituted by the import of virtual water? How does the World Climate Council work?

#### Objectives

The participants will develop an understanding of major aspects of the social science disciplines of Development Policy, Peace and Conflict Studies, International Political Economy and the “Green State” in general.

Specifically, they will gain knowledge

- about the political, economic and social aspects of water;
- of water as a resource for development, a reason for conflict or cooperation in international relations, a good that can be traded internationally, and as a major topic for environmental policy;
- on how to use databases, how to read and analyze political documents, how to read and analyze trade statistics.

#### Topics

- Water as a factor in development
- Water as an issue in peace studies and conflict resolution
- Water as an aspect of international trade
- Water/climate as aspects of ecological modernization and the politics of the “Green State”

#### Course Organization

The summer school consists of lectures (in the morning) and discussions in class and selfstudy (in the afternoon). Participants will be required to write a short paper and presenting a poster.

Schedule		
Monday	Sept. 5, 2011	Arrival and Get-Together
<b>Part I: Theory</b>		
Tuesday	Sept. 6, 2011	Introduction to Development Politics
Wednesday	Sept. 7, 2011	Introduction to Peace Studies
Thursday	Sept. 8, 2011	Introduction to International Political Economy
Friday	Sept. 9, 2011	Introduction to the “Green state” / Ecological Modernization
Saturday	Sept. 10, 2011	Excursion
Sunday	Sept. 11, 2011	Free time
<b>Part II: Policy</b>		
Monday	Sept. 12, 2011	The Millennium Development Goals: Integrated Water Resources Management
Tuesday	Sept. 13, 2011	The Transboundary Freshwater Dispute Database: The Case of the Jordan River Basin
Wednesday	Sept. 14, 2011	The Water Trade: The Import of Virtual Water
Thursday	Sept. 15, 2011	Environmental Policy: The World Climate Council
Friday	Sept. 16, 2011	Departure

#### Lecturers

Prof. Dr. Jörg Calließ; Michael Fürstenberg, MA; Gerald Heere, MA; Dr. Bastian Loges; Dr. Birgit Mangels-Voegt; Prof. Dr. Ulrich Menzel; Sonja Reinecke, MA; et.al.  
Guest lectures are welcome!

#### Target Audience

MA / M.Sc. students, PhD students, post-doctoral researchers and senior research scientists from Engineering and Natural Sciences-Departments with an interest in environmental policy and the political, social and economic aspects of water.

#### Number of participants

The number of participants is confined to 20.

#### Application

Please apply online until June 1, 2011:  
<http://www.exceed.tu-braunschweig.de/apply/summerschool>