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Dear Friends of the Brandt School,

We proudly present you our first “brand-new” Brandt School newsletter. This new, quarterly outlet will cover all the interesting stories about us, our latest research, activities, contributions, blog articles and much more.

Despite the pandemic, we have quite some updates to share with you in this first newsletter. The one thing I would like to highlight already: We are honoured to welcome our new [Advisory Board](#), which will support the Brandt School strategically. We are excited for Jale Tosun (University of Heidelberg), Rupert Antes (Haniel Foundation), Andrea von Rauch (GIZ Academy) and Goran Buldioski (Open Society Foundations) to join our board and to support the Brandt School’s mission. Next to the new Advisory Board, we also launched our [International Board](#) that brings together a group of international networking partners from fellow academic institutions as well as important strategic partner organizations.

Enjoy reading our newsletter and tell your friends!

Kind regards,

Professor Achim Kemmerling  
Director of the Brandt School

## Spotlight

### Graduate Centre EIPCC launched



Together with colleagues from the Faculty of Economics, Law and Social Science and the Max Weber College, we launched a new graduate centre, the ‘EIPCC’. In our ‘Effective and Innovative Policymaking in Contested Contexts’ graduate centre, we welcome early career researchers focusing on Public Policymaking, Socio-economic Development and Effective Policymaking; Socially Innovative Policymaking; or Policymaking in Conflicted and Contested Orders.

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### Why identity matters for EU climate and energy policy



In her recent article in *the Journal of European Public Policy* our doctoral researcher Silvia Weko asks: Can ambitious climate policies in the European Green Deal succeed when faced with rising societal divisions between Europeans?

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### The age of the actorless threats has arrived

Climate change gives rise to cascading risks of habitat destruction, infectious disease outbreaks or biodiversity loss and these threats have already started to cause loss of life at significant scales. Professor Goldthau argues in a co-authored piece, published on the Duck of Minerva, that democracies are best suited to identify credible ways to respect and work within planetary boundaries when heeding the call of a sustainable security paradigm addressing actorless threats.

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### Social Sciences and Humanities and their role in fighting the military coup in Myanmar

In an Op-Ed for the 'Times Higher Education' Professor Kemmerling and colleagues wrote on the crucial and fragile role of Social Sciences in Myanmar's fight against the military coup, and in the global fight against democratic regression.

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### Climate ambition is an investment into the future

Ambitious clean tech investment brings about strategic benefits, whereas fostering fossil infrastructure may put a country into a competitive disadvantage, Professor Goldthau argued during the German-Polish Forum held by the German Council on Foreign Relations.

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## Updates

### Commitment Award



On June 17, the 10<sup>th</sup> Commitment Award will be presented with outstanding social project ideas that will make a difference. Submitted projects range from education support in Brazil, to women empowerment in Pakistan, and to cross-generational and intercultural integration in Germany. Join us and special guests such as Thuringia's prime minister Ramelow for the stream on [youtube](#) at 6pm CEST.

### Application process for Master of Public Policy is still open

Eager to study with us? The application process for our Master of Public Policy is still open for applicants from EU and EFTA countries. Spread the word with all future change makers, agenda-setters and entrepreneurs for the good cause among your friends and colleagues.

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### Brandt School welcomes new research fellows Jasmin Lorch and Nasser Tolba

Jasmin Lorch, postdoctoral fellow (Annemarie Schimmel Scholarship) with research focus on the role of civil society in weak states and in processes of democratization and autocratization, as well as research fellow Nasser Tolba, expert in education policy analysis, recently joined the Brandt School Team.

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### Brandt School launched international cooperation and exchange program with Universidad del Rosario in Bogotá, Colombia

Professor Kemmerling officially kicked off the academic cooperation and exchange program between the Brandt School and the Universidad del Rosario in Bogotá, Colombia. He took part in a "Conversatorio" about "The Universal Basic Income: Global Tendencies and Perspectives" with Juan Carlos Guerrero, Postgraduate Director at Rosario's Faculty of International, Political and Urban Studies. After welcome words from the Faculty's Dean Julio Londoño, and a short presentation of the main elements of the cooperation program by Ana María Franco from Rosario's International Office, Kemmerling and Guerrero engaged in a lively virtual discussion on the Universal Basic Income in front of students from the Rosario and the Brandt School.

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### The Social Impact Campus is flourishing!

Since 2019 the EXIST project by Professor Grimm aims at implementing a social and international start-up campus at the University of Erfurt and already records two successful EXIST start-up scholarship teams: 'Coachingspace' and the 'MINTy Girls'.

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## The Bulletin

### New blog category: Global updates by Brandtians



Our world is changing rapidly – and Brandt School students and alumni have a lot to say about it! With these bite-size texts, you can have a first-hand overlook on what is happening in the world through the lens of our *glocal* community.

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### New Bulletin podcast series: starting with Dr. Hasnain Bokhari on digital privacy

Do you realize how much big tech companies know about you? In this talk, our alumnus and lecturer Dr. Hasnain Bokhari discusses what governments, companies and users can do to improve data protection in the digital era.

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### Special series on urban mobility

As results of the class Strategic Foresight: Scenarios in Public Policy, conducted at the Brandt School by Professor Goldthau, our students discussed the future of urban mobility in [California \(US\)](#), [Bangalore \(India\)](#), and [Berlin \(Germany\)](#).

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### Special series on Myanmar

Due to the recent coup in Myanmar, our student Kiaw Si Thu interviewed our alumna [Karen Simbulan](#) and [Professor Bünthe](#) (University Erlangen Nuremberg) to understand what led to the coup and what challenges people in Myanmar would face now.

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## Brandt School in Action

### Brandt School's Espresso Talks kicked-Off



Laura Seelkopf (University St. Gallen) kicked-off our new event series with a guest lecture about "Global Pathways to the Modern Tax State".

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### The challenges of regulating global supply chains

Our PhD student Karina Marzano wrote a blog text for the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V. (IASS) in Potsdam on the challenges of regulating global supply chains. She analyzes the German Due Diligence Law based on lessons learned from private governance.

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### Organizational change management

In January, Dr. Marcus Schlegel, head of the EU-Audit and Revision department at Thuringia's development bank joined Professor Grimm's leadership lecture to share his research and experience in organizational change management.

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### "One Ball, One World": Spirit of Football's journey to the Qatar Men's World Cup and the Women's World Cup in Australia

Brandt School Project Group kicks off Spirit of Football's Journey to the Qatar Men's World Cup and the Women's World Cup in Australia.

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## Alumni Stories

### Nopenyo Dabla



We interviewed our Alumnus Nopenyo Dabla (class of 2014), who works for the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). Nopenyo talks about how the Brandt School helped him get there and what he did like most about studying at the Brandt School: “the riches of the curriculum, which caters to almost all aspirations within the public policy space, as well as very helpful academic and management teams who all go beyond the call of duty to make studying at the Brandt School a wholesome experience.”

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## Meet the Brandt School

### Almut Mohr



We had a Q&A session with our Research Associate Almut Mohr where she spoke about her teaching experience at the Brandt School, her future plans, and why she joined the Brandt School: “I joined the Brandt School in summer 2020 because I liked the international environment at the Brandt School with students and employees coming from a variety of different countries and with interdisciplinary backgrounds.”

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