



International Policy Analyses and Global Society:

International conflicts about the three common spaces:
Antarctica, High Seas and Deep Seabed, Outer Space

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Introductory session, 9 May 2025, 15.00-19.00



Introductory session

1. Presentation of participants; expectations, motivations, interests
2. Seminar plan
 - Organisation
 - Performance requirements
 - Content (objectives / the „common thread“ / introduction to the topics)
3. Resources
4. Distribution of topics for presentations



Organisation

- Introduction: Friday, 09.05.2025
3pm - 7pm | online session
- Block session 1: Friday, 20.06.2025
9am - 7pm | Seminarraum 124, (IfP)
- Block session 2: Saturday, 21.06.2025
9am - 7pm | Seminarraum 124, (IfP)
- Consultation: Following the two compact sessions;
at any time: kai-uwe.schrogl@esa.int



Performance requirements

1. **Presentation** (Powerpoint, max. 20 minutes):
 - supported by the texts on the website
 - complemented by max. four hypotheses (put at the beginning of your presentation) – these have to be checked with me at least the week before the block session

2. **Hausarbeit** (according to examination rules) or Klausur (we will fix the date at the end of the compact sessions)



Performance requirements

3. Credit Points^{*1}

Performance fixed			Optional		
active contribution	Presentation	Credit Points	A «Klausur»	B «Hausarbeit»	Credit Points
X	X	4 CP (unmarked)	X	X	4 CP (marked)
			TOTAL		8 CP

^{*1} based on the examination regulations of the IfP, validity for students of political science. Deviations from the study regulations of other faculties are possible.



Performance requirements

3.1 «Klausur»

- a date for the test is set together in the block seminar

3.2. «Hausarbeit»

- regulations as defined in the examination regulations of the IfP (6'000 words, etc.)
- Process compact:
 - a) create an abstract
 - b) preliminary meeting with Prof. Schrogl
 - c) preparation and finalization of the «Hausarbeit»



Performance requirements

3.3. «Essay» (only for exchange students) ✓

- regulations as defined in the examination regulations of the IfP (3'000 words, etc.)
- Process compact:
 - a) create an abstract
 - b) preliminary meeting with Prof. Schrogl
 - c) preparation and finalization of the essay
- **2 credit points** marked

4. Recording your performance

- Register in Alma for the booking of services
- Decide before the compact session whether you want a written examination or writing an academic paper
- We will ask your decision at the compact session



Performance requirements

5. Support

- Questions about your CPs

Contact: Assistenz-Prof.Dr.Schrogl@gmx.de

Office hours: TUE | THU

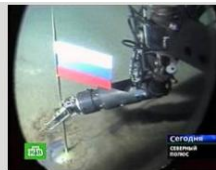
- Questions about registration, confirmation of results, etc.

Contact: **examination office** (pa-politik@wiso.uni-tuebingen.de)

All this information you'll find on the webpage www.schrogl.com

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Content I

Objectives:

- Gaining an overview on the issue area “three common space / the global commons”.
- Learning about the main actors, institutions and levels of interaction in the issue area.
- Analysing the commonalities and differences between the three common spaces.
- Identifying current problems and conflicts and their historical contexts in the form of case studies.
- Understanding what consequences the latest political developments (Trump, China, EU) have on this issue area and with following consequences.
- Application of different IR theoretical approaches on the issue area.



20 minutes
be back at 5:00 pm



Content II

The „common thread“:

- The three common areas are similarly constituted even though they are on first look extremely different.
- The issue area is traversed by conflicts over resources and governance conflicts (as the “common heritage of humankind” concept versus “neoliberalism”).
- The “North-South” conflict may have faded in the public debate, but it is still virulent in this issue area.
- The militarisation of the common spaces might not be stopped or at least delayed.
- International Regimes are a particularly useful form of conflict management in this issue area.
- The concept of the common spaces / the global commons is truly normative with potential for initiating change, which is why its antagonists take particular efforts in abolishing it.



Topics for presentations I

A. The three common spaces and their uses:

1. High Seas and Deep Seabed
(Engelhard, Tabea)
2. Antarctica
(Simov, Simeon)
3. Outer Space
(Neder, Alissa)



Topics for presentations II

B. The three common spaces in International Law and Political Science:

4. The concept of common spaces in international law
(Weiß, Patrick)
5. Common spaces and regime analysis
(Mall, Vincent)



Topics for presentations III

C. Actual Conflicts about the three common spaces:

6. The dispute over the Arctic
(Fahrbach, Simon)
7. Territorial disputes in the South China Sea and East China Sea
(Raj, Kashvi, Tse, Cheuk Ying)
8. Fishing
(Cimiotti, Lea)
9. Environmental protection in Antarctica
(Brown, Dominic)
10. The dispute over orbital positions and frequencies
(Antonacci, Morgan)
11. Who owns the Moon?
(Lange, Emma)
12. Is cyberspace the fourth common spaces?
(Kayaş, İlkim)



Topics for presentations IV

D. Final discussion:

13. On the way to one or more new regimes, or on the way to uncontrolled conflict?



Resources

Reading at:

<http://www.schrogl.com>

Password: commonspaces



See you all at the block session starting on June 20th

