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Dear friends of the Brandt School,

in our continuous pursuit of fostering global citizenship and promoting inclusivity, we are proud to announce our participation in "[Weltoffenes Thüringen](#)", an initiative that embodies our core values and reflects our mission. We at the School stand for a Thuringia that is open to the world, where human dignity and indivisible human rights are upheld, which rests on a pluralistic democracy and embraces diversity as a value of its own.

It is only through an environment where individuals from all backgrounds can thrive that we pursue societal progress. By joining "Weltoffenes Thüringen," we live up to our aspiration of fostering peaceful word, and inclusive and respectful exchanges.

We are excited to announce that applications for our Master of Public Policy (MPP) program for the 2024 intake are now open. The MPP program equips aspiring change-makers with the knowledge and skills to navigate complex policy landscapes and drive meaningful change.

To learn more about our MPP program, please visit <https://www.uni-erfurt.de/en/brandtschool/studies/admissions> - and thanks for spreading the word in your communities.

Warm regards,

Professor Andreas C. Goldthau

Director, Willy Brandt School of Public Policy

Spotlight

Application Period for Intake 2024 is Open Now!



The application period for the October 2024 intake for the MPP is now OPEN! The Brandt School is looking for passionate individuals ready to shape the future of global policy. If this sounds like you, we invite you to apply to our Master's in Public Policy program. The priority deadline is February 29, 2024!

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The Brandt School Has Joined the Initiative "Weltoffenes Thüringen"!

As an institution dedicated to fostering global perspectives and promoting positive change, we are proud to align ourselves with the values of this inspiring initiative.

What is "Weltoffenes Thüringen" all about?

Inspired by a shared commitment to strengthen and enhance democracy in Germany, organizations and individuals from all over Thuringia are coming together under the banner of "Weltoffenes Thüringen." Here's what we stand for:

- We stand for a Thuringia that is open to the world.
- We stand up for human dignity and indivisible human rights.
- We are committed to pluralistic democracy and the rule of law.
- We want a country that accepts and welcomes diversity.
- We aim to interact peacefully and respectfully, ensuring that prejudice, exclusion, and hatred have no place in an open-minded and diverse Thuringia.
- We support the idea of a unified Europe, representing peace, solidarity, and prosperity, which has been especially beneficial to Thuringia.

We believe that education plays a pivotal role in shaping a better future, and by participating in "Weltoffenes Thüringen," we reaffirm our commitment to creating a more inclusive and understanding society.

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Insights

New Study by Laima Eicke, Silvia Weko and Colleagues Analyzes Framings in UNFCCC Negotiations



How widespread is the support for green growth in international climate politics? A new co-authored research article by EIPCC researchers Laima Eicke and Silvia Weko, published in the academic journal “Climate Policy”, analyzes the use of green growth framings at UNFCCC (UN Climate Change) negotiations through panel-data analysis. It finds that this approach is mainly used by

countries with the most advanced national clean energy technology (CET) capacities. [Read more...](#)

The First Publication of the PolDigWork Project Investigates Attitudes Toward New Technologies in Ghana

Using a field survey in Ghana, the Politics and the Future of Work in Middle Income Countries (PolDigWork) project examines the motives and attitudes toward automation, robots and digitalization. The survey was conducted by the PolDigWork team Evans Awuni and Prof. Dr. Achim Kemmerling. [Read more...](#)

Can Universal Access to Clean Energy Services Serve as an Enabler for Development? Professor Andreas Goldthau & Nopenyo Dabla of the African Development Bank Co-Author New Research Chapter

Some 759 million people lack access to electricity, and 2.6 billion are without clean cooking solutions. Yet universal access to modern energy services must be achieved without additional emissions. Therefore, climate targets need to be achieved on the basis of clean energy sources. The contribution on “Clean Energy Services: Universal Access as Enabler for Development?” for research volume “The Environment in Global Sustainability Governance”, co-written by Professor Andreas Goldthau, Director of the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, and Nopenyo Dabla, Senior Investment Officer of the African Development, and alumnus of the Brandt School’s Master of Public Policy, discusses how policy making in developing countries has shifted, from viewing energy as a sector to regarding it as an enabler for broader socio-economic goals.

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Updates

The 2024 U.S. Elections – A Bipartisan Outlook on Key Issues, Key States, and the Electoral Process.

We were honored and pleased to present the bipartisan expert duo of Steve Israel and Tom Davis, experienced former Congressmen who served as respective Chairmen of the National Democratic and Republican Congressional Committees and possess unique behind-the-scenes expertise on how Congress operates. Steve Israel and Tom Davis provided insights and analyses on Democratic and Republican electoral prospects across the country, helped explain the electoral process, and discussed key states and issues for the outcome of the 2024 U.S. elections. The event was moderated by Sudha David-Wilp, regional director of the Berlin office and a senior fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States. [Read more...](#)

Top Risks 2024: A Conversation with Eurasia's Henning Gloystein & Amund Vik

Discussion with Henning Gloystein (Director, Energy, Climate and Resources at Eurasia Group) and Amund Vikisa (Senior Consultant at Eurasia Group). The event of the Security Capitalism Research Group will be moderated by Dr Alejandra Ortiz-Ayala (Willy Brandt School).

Date: 31. Jan 2024, 5.00 pm

Location: Lehrgebäude 1, lecture hall 4 (C03 / Campus)

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The Bulletin

Include Them All: Colombia Should Implement a Policy of Gender-Neutral and Free Human Papillomavirus -HPV- Vaccination



In Colombia, the free national vaccination scheme against Human papillomavirus covers girls between 9 and 17 years old (Ministerio de Salud, 2023) but not boys. Parents cannot afford the vaccine's costs for boys because these are costly. This creates a barrier that has left males unprotected as they cannot access the vaccine. This past August, the National Immunization Practices Committee voted in favor of extending the free coverage to

males. This is something to celebrate, as the strategy of gender-neutral vaccination can be the most effective way to protect males and females and eliminate the burden of women as the only ones responsible for prevention. In this blog post, Nancy Apraez focuses on gender-neutral vaccination and how the inclusion of boys in HPV vaccines promotes gender equality. [Read more...](#)

Internship Postcard Series

Explore the diverse internship experiences of our second-year students as part of the new Internship Postcard Series! From sustainability initiatives to policy consulting projects, our students have been making impactful contributions in organizations across the globe.

Discover the exciting internships in:

- Berlin: Novita Dwi Andar's experience at the German Federal Association for Sustainability.
- Brussels: William McNeill's insights from Milieu Law and Policy Consulting.
- Bălți, Moldova: Elizabeth Olguin's journey at The Friends of Moldova.
- Hamburg: María José Quirola's role in EU- LAC Foundation.
- Bonn: Calep Pimienta's work with German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS).
- Erfurt: Lara Schüth's valuable contributions to Landesfrauenrat Thüringen (State Women's Council).
- Porto Alegre, Brazil: Roman Coutinho's experience at State of Rio Grande do Sul, State's Secretariat of Planning, Governance, and Management.

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Harvesting Solar Power: A Comparative Analysis of Solar Energy Capacity in India and Brazil

The spotlight is firmly on solar power as a beacon of hope for sustainable energy worldwide. In this pursuit, India and Brazil have emerged as key players, demonstrating significant advancements in their solar energy capacity. Despite their shared economic standing and favourable geographical conditions, India has surged ahead, producing nearly four times the solar power of Brazil. This substantial disparity has prompted an in-depth analysis of the institutional frameworks and policies that have shaped the divergent trajectories of solar energy adoption in these two prominent emerging economies. In this blog post, Aditi Tyagi compares solar energy capacity between Brazil and India and discusses their institutional frameworks. [Read more...](#)

Elimination of Violence Against Girls and Women: From Theory to Practice

Girls and women worldwide continue to face increased levels of violence, discrimination and other human rights violations including but not limited to physical, sexual, emotional, and economic violence, reproductive coercion, child marriage and trafficking. These forms of harm are also being reproduced in online spaces through cyberbullying and trolling where whole communities are being built under an umbrella of misogyny and hate towards women. In this blog post, Tracy Shimoli shares her opinion on individual, communal, national, and global level investments towards ending violence against women and girls. [Read more...](#)

From Countless Interview Requests to Endless Bus Rides: Doing Fieldwork on Coal Mining and a Just Transition in South Africa

How to fight for (or against) a just transition in South Africa? In this post, Almut Mohr reflects on her experiences of doing field research on coal mining and a just energy transition in South Africa as well as on insights into different perspectives on the just transition that she gained during her stays in the country. [Read more...](#)

Brandt School in Action

The Brandt School Social Impact Lab



The Brandt School Social Impact Lab, under the leadership of the Aletta Haniel Professor for Public Policy and Entrepreneurship, Prof. Dr. Heike Grimm, is designed as a safe and collaborative environment that will serve as a launch pad for the testing and implementation of students' social business ideas. Specifically dedicated to students who have undergone training in social entrepreneurship, the lab provides a platform for presenting social

business proposals before an audience comprising experts, donors, mentors, and peers, giving participants access to constructive feedback and mentors who will aid the development or implementation of their projects. Furthermore, student social entrepreneurs will gain access to valuable networks to support their projects and possibly secure funding. The lab serves as an integral component of the broader social entrepreneurial ecosystem that the Brandt School is building to foster a supportive community for student social entrepreneurs to lead and effect sustainable social impact.

The Lab's launch will take place on January 30, 2024. This first lab session targets current students enrolled in the social entrepreneurship specialization of the MPP programme. [Read more...](#)

Project "Everyday Practical Peacebuilding" Will Work With the Thuringia International School Of Weimar

Students from the "Conflict Studies and Management" Specialization of the MPP at the WBS won a European Solidarity Corps and now they are starting to consolidate partners in Thuringia to collaborate in the project. [Read more...](#)

Guntram Wolff Opens the New Academic Year at the Brandt School with Welcome Lecture

Prof. Dr. Guntram Wolff discussed the importance of recognizing climate change and the challenge it poses for policymakers at the Brandt School's Welcome Lecture 2023.

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Commitment Award Winners' Workshop Helps Navigate Funding Opportunities in Germany

The social entrepreneurs who won the Commitment Award in 2023 joined previous winners in a workshop with Engagement Global to learn about networks, ways for funding and training to further their projects. [Read more...](#)

The Military and Reconciliation in Colombia: Dr. Alejandra Ortiz-Ayala Participates in the Series "Critical Dialogue on Reconciliation"

On November 3, Dr. Alejandra Ortiz-Ayala was invited to participate in the series of "Critical Dialogue on Reconciliation" to give a talk about The Military and Reconciliation in Colombia. The event was supported by the Oxford Network of Peace Studies and the Centre of Religion Reconciliation and Peace from the University of Winchester. [Read more...](#)

Alumni Stories

Career Tips & Alumni Interview with Dr Atif Ikram Butt



The Bulletin Podcast Team interviewed Dr Atif Butt. Dr Atif is the Chief of the Public Advocacy and Communication Section of UN Environment based in Nairobi, Kenya and has a wealth of knowledge to help current policy students achieve their professional goals. The team interviewed Dr Atif to get some insights about what policy students, particularly international students should be keeping in mind and what they should be doing to give them the best chance at achieving their personal professional goals. With Dr Atif's extensive international professional experience he provides sound and practical tips that cover finding internships, adjusting to new countries, language difficulties, networking and securing a job post-graduation. [Read more...](#)

Meet the Brandt School

Dr. Gift Mwonzora and Viddy Ranawijaya Introduce Their New Research Project: Digitalization and the Future of Work in Middle-Income Countries (PolDigWork) – Mexico, Indonesia and South Africa



Doctoral student Viddy Ranawijaya and post-doctoral researcher Dr. Gift Mwonzora provide an overview of their Digitalisation and the Future of Work in Middle Income Countries (PolDigWork) project. This project focuses on Mexico, Indonesia and South Africa. The PolDigWork researchers have already started exploratory fieldwork and workshops in the three case studies, with Mexico being the first. Interesting data is already emerging from the Mexican case study. [Read more...](#)

The Brandt School Welcomes Priscilla Appiah!



Priscilla Appiah joins the Brandt School Team as Research Associate to Prof. Dr. Heike Grimm in the area of social entrepreneurship.

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