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Course information

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Course description

Trump's retreat from multilateral diplomacy, Brexit, and the challenge of the liberal world order by Russia and China have shown us lately the fragility of the international post-World War II order. At the same time, the increased capacities of non-state actors to impact world politics challenges traditional conceptions of authority and legitimacy in the international political space. Indeed, it appears that the need for global cooperation has never been greater. The global financial, migration and environmental crises hint at the urgency and necessity of working together on a global scale to withstand the most important challenges of our times. But how can the diverse actors cooperate today and govern the global space? What determines their interests and how can these be coordinated?

During the semester we will try to understand the origin, functioning and influence of international institutions and global governance. We will discuss in what way international institutions have impacted the traditional Westphalian order of world politics. We will analyze why states create and participate in international organizations; in what way intergovernmental organizations impact world affairs; as well as the place, power, and legitimacy of non-state actors in global governance. We will deepen those interrogations by discussing diverse sectors of global governance like global security, human rights, the environment, and development.

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