

Seminar Plan

Germany's European Politics: Liberal Geoeconomics?

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Office Hours: by appointment; TBA

Timings:

Fr	26.05.2023	10:00	11:30	103 Seminarraum S75 (21 Sitzpl.) (103/EG/0.209)	Abhaltung	geplant
Fr	09.06.2023	09:00	17:30	103 Seminarraum S75 (21 Sitzpl.) (103/EG/0.209)	Abhaltung	geplant
Fr	16.06.2023	09:00	17:30	103 Seminarraum S75 (21 Sitzpl.) (103/EG/0.209)	Abhaltung	geplant
Sa	08.07.2023	09:00	17:30	101 Seminarraum S244 (27 Sitzpl.) (101/01/1.302)	Abhaltung	geplant

Description:

The aim of the course is to introduce students the interplay of new political and economic practices classified under the newly emerging literature of Geoeconomics specifically regarding its implications for the study of International Relations and International Political Economy. From a resurgence of state capital abroad, the weaponization of trade and investment policy through the introduction of investment screening mechanisms, economic sanctions and export controls, this course intends to discuss whether the World Order is moving from neoliberal globalization to geoeconomics. In the meantime, and more importantly, this course will introduce students to the intersection of economics and international relations, specifically identifying the links between the domestic political economy of states and its role in determining their preferences in international relations.

Broad Themes/Questions:

What is Geoeconomics? How is it different from Geopolitics?

Is the new International Economic Order Geo-economic?

Is Germany a geo-economic power? How and why not?

What are Investment Screening Mechanisms (ISMs)?

Energy, the Climate crisis and Geoeconomics

CCCP Teaching Regulations:

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[koeln.de/sites/cccp/Lehre/Information on how to write a term paper or thesis.pdf](https://cccp.uni-koeln.de/sites/cccp/Lehre/Information%20on%20how%20to%20write%20a%20term%20paper%20or%20thesis.pdf)

Assessment:

40% Presentation

Presentations should be 10 – 12 minutes long. The idea is to present the main argument of the text including a short summary and analysis. In the introductory session, I will go through the articles and spend some time explaining strategies to read and evaluate an article. The presentations should be based on the assigned papers. Based on the discussion in the first class, the idea is to put articles together as an answer to the question of the topic of the session in a conversation among the students.

60% Term paper

Term Papers should range between 3,500 and 5,000 words. More to be discussed on an individual basis during dedicated office hours, but generally, they should follow a proper format based on the CCCP guidelines. Students may choose their preferred citation style, but it should be consistent throughout the paper. We will dedicate a 90-minute session to an introduction to writing term papers with proper structure including an introduction, main arguments, and a conclusion. Office Hours for the Term Paper discussion will be announced later. The Deadline for the Term Paper is 15th August 2023 (open to discussion). Please send them at iq@mpifg.de

The term paper must contain the signed non-plagiarism statement from the following website:

https://cccp.uni-koeln.de/sites/cccp/Lehre/Erklaerung_fuer_Hausarbeiten.pdf

1. The World Order Today: From Neoliberalism to Geoeconomics

Luttwak, Edward N. "From Geopolitics to Geo-Economics: Logic of Conflict, Grammar of Commerce." *The National Interest*, no. 20, 1990, pp. 17–23. *JSTOR*, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/42894676>.

Coelho Jaeger, Bruna, and Pedro Vinicius Pereira Brites. 2020. "Geoeconomics in the Light of International Political Economy: A Theoretical Discussion". *Brazilian Journal of Political Economy* 40 (1):22-36. <https://doi.org/10.1590/0101-31572020-2982>.

Ikenberry, G. John. "The Rise of China and the Future of the West: Can the Liberal System Survive?" *Foreign Affairs*, vol. 87, no. 1, 2008, pp. 23–37. *JSTOR*, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/20020265>.

2. Foundations

Wigell, Mikael, Sören Scholvin, and Mika Aaltola. 2019. *Geo-Economics and Power Politics in the 21st Century: The Revival of Economic Statecraft*. eds. Mikael Wigell, Sören Scholvin, and Mika Aaltola. New York : Routledge. www.routledge.com/.
Introduction: Geo-economics power politics

Blackwill, Robert D, and Jennifer M Harris. 2016. *War by Other Means: Geoeconomics and Statecraft*. Cambridge. Introductory Chapter.

3. Questioning Realist Geo-economics

Blackwill, Robert D, and Jennifer M Harris. 2016. *War by Other Means: Geoeconomics and Statecraft*. Cambridge. Chapter 1: What is Geoeconomics?

Chapter 1. M. Babić, A. D. Dixon, & I. T. Liu (Eds.), *The Political Economy of Geoeconomics: Europe in a Changing World* (pp. 137-159). Cham: Palgrave Macmillan. doi:10.1007/978-3-031-01968-5_6

4. State Capital Abroad as Geo-economics?

Babic, Milan. 2021. "State Capital in a Geoeconomic World: Mapping State-Led Foreign Investment in the Global Political Economy."

5. China's rise and the Global Order in Flux

De Graaff, Nana, Tobias ten Brink, and Inderjeet Parmar. 2020. "China's Rise in a Liberal World Order in Transition—Introduction to the FORUM." *Review of International Political Economy* 27(2): 191–207.

Beeson, M., Crawford, C. Putting the BRI in Perspective: History, Hegemony and Geoeconomics. *Chin. Polit. Sci. Rev.* 8, 45–62 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41111-022-00210-y>

6. Investment Screening Mechanisms: Regulatory Geoeconomics?

Bauerle Danzman, Sarah and Meunier, Sophie, The Big Screen: Mapping the Diffusion of Foreign Investment Screening Mechanisms (August 28, 2021). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3913248> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3913248>

Baltz, Matthew J. 2017. "Institutionalizing Neoliberalism: CFIUS and the Governance of Inward Foreign Direct Investment in the United States since 1975." <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2017.1335650> 24(5): 859–80. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/09692290.2017.1335650> (August 11, 2022).

7. Germany as a Geoeconomic Power

Hans Kundnani. 2019. *Germany's Liberal Geo-Economics: Using Markets for Strategic Objectives*. eds. Wigell Mikael, Scholvin Sören, and Aaltola Mika. New York: Routledge

Germann, J. (2018). Beyond 'geo-economics': Advanced unevenness and the anatomy of German austerity. *European Journal of International Relations*, 24(3), 590–613. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354066117720987>

Olaf Scholz, The Global Zeitenwende, Foreign Affairs, Jan/Feb 2023

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/germany/olaf-scholz-global-zeitenwende-how-avoid-new-cold-war>

8. Domestic Roots of Germany's European Policy: Geoeconomics?

Koddenbrock, K., & Mertens, D. (2022). Geoeconomics and National Production Regimes: On German Exportism and the Integration of Economic and Security Policy. In M. Babić, A. D. Dixon, & I. T. Liu (Eds.), *The Political Economy of Geoeconomics: Europe in a Changing World* (pp. 137-159). Cham: Palgrave Macmillan. doi:10.1007/978-3-031-01968-5_6

Etienne Schneider, 2023. "Germany's Industrial strategy 2030, EU competition policy and the Crisis of New Constitutionalism. (Geo-)political economy of a contested paradigm

shift," *New Political Economy*, Taylor & Francis Journals, vol. 28(2), pages 241-258, March. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13563467.2022.2091535>

9. Interdependence

Choer Moraes, Henrique and Wigell, Mikael, *Balancing Dependence: The Quest for Autonomy and the Rise of Corporate Geoeconomics* (November 15, 2022). 'The Political Economy of Geoeconomics: Europe in a Changing World', Milan Babić, Adam D. Dixon, Imogen T. Liu (eds.), Palgrave Macmillan, 2022, pp. 29-55, Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4277125>

Farrell, Henry, and Abraham L. Newman. 2019. "Weaponized Interdependence: How Global Economic Networks Shape State Coercion." *International Security* 44(1): 42–79.

10. The Geoeconomics of Energy

Li, X. (2017). "Energy Transition and the Conflicts and Cooperation between China and EU Member States in Renewable Energy Fields—A Case Study of the Photovoltaic Industry". In *Geopolitical Economy of Energy and Environment*. Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill. doi: https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004273115_012

Siddi, Marco. "The Role of Power in EU–Russia Energy Relations: The Interplay between Markets and Geopolitics." *Europe-Asia Studies* 70 (2018): 1552 - 1571. DOI:10.1080/09668136.2018.1536925

World Economic Forum Dialogue: The Geo-economics of Climate Change
<https://www.weforum.org/events/sustainable-development-impact-meetings-2022/sessions/the-geo-economics-of-climate-change>

11-14. Term Paper Workshop

Students will write a Term Paper Outline (To be discussed in the first session on 26.05) and present it in a workshop/conference format.