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Dear Friends of the Brandt School,

We're off to a good start into 2023. Our MPP student teams successfully presented the pro bono consulting strategies they had been working on for the past half year. Their clients included the Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK), the State of Thuringia, the BMW Foundation or the German-Colombian Peace Institute. We also added new staff and welcomed Dr. Nigar Muradkhanli to the Brandt School team as a new postdoctoral fellow in Global Public Policy. And our very own Dr. Hasnain Bokhari won an Internationalization Prize of the University of Erfurt.

This term, we'll welcome Ambassador Boris Ruge for the annual [Brandt Lecture taking stock of the Zeitenwende](#) one year on. The [Commitment Awards](#) for outstanding social entrepreneurship projects will be awarded for the 12th time. A [housewarming event](#) is in the making, in our new premises on Max Weber Allee, where we will celebrate the beginning of a new chapter of the School.

Enjoy the days getting longer.

Professor Andreas C. Goldthau
Director of the Brandt School

Spotlight

Brandt School Students Successfully Present Consulting Strategies



As part of their practical training, Brandt School students successfully consulted for various high-level clients, such as the State of Thuringia, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, or Transparency International. This year, they worked on topics ranging from digitalization strategies, critical minerals for the energy transition, to anti-corruption, and peace building.

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Brandt School Students Publish on Women, Peace, and Security, Climate Action and Cybersecurity



Majlinda Behrami, Soumita Chakraborty, and Molly Hall each applied knowledge gained through their studies, internships, and professional experiences to (co-)author publications on women, peace, and security, the correlation between climate action and road safety, and centering citizens in cybersecurity policy. [Read more...](#)

Can Kenya Retain Its Position as a Climate and Renewable Energy Frontrunner in the Sub-Saharan Region?

The new policy brief from Brandt School Director Prof. Andreas C. Goldthau, EIPCC researchers Laima Eicke and Silvia Weko, and other colleagues at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) recommends how Kenya can expand their renewable energy capacities and improve energy access and security. [Read more...](#)

How Can Jordan Get Back on Track to Meet Its Renewable Energy Goals?

Drawing on findings from stakeholder workshops and expert policy research, a recent policy brief from Brandt School Director Prof. Andreas C. Goldthau, EIPCC researchers Laima Eicke and Silvia Weko, and other colleagues at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) recommends how Jordan can resume efforts to meet renewable energy goals. [Read more...](#)

New Research Study Calls for Innovation & Collaboration Ahead of the EU Forest-Risk Commodities Regulation

EIPCC researcher Karina Marzano recently published a new study examining digital transparency initiatives in Brazil ahead of the pending implementation of the new EU Deforestation Regulation. [Read more...](#)

New Research in Energy Policy Analyzes Renewable Energy Technology Trade Conflicts

EIPCC researcher Silvia Weko recently published new research with colleagues analyzing renewable energy technology (RET) trade conflicts, concluding that after initial positioning in new markets, countries shifted to less conflictive behavior. [Read more...](#)

Updates

Welcome, Dr. Nigar Muradkhanli

The Brandt School welcomes [Dr. Nigar Muradkhanli](#) as a new postdoctoral fellow in Global Public Policy. [Read more...](#)

The Bulletin

From Oil Dependence to Diversified Prosperity: The Unconventional Journey of the United Arab Emirates



What is the "resource curse"? How has the United Arab Emirates been able to avoid it? In this blog, first year MPP Student Maisam Amiry will presents the measures implemented to overcome oil dependency as a primary source of income for the country. To do this, he describes briefly the main macroeconomic policies and the measures taken to implement these policies, such as good governance, stability, and corruption control.

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Can I Pay With Trash? Recycling Credits: The New Brazilian Strategy to Improve Waste Management

Garbage production has affected humanity in proportions never seen before. Waste management plays a vital role not only in the transition to a circular economy, but also in tackling climate change. The challenge is even bigger in developing countries due to the lack of infrastructure, but the Brazilian bet on a market-based solution can give us some insights into the problems and how to overcome them. The Brazilian government launched a Recycling Credit Certificate in 2022. The incentive-based approach seems to be promising, but it lacks enforcement regulation, social inclusion mechanisms, and distortion of regional markets can be an issue. [Read more...](#)

How Can the Democratization Process in Myanmar Be Revived?

This February marked two years since the military coup in Myanmar. The prison sentence against Myanmar freedom fighter and politician Aung San Suu Kyi in Dec 2022 by the judiciary controlled by the military junta shows once again that the situation in Myanmar is deteriorating rapidly. This process has also been and continues to be facilitated by failures in development policy. In this piece, Prof. Dr. Achim Kemmerling and doctoral student Aye Aye Htun shed light on which aspects of development policy have had a negative impact and what Germany can now do to revive the democratization processes in

Myanmar, which were once advanced in particular by Aung San Suu Kyi.

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Cash-Based Interventions as a Social Protection Tool for Women in Humanitarian Crises

'In recent years, Nepal and Syria have continued to experience humanitarian crises that have prompted the governments and several donor agencies to aid those affected in the form of cash-based interventions. First-year students at the Willy Brandt School, Aditi Tyagi, Holly Warner, Su Wai Phyoe & Tracy Shimoli, take a deeper look into these interventions with a particular focus on their role in protecting women. They do this by comparing the two countries and highlighting the experiences of female beneficiaries of the cash grants and its effect on their personal autonomy and susceptibility to intimate personal violence.'

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How Do First-Year Students Perceive Public Policy at the Brandt School?

In this blog, we interview four first-year students about their perception of public policy and how it has changed since commencing the Brandt School.

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Brandt School in Action

Global Social Democracy - Willy Brandt and the Socialist International in Latin America



How did Social Democracy make its way around the world? The Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) and the Brandt School invited students, the university community, and the broader public to a book presentation and discussion on Willy Brandt's work in Latin America as president of the Socialist International on January 17, 2023.

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Brandt Lecture: "Zeitenwende" in Germany's Foreign Policy? Taking Stock a Year On

How far has Germany come in the last 14 months? And what are the criteria by which we should judge its progress? Join the Brandt Lecture with Vice Chairman of the Munich Security Conference Ambassador Boris Ruge on campus .

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Brandt School and Central European University (CEU) Collaborate to Offer Joint Course on “The Politics and Policies of Aid”

Prof. Dr. Achim Kemmerling, the Gerhard Haniel Professor for Public Policy and International Development at Brandt School, teams up with Prof. Dr. Tilo Bodenstein from CEU to enhance understanding of the international development aid landscape. [Read more...](#)

Brandt School at Social Innovation in Africa Event by Federal Ministry of Education and Research

A group including MPP student Priscilla Boatemaa Appiah, alumni, and Prof. Heike Grimm was honored to participate in the Federal Ministry of Education and Research’s maiden event for promoting social innovation in Germany, dubbed, “Social Innovation International: Focus Africa”. [Read more...](#)

Experts Discuss the Future of Work in Mexico in a Workshop Held by PolDigWork Research Project

On March 9th the new research project @PolDigWork – Politics and the Future of Work in Middle-Income Countries held its first workshop in one of the partner countries: Mexico. Experts from government, industry, trade unions, academia and technology discussed technological change and its effects for labour markets and the society. [Read more...](#)

Alumni Stories

The Bulletin Interview With Alumna: Theresa Hannes



Theresa Hannes is a 2018 graduate of the Willy Brandt School, currently working as a Senior Consultant at the social impact consultancy Value for Good GmbH. She has previous experiences in consulting, international organizations (e.g. UNICEF), NGOs and more. She is particularly passionate about social entrepreneurship, international development cooperation and gender equality. In this interview, she shares more about her job and how Willy Brandt School helped her get equipped for the position, as well as some tips and tricks to the path of landing an amazing career. [Read more...](#)

Meet the Brandt School

Dr. Nigar Muradkhanli



Dr. Nigar Muradkhanli is our new member of the faculty at the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy. She joins us as a postdoctoral researcher, under the guidance of Professor Dr. Andreas C. Goldthau on the project with a focus on supply chains for German clean energy technologies. Meet her on The Bulletin!

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