



A Semester Abroad? Now?



During the current COVID-19 pandemic we spent most of our time in our homes, whether for work or free-time activity. Slowly and cautiously, we can start to plan our new adventures, even abroad. Perhaps now is the best time to complete an internship (see also page 3) or even a whole semester in a foreign country: one you already love or one you have never been to before.

For those of you who have already applied for a semester abroad in the academic year 2020/2021, we have some good news: most of our partner universities are proposing a mixed winter semester with both online and attendance courses. The European Commission supports this type of so-called "blended mobility" for the first time. Please keep in mind that you must be physically present at your studying destination and attend your classes in order to have a claim for the Erasmus scholarship. Some of you decided to postpone your Erasmus semester to the spring of 2021. We certainly hope that the summer semester will already be offered under the regular circumstances.

For those of you, who are still thinking about applying for a semester abroad, we also have some good news: on the one hand, there are certain spots left open for the summer semester 2021 (e.g. in Brno, Tours, Warsaw, et.). On the other hand, our upcoming deadline for the academic year of 2021/2022 is approaching. Please file your application by the last Friday in January 2021.

If you have any interest at all in studying or working abroad, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will assist you in all we can and find the program or location that best fits your wishes and plans. We are continuously in touch with the International Office of the RUB and all of our partners to ensure a successful and safe experience abroad.

New Course: Regulating Artificial Intelligence in the Public Sector



In the winter semester 2020/2021, Dr. Hannah Ruschemeier offers an English-language legal course on "Regulating Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Public Sector". AI is increasingly present in judicial procedures and legal matters, as well as in everyday life. Especially in the public sector, expectations are high for AI to transform public administration and public service into efficient working organizations. Besides the chances there are risks: AI needs regulation and a legal framework. The course will examine the basic technical principles and theories of AI and their implications for the public sector, the constitution, and the question of liability. Will the robo-lawyers take over? How can the state be held responsible for using AI? Such questions will be analyzed through case studies and discussions.

Dr. Ruschemeier is a research fellow in charge of the project "AI in State and Public Administration" at the Center for Advanced Internet Studies in Bochum and a postdoc researcher at the German University for Administrative Sciences in Speyer.

The course will be taught via Zoom on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. until noon starting November 3, 2020. If you are interested in participating, you can register for the course through eCampus until October 29, 2020 at midnight.

We are there for you! #remote





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New Course: Law & International Security

In the upcoming winter semester 2020/2021, the DAAD Guest Professor at the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV), Professor Dr. Alena Douhan will offer an exciting new course on "Law and International Security". Professor Douhan is a professor of International Law at the Belarusian State University and the UN Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of the unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights. The course examines contemporary developments of international security law. It covers the basic characteristics of international security, the role of the United Nations Organization, regional organizations, and states in the maintenance of international peace and security. It assesses legal grounds and basic instruments with a special focus on enforcement measures of the UN Security Council, peace-keeping operations, counter-terrorist activity, and self-defense. Professor Douhan will also give an overview of the most recent challenges in this versatile field including the application of unilateral sanctions by states and regional organizations, cyber threats and cyber security, as well as the impact of cyber security issues on human rights. In addition to weekly lectures via Zoom Video, reading materials and practical cases for discussion will be provided through Moodle. The course will be taught Fridays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., starting November 6, 2020. Registration is open through eCampus until October 29, 2020, at midnight.

Practicing English in Home Office – Still Possible!



After this past summer semester, we all know what an online semester looks like. The upcoming winter semester will probably offer a mix of online and attendance courses. The Center for International Affairs (Zfi) continues to offer a broad range of foreign-language legal courses both online and in-class (see the complete list on page 4).

As usual, our courses offer you the opportunity of earning a "Fremdsprachenschein," but not only that: our Anglo-American Law & Language Certificate Program continues. You can register for the program anytime through the forms uploaded to our website. Registration is possible by simply emailing the forms and sending the original via regular mail. That way, you do not need to come to our office in person. The program consists of eight courses in total: three core courses with a written exam at the end of each and five elective courses without a separate exam. A final exam, both written and oral concludes the program and has you earn your certificate.

We aim to provide you with an advantage arising from the delayed start to this upcoming winter semester: we offer two attendance courses (both elective courses for the certificate or regular courses for the "Fremdsprachenschein") in October to have you complete these before the regular classes start. You find the dates and the application deadlines for both U.S. Contract Law by Mr. O'Conolly and Introduction to International Dispute Settlement by Mr. Wuschka on our website.

Thoughts on the Certificate Program "Anglo-American Law & Language"

If you are interested in the legal system of the United States of America and other common law systems, our Faculty offers a certificate program in "Anglo-American Law & Language". The Program consists of three obligatory "core" courses and five "elective" courses. You can choose your elective courses from all English-language legal courses offered at our Faculty. These include courses like U.S. Contract Law, U.S. Tort Law and a variety of courses with a focus on international law.

Of course, participating in the program means that you will have to do some extra work. However, many of the courses are offered as block courses during the semester, leaving you with enough time to prepare for the regular exams. Plus, as a German student, you will get a "Freisemester" according to § 25 Abs. 2 Nr. 4 JAG NRW.

Moreover, graduating the program comes with many benefits: you deepen your skills in legal English by writing exams and actively participating in classes. You gain insight into foreign legal systems and problems that are increasingly relevant in a globalized legal community, especially if you plan to work internationally. Additionally, the program helps you prepare for your studies abroad and you will earn a certificate, which will assist you in your future career. You can register through the Zfi homepage and start in the winter or summer semesters. For more information, visit our website.

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Our Partnership in the Ukraine



Our Faculty maintains an exchange partnership with the National University Kyiv – Mohyla Academy (NaUK-MA) in Kiev, Ukraine since 2018. The European Commission's KA107 project line funds this possibility within the ERASMUS program. We could recently secure additional funding for both student and teaching mobility between Bochum and Kiev. This project is rather generous and provides a monthly stipend of 700 Euros to our outgoing students.

Why should you consider spending a semester in the Ukraine? For starters, the NaUK-MA is the oldest university in the Ukraine and arguably the most prestigious. It offers a wide range of subjects in International Law and hosts a Jean Monnet Chair in EU Law. Prior knowledge of the Ukrainian or the Russian language is an advantage for an exchange, but not required. Hence, if you are interested in a special experience abroad or have questions as to how it works, please contact us!

Experiencing La Vida Española



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Murcia

"I spent my semester abroad in the beautiful southern Spanish city of Murcia. There, the original Spanish way of life was still present with everything that belongs to it: a cortado for breakfast, bocadillos for lunch, the traditional siesta that was actually kept by most shops and offices and of course the good Spanish tapas. All in all, Murcia is a very nice, small student city, where you can also meet many foreign students – especially from Italy, Mexico and the USA. The historic campus, where the legal, as well as the language and humanities faculties are located, is right in the city center. Choosing subjects was a little difficult for me at first but I quickly received help from the Zfi as well as from the host university and was thus able to take advantage of the wide range of lectures offered by the legal faculty. I was particularly impressed by the faculty's offer relating to international law. In my opinion, Murcia is a worthy location for a semester abroad. You get to know new people very quickly and you also have the possibility to get to know another side of Spain, away from the tourist cities at the Mediterranean Sea. Even though Murcia is a less known city, it still has its own beautiful charm and special flair, which I recommend everyone to experience for themselves."

For a complete report on a semester abroad in Murcia, please visit our blog at <https://zfi-jura.blogs.rub.de/>



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Internship Abroad!



If you like to go abroad but do not wish to commit to spending a whole semester in another country, what about a short internship in the city of your choice?

The ERASMUS program offers financial support for those, who spend at least two months in another European country to conduct an internship. All you need to do is find a placement, where you wish to work and get the confirmation signed by your future employer. Subsequently, you can complete the application form for the ERASMUS scholarship online. The main requirements for such a stipend are that your internship lasts between two and twenty-four months and your destination is in the European Union, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway, Turkey, or Macedonia. For other destinations and in certain other cases we can also help you finance your internship with a different organization, e.g. the DAAD.

You can find a lot of useful information on our website and feel free to contact us with all your questions.

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English-Language Course Catalogue

Title of the Course	Name of the Professor	Course ID Number	Mode	Day	Time	Registration Deadline
Introduction to American Law	Dr. Beke-Martos	Nr. 060300	Online Course	Wednesday	4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	29.10.2020 23:59
US Constitutional Law I: State & Governance	Dr. Beke-Martos	Nr. 060303	Online Course	Wednesday	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	29.10.2020 23:59
US Contract Law	Herr RA u N O'Connolly	Nr. 060302	Face-to-face	1.-2.10.20 5.-8.10.20	9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 8.30 - 11.30 a.m.	24.09.2020 23:59
Introduction to International Dispute Settlement	Herr Wuschka	Nr. 060305	Face-to-face	20.-23.10.20	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	08.10.2020 23:59
Normative Legal Philosophy	Prof. Dr. Magen	Nr. 060003	Online Course	Monday	9.45 -11.15 a.m.	LS Magen
Experimental Philosophy of Law	Dr. Prochownik	Nr. 060116	Zoom Video Course	Tuesday	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	29.10.20 23:59
An Introduction to Comparative Constitutional Law	Dr. Oliveira de Sousa	Nr. 060318	Zoom Video Course	Thursday	10 a.m. - noon	29.10.20 23:59
Theories of Legal Decision-Making	Dr. Oliveira de Sousa	Nr. 060319	Zoom Video Course	Thursday	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	29.10.20 23:59
Law & Global Challenges	Prof. Dr. Kaltenborn	Nr. 060306	Face-to-face	Tuesday	4 p.m. (s.t.) - 5.30 p.m.	LS Kaltenborn
International Dimensions of Law	Dr. Thiede	Nr. 060307	Podcasts	Friday	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	29.10.20 23:59
U.S. Intellectual Property Law	Benjamin M. Hanrahan, Esq.	Nr. 060304	Zoom Video Course	Tuesday	4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	29.10.20 23:59
Regulating Artificial Intelligence in the Public Sector	Dr. Ruschmeier	Nr. 060317	Zoom Video Course	Tuesday	10 a.m. - noon	29.10.20 23:59
Law and International Security	Prof. Douhan	Nr. 060315	Zoom Video Course	Friday	9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	29.10.20 23:59
Winter School 'Corruption, Data and the Sustainable Development Goals'	Prof. Douhan	Nr. 080611	Online Course	1.3.-7.3.21	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Registration via e-mail IFHV

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