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Dear Friends of the Brandt School,

As the year draws to a close, we look back at an eventful second half of 2022. The Brandt School welcomed the batch of 2022-24, a new cohort of Master of Public Policy students from some 30 countries. MPP student Priscilla Boatemaa Appiah won the Social Impact Award Germany. And the Erfurt Transatlantic Dialogue discussed Russia's war in Ukraine.

Looking ahead, the next year will see exciting developments, notably the School moving into its new home on campus, the "Weltbeziehungen" (World Relations) building. And we will continue expanding our global outreach, as we engage in new partnerships with international partners. Expect to hear more about this soon!

In the meantime, I wish you all a peaceful holiday season, a prosperous 2023, and a Happy New Year.

Professor Andreas C. Goldthau  
Director of the Brandt School

## Spotlight

### Brandt School Welcomes Class of 2022-24



The Brandt School opened the new academic year with an exciting "Orientation-Week" and its traditional Welcome Reception on October 13, 2022. In her keynote speech, journalist and Senior Brandt School Fellow, Shakuntala Banerjee shared with the new students her vision on democracy, entrepreneurship and leadership.

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### How can Malaysia unlock a low-carbon future? New policy brief by Andreas C. Goldthau and IASS colleagues



A new policy brief from Prof. Andreas C. Goldthau and colleagues at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies identifies a path to advance Malaysia's energy transition. Through stakeholder workshops and subsequent analysis, the IASS team identified three core recommendations to advance Malaysia's energy transition. [Read more...](#)

### New publication on citizen assessments of clientelistic practices in South Africa

Brandt School MPP Program Coordinator Christian Tischmeyer published a co-authored paper on "Citizen Assessments of Clientelistic Practices in South Africa". The publication in *Third World Quarterly* builds on current literature on the characteristics of diverse types of clientelism and argues that the differences in evaluations result partly from differences in the type of clientelism that is studied. [Read more...](#)

### New Belfer Center report identifies countries with the strongest potential impact on green hydrogen value changes in key industries

New research from EIPCC researcher Laima Eicke and Harvard Belfer Center Senior Fellow Nicola De Blasio analyzes countries' advantages, opportunities, and challenges in future green hydrogen markets and concludes that future green hydrogen production and associated industrial applications will likely be distributed unevenly across the globe, leading to new geopolitical dependencies and tensions. [Read more...](#)

### New publication on development aid and domestic regional inequality: The case of Myanmar

In a new article published in the journal *Eurasian Geography and Economics* entitled "Development Aid and Domestic Regional Inequality: the Case of Myanmar", Matteo Fumagalli and Brandt School professor Achim Kemmerling discuss the international donors' dilemmas of delivering aid in a country with a highly centralized government and exploding regional inequality. [Read more...](#)

## What are the alternatives to gas in Europe? Prof. Andreas C. Goldthau contributes to a new IISD report on navigating energy transitions

Brandt School Director Andreas C. Goldthau discussed alternatives to gas in Europe in a new report from the International Institute for Sustainable Development, titled "Navigating Energy Transitions: Mapping the road to 1.5°C." [Read more...](#)

## Updates

### Application period for 2023 is now open



Do you want to change the world you live in? Do you want to be an agenda-setter? An entrepreneur for a good cause? Then apply today! [Read more...](#)

### Social Impact Award for Brandt School student Priscilla Appiah

Priscilla Boatemaa Appiah, a student at the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy at the University of Erfurt, was awarded the jury prize of the Social Impact Award Germany for her project "EdTech for Special Learning Needs". The prize is endowed with 3,000 Euros and also supports the student social entrepreneur through a mentoring program and workshops. [Read more...](#)

### Willy Brandt School of Public Policy moves into new building on campus

The Willy Brandt School of Public Policy at the University of Erfurt will move into the new "Weltbeziehungen" (World Relations) building in 2023. Centrally located between the Erfurt University Library and the Centre for Communication and Information (KIZ), it will have the most modern premises on campus. [Read more...](#)

### What can early career researchers get from international academic conferences?



Getting accepted at academic conferences can be tricky. Yet, participating is an excellent chance to get first-hand information about cutting-edge research, find dialogue partners, and partake in a broader scientific community. Find out more through the experience of Karina Marzano, one of our Brandt School early career researchers, at the 2022 European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference.

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### Berlin in the eyes of refugees

On July 11 and 12, students from the "Forced Migration Policies in Comparative Perspective" and "Introduction to Migration Policy" courses, taught by Dr. Pau Palop-García, travelled to Berlin. The trip aimed to show how knowledge from the classes can be applied to real life. For this purpose, they visited different places, focusing on various issues related to migration. All of them were very interesting and created enriching and insightful conversations. The group touched on sensitive and controversial topics that have been avoided, such as East German refugees or Germans' expulsion after World War II.

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### 'Winter is Coming': Understanding energy transition from The Energy Community Summer School

The 6th Summer School of the Energy Community Secretariat took place in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. This year's topics were the challenges of energy transition and the complexities associated with it (scientific, legal, economic, cultural, political, and technical aspects). The event was co-organized with the Visegrad Fund, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Dialogue Southeast Europe, and the University of Sarajevo – Faculty of Political Sciences.

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### 2023 General Elections in Nigeria: Understanding the stakes and implications

The 2023 general elections present Nigerians with another opportunity to select a new president, governors, and members of the national assembly. The elections come at a time when national conversations are focused on growing insecurity, given the escalating rates of kidnappings and armed violence, and economic decline evidenced by unprecedented levels of inflation and unemployment. Not lost in these conversations are the implications of the 2023

general elections for the stability and long-term future of the country.

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## Brandt School in Action

### Brandt School students participate in a panel discussion on digital learning



On November 17, 2022, second-year Brandt School students participated in a panel discussion focused on digital learning at the Technical University of Ilmenau. The panel was organized by the eTeach Netzwerk as a part of its Annual Conference titled Focus on Digital Teaching at Thuringian Universities.

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### EIPCC graduate center discusses conferences, research funding and publishing at two-day retreat in Erfurt

For the second year in a row, since the foundation of the EIPCC graduate center, PhD candidates, Postdocs and professors met for two days of workshops and panel discussions. In early November, the EIPCC met at the University of Erfurt to discuss how to prepare for and network at conferences, learn about different kinds of funding for research, and talk with journal editors about publishing strategies.

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### Erfurt Transatlantic Dialogue: Contrasting different angles on the war in Ukraine

The U.S. Consulate General, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Brandt School invited students and a broader public to debate Russia's war in Ukraine and the future of European Security Policy on October 24, 2022.

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### Gas price ceiling? More nuclear energy? Brandt School professor Andreas C. Goldthau provides commentary on the ongoing energy crisis in Europe

As the ongoing energy crisis continues to plague Europe, especially in Germany, Prof. Andreas C. Goldthau recently provided comments to several media outlets on the shifting situation and possible policy solutions.

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## Third Session of the Transformational Certificate: Leadership for the future

Aletta Haniel Professor for Public Policy and Entrepreneurship Prof. Heike Grimm, hosted the third session of the “Transformational Certificate” on 28 and 29 September 2022 at the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy. This executive training, consisting of three such sessions, was organized in collaboration with the Hertie School and the Intersectoral School of Governance Baden-Württemberg. It aims to provide executives with the tools and skills to navigate a volatile future. [Read more...](#)

## Meet the Brandt School

### Dr. Hasnain Bokhari



All Brandtians would agree that taking **Dr. Hasnain Bokhari's** class is always an exciting and eye-opening experience. In his 11th year teaching at the Brandt School, he has taken up a new role as our Research Associate for Internationalization and Digitization of Teaching – a perfect topic for the (post-) pandemic era. As December is a good time to retrospect and prospect, and as our [application period for the student intake 2023](#) has just opened, we have invited Dr. Bokhari for an interview to share his remarkable Brandt School story. [Read more...](#)

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