

Dozentin, Module, Zeit, Raum
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Veranstaltungstitel deutsch
US-Außenpolitik: Theoretische Perspektiven und Empirische Erkenntnisse
Veranstaltungstitel englisch
US Foreign Policy: Theoretical Perspectives and Empirical Insights
Unterrichtssprache
Englisch
Beschreibung
Although the United States continues to play a distinctive role in contemporary international politics, the recent decades have been a time of significant challenges to the US foreign policy: the rise of the emerging powers that increasingly questioned the existing order and required a redefinition of relations with Russia, China and other BRICS members; the changing ties with established partners, the European Union and North American countries (e.g., NAFTA, trade tariffs); global issues, such as the shifting security landscape (the war in Ukraine, instability in the Middle East), nuclear non-proliferation (JCPOA), and climate governance (the Paris Agreement). During the administrations of Obama, Trump and Biden, the US foreign policy underwent remarkable fluctuations from a multilateral vector to more nation-centered policies and, in some areas, back again. How substantial were the fluctuations in the US foreign policy and what explains them? How and why did the US respond to the above-mentioned challenges? What factors have influenced the US foreign policy? During the seminar, participants will have the opportunity to (1) examine the dynamics of the US foreign policy in the recent decades (2) explore the theories of International Relations (IR) that focus on power-based (neorealism) and domestic politics (liberalism, societal approach) explanations, and (3) apply the theoretical knowledge to specific empirical case-studies on the US foreign policy.
Voraussetzungen für Studiennachweise / Modulprüfungen
Studiennachweis: aktive Teilnahme an der wöchentlichen Diskussion der jeweiligen Referate, fristgerechte Abgabe der Literaturberichte in der 3. und 4. Sitzung, Übernahme eines Referats mit Thesenpapier, PowerPoint-Präsentation und Diskussionsfragen. Leistungsnachweis: wie Studiennachweis inklusive Hausarbeit bzw. mündlicher Prüfung.
Teilnahmevoraussetzungen
Teilnahme an der Vorlesung „Einführung in die Internationalen Beziehungen“, Anmeldung per Campus Office ab 01.09.2025, Anfertigung von Literaturberichten (eine Seite Zusammenfassung pro Text) zu den untenstehenden Texten bis zur 3. und 4. Sitzung, ausreichende Kenntnisse der englischen Sprache.
Literaturhinweise
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