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Veranstaltungsnummer, -titel, Dozent(in)
US Trade Policy from Trump to Biden IIP, I; PFA, II; FW, II Prof. Dr. Stefan A. Schirm Do, 10-12:00 Uhr
Beschreibung
US trade policy has been one of the most visible programmatic areas of the Trump presidency, which turned the diplomatic handling of supposedly 'unfair' Chinese policies under the Obama presidency into a trade 'war' between the US and China. The US side criticized Chinese export promotion, intellectual property right violations and restrictions of market access of US companies. At the same time, Germany was criticized for its vast export surplus, which was perceived to rest on currency distortions and to contribute to global imbalances. With this confrontational course, the US answered to growing domestic dissatisfaction with globalization and liberal trade policy, which was held responsible for growing income inequality and job losses in the US. President Biden has smoothed political rhetoric, but apparently kept much of the nation-centered course in trade policy by promoting a 'worker focussed' approach aiming at 'rebuilding the US middle class' instead of promoting further trade liberalization. The seminar will conduct a theory-guided analysis of the domestic sources of US trade policy from Trump to Biden by employing domestic politics theories such as IR-liberalism, the societal approach, and open economy politics.
Voraussetzungen für Studiennachweise / Modulprüfungen
Ein Studiennachweis wird vergeben für regelmäßige und aktive Teilnahme an den wöchentlichen Diskussionen der jeweiligen Referate, fristgerechte Abgabe der Literaturberichte in der 3. und 4. Sitzung und Übernahme eines Referats mit Thesenpapier, Powerpoint-Präsentation und Diskussionsfragen. Modulprüfung: wie Studiennachweis inklusive Hausarbeit bzw. mündlicher Prüfung.
Teilnahmevoraussetzungen
Teilnahme an der Vorlesung „Einführung in die Internationalen Beziehungen“. Anmeldung per Campus Office ab 04.09.2021. Anfertigung von Literaturberichten (eine Seite Zusammenfassung pro Text) zu den untenstehenden Texten. Ausreichende Kenntnisse der englischen Sprache.
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