

## Master International Relations

Faculty of History and Social Science

## Newsletter Winter Semester 2022/2023



Dear MIB students,

dear alumne and alumni of our Master's program,

welcome to the academic year 2022/2023!

On the following pages, we inform you about current topics of the MIB. This includes information on networking opportunities as well as events such as the career service of the KU. With the new examination regulations coming into force, the MIB can now be studied in English as well. The newsletter also provides information on this. In addition, Alla Petrova reports on her experiences in the MIB (Student Spotlight). Finally, you can find details on the events of the IR lecture series in the winter semester 2022/23.

Based on developments in dealing with the Corona pandemic, we are confident that the academic year that has begun can be conducted in presence completely, resulting in a "true KU experience" especially, but certainly not only, for the first-year students of the program. For the students of higher semesters, we hope that exchange semesters as well as internships, which were sometimes difficult and sometimes impossible in recent years, can now be carried out "normally" again. Technical developments, which have been initiated in the last years, will of course remain with us, which is not least shown by the conduct of several "virtual" guest lectures, for which we could win over colleagues from Sweden and England, among others, and where topics such as the feminist foreign policy of Sweden and the foreign policy of populists in Latin America will be discussed.

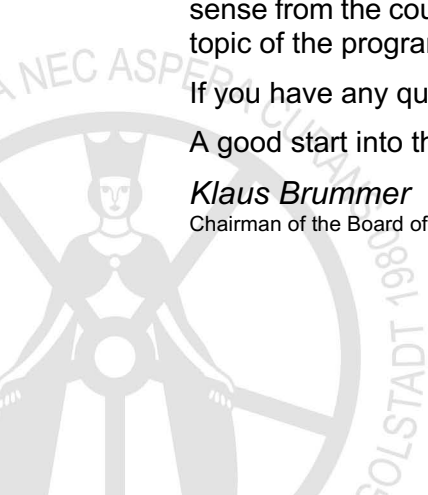
Speaking of semesters abroad: If you wish to spend one or two semesters abroad in the academic year 2023/24 – as you know, such a study abroad is not obligatory, but it makes sense from the course of studies (especially in the third semester) as well as with regard to the topic of the program – you should start planning as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

A good start into the semester and best regards on behalf of the entire MIB team

*Klaus Brummer*

Chairman of the Board of Examiners and Spokeperson of MIB



## Study MIB also in English

Since the introduction of the new examination regulations for the MIB last year, it has become even easier to complete all or a part of the Master's program in English. This not only increases the flexibility of content for German-speaking students, but also strengthens their competence in the central working, research and teaching language of International Relations. In the future, it will also open up the MIB to international applicants even more than before.

But how does studying the MIB in English actually look like? Since the number of courses in English offered at KU is (still) limited, there are a number of aspects to consider. However, some things are already possible:

- **Required module:** In the modules *Theories, Structures and Order* as well as *Practice, Strategies and Fields of International Politics*, a course in English can be chosen. For several years, we have offered a seminar in both German and English with an accompanying exercise. Each semester there are also one or more options of courses in English for the module from Studium.Pro at KU.
- **Internship:** The compulsory internship can, of course, be completed in an English-speaking country or context. The required internship report shall be written in English accordingly.
- **Required Elective Component:** Here, we recommend the modules completely in English like *Model United Nations* and *International Law* as well as other English-language courses, especially in Modern History and Sociology (*Advanced Sociological Theories*). Furthermore, if necessary, academic achievements in English from a study abroad can be credited to modules of KU after prior consultation.
- **Elective Component:** Students can choose master's modules in English from the entire range of subjects offered at KU. In particular, language courses from the offer of the Language Center are recommended here, if applicable, in the interest of integration into university life as well as in preparation for studying abroad.
- **Master's Thesis:** The master's thesis can also be written in English after consultation with the supervisor.

The program management is committed to gradually expanding the offer of English-language courses in the MIB and thus further widening the possibilities for choice.

## Student Spotlight – Alla Petrova

How can MIB studies look like? Alla Petrova (photo: private), currently in her fifth semester, tells her experience below:

„I started my studies during the Corona pandemic. Nevertheless, I felt very comfortable in Eichstätt and enjoyed my courses. The combination of theoretical and practical courses at MIB provides both in-depth and extensive knowledge, as well as useful skills for working in the field of international relations. Especially exciting for me was the seminar Security Studies, where different challenges in global politics were analyzed. With the help of this seminar, I learned an internationally used structure of writing reports with policy recommendations, which I find very practical and am currently using in my master's thesis.

During my MIB studies, I also completed two internships at the UN: My first internship was in the UNHCR Liaison Office with the OSCE and other UN organizations. With the help of this experience, I was able to gain insights into both international organizations and follow current discussions in the OSCE. My tasks included creation of summaries of OSCE discussions and reports for relevant UNHCR country offices.



The second internship was at UNIDO, the UN Industrial Development Organization, where I helped in the Policymaking Organs Secretariat. There, I expanded my knowledge in the field of international development cooperation and was involved in preparation of events as well as engagement with non-member states of the organization. With the deepened knowledge of international relations that I obtained thanks to the MIB studies, I successfully completed two internships at the UN. Currently, I am pursuing a career in human rights, where I have many opportunities with my MIB studies. Finally, I would like to thank the MIB professors and coordinators for their excellent work and support.“

### **The Student Network MIBPlus**

The MIB student network, MIBPlus, was launched in the summer semester of 2016. It is open to all active students, but also to the numerous alumni of the study program.

At the moment, the MIBPlus already has over 100 members. But a network functions all the better the more belong to it and get

involved. You still know alumni and want to invite them to join the MIBPlus network? Simply download the membership application from the MIB homepage and forward it to them...



**Network with many other students and alumni also through the MIBPlus group on LinkedIn!**

## Event tips all around the MIB

### Lecture Series of the Chair of International Relations

In the winter semester 2022/2023, the Chair of International Relations continues its semester-long lecture series. Five guest lectures given by renowned colleagues from Germany and abroad will address current topics and challenges in international relations - from bilateral issues through challenges of geopolitical reorientation to aspects of dealing with autocratic regimes worldwide. Cordial invitation!

#### **Prof Dr Tadeusz Lebioda (University of Wrocław, Poland)**

Infrastructure of the German-Polish Dialogue during the Cold War (in German)

*Tuesday, November 15, 2022 – 18.00 – UA 030*

#### **Dr Leslie Wehner (University of Bath, United Kingdom)**

Populist Leaders from Latin America and Foreign Policy

*Monday, November 21, 2022 – 18.00 – Zoom*

#### **Prof Dr Heinz Gärtner (University of Vienna and Institute for Peace, Vienna, Austria)**

Great Power Competition, War and Neutrality (in German)

*Tuesday, November 22, 2022 – 18.00 – KG A 205*

#### **Prof Dr Karin Aggestam (Lund University, Sweden)**

Swedish Feminist Foreign Policy and Peace Diplomacy

*Monday, December 5, 2022 – 18.00 – Zoom*

#### **Dr Johannes Plagemann (GIGA Institute for Asian Studies, Hamburg)**

Competing connectivity strategies in Asia (in German)

*Thursday, Januar 12, 2023 – 18.00 – Zoom*

For lectures conducted online via Zoom, please register by sending an email to [andreas.ludwig@ku.de](mailto:andreas.ludwig@ku.de).

## Event tips from the KU Career Service and Methods Service Center on International Internships in the winter semester

### ***Career Talk: Defense and security policy***

Speakers: Career Counseling of the Career Counseling Office Ingolstadt - Employer Bundeswehr and Katharina Pachmayr, Head of Communications Munich Security Conference and alumna of the MIB; Dr Andreas N. Ludwig, Chair of International Relations at KU

*November 29, 2022, 18:15-19:15 – via Zoom*

With the return of war to Europe in February 2022, public interest in the fields of security and defense policy has noticeably increased again. Both fields have always offered exciting and diverse job and career opportunities for graduates of all disciplines, which we would like to discuss in this Career Talk with two speakers from the field. How does a career start in the Bundeswehr? What opportunities are there to work in the field of security policy beyond the armed forces? How does everyday working life look like in these challenging areas?

**[All Info & Registration at the Career Center](#)**



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### ***Career Coaching for students of humanities and social sciences***

Speakers: Nina Savarini (Career Service), Florian Schönach (Professional counselor at the Federal Employment Agency)

*Januar 19, 2023 – 12.30-15.00 – via Zoom*

### ***Intercultural competency training***

Organizer: International Office - Methods Service Center on International Internships and Welcome Service; Student and career counseling in cooperation with the TK health insurance company

*Januar 27, 2023 – 13.00-16.00 – via Zoom*

**Furthermore, various workshops and information events on the topic of "Applying Abroad" will be held again, also in other foreign languages. More information can be found on the website of the International Office.**

## **Last but not least... – General renovation of the KU collegiate buildings is due to begin in 2023**

Recently, the university management provided information about an upcoming major project for the KU, the planning and preparations for which have been underway for many years: the general renovation of the college buildings. The first preparations for this will begin in the fall, and construction work on the renovation of the first two building complexes will start in the middle of the next year. In three construction phases, the old buildings, with their seminar rooms, lecture halls and offices, will be modernized and brought up to the latest technical standards by 2028 – all of this, of course, with as few restrictions as possible for studying and teaching at the Eichstätt campus.



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