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Dear Friends of the Brandt School,

It is with great pleasure that I am penning this opening of our latest newsletter, my first as the Brandt School's new director. It is a privilege to take the helm at a time when we have seem to be leaving the pandemic behind us. Teaching returned to onsite classes and the campus is buzzing with life. It is the Brandt School community that makes it such a special place and it is great to see them all back.

Russia is waging an aggressive war in Ukraine, the fallout of which will likely stretch beyond European geopolitics. On the back of global attention turning to new geopolitical hotbeds, Afghanistan's new rulers are continuing their rollback of women's rights and the rule of law. Though different in terms of history, geography and context, both conflicts have important implications for multilateral order. We are delighted that Dr. Wieland-Karimi, Head of the Center for International Peace Operations, will share with us her take on this conundrum. Her Brandt Lecture will truly be one of the highlights of this summer term.

Also, mark your calendars for the Commitment Award 2022, the social impact prize for which the Brandt School has again partnered up with the Engagementpreis-Stiftung. The hand-picked jury will be spoilt for choice when it comes to selecting the winners from a pool of outstanding submissions. Join them and guests to learn where the prizes will go.

Lastly, it was my pleasure to have had the joint inaugural with my colleague Professor Achim Kemmerling on '*Just transitions. How to address the socio-economic inequalities of climate change?*'. The event was opened by Katrin Göring-Eckardt, Vice President of the German Bundestag, and turned into a conversation moderated by Professor Beate Hampe, Vice President for International Affairs at UE.

Kind regards,
Professor Andreas Goldthau
Director of the Brandt School

Spotlight

Brandt School: We #StandWithUkraine



The Brandt School stands with people in Ukraine and stresses the relevance of education, checks and balances, and global responses to global challenges.

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Insights

New edited volume: "Digitalization and the Welfare State"



Oxford University Press is publishing a new edited volume entitled "Digitalisation and the Welfare State" in March. The editors are Marius R. Busemeyer, Achim Kemmerling (University of Erfurt), Kees van Kersbergen and Paul Marx.

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Why Germany needs a distance-learning university for countries in crisis now

Not only the war in Ukraine, but also recent examples like Myanmar and Afghanistan, have shown that critical independent universities are seriously threatened by autocracy and dictatorship. More and more voices are calling for ways to protect vulnerable academics, by providing them institutional docking in Germany, and thus giving them the opportunity to continue their research. In a guest article of the science blog WortMelder by the University of Erfurt, Brandt School Professor Achim Kemmerling explains why, in his opinion, Germany now needs a "distance-learning university for countries in crisis".

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Updates

Change at the top of the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy



Andreas Goldthau is the new Director of the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy at the University of Erfurt. The holder of the Franz Haniel Professorship for Public Policy was previously the deputy Director and will take over from Professor Achim Kemmerling on 1 April 2022. The ceremonial handover of office took place [on May 23, 2022](#) in Haus Dacheröden.

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Commitment Award 2022

On July 7, the 11th Commitment Awards will be presented to innovative and sustainable social project ideas by Brandt School students and alumni.

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Get to know the new Student Government

The Bulletin sits down with Inés Alberico and Pius Fozan, President and Vice President of the Student Government of the Willy Brandt School for 2022. Inés and Pius are both first year students of the Brandt School and assumed their new roles at the beginning of the year. They share why they chose to run, what challenges they have had to overcome and how they see their roles shaping the student experience.

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The Bulletin

Transition by collapse: the case of Argentina after the Malvinas War



On the 40th Anniversary of the Malvinas War, first year MPP student Inés Alberico explores how the war was, at first, used by the authoritarian Argentine regime to reclaim its legitimacy. However, once the war was lost, so too were all shreds of the government's legitimacy.

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Global Philanthropy Environment Index identifies highlights and challenges in global giving

With the release of the second edition of the Global Philanthropy Environment Index by the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, first year MPP student Edward Vaughan, who participated in crafting the index, highlights key findings from the index. How did the world of philanthropy respond to the pandemic? What challenges arose for giving? This index walks readers through it all.

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The Bulletin Podcast #17: German migration policy — A practitioner's approach

How much do you know about the migration and refugees situations in the state we are in, Thuringia? We sit down with 2018 Willy Brandt School Alum, Rahmatullah Batoor, who is currently working as a Coordinator at the office of the Thuringian Commissioner for Integration, Migration and Refugees in Ministry of Migration and Justice. He shares his experiences working on the changes in recent years and his view on the new coalition's migration policies from a frontline practitioner's perspective.

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Brandt School in Action

Guest talk: Ukraine's local identities, nation-building and international agency



On April 13, 2022, Margaryta Rymarenko, a political scientist from the Ukraine who holds a PhD from Central European University, visited the University of Erfurt to discuss the Russian war against Ukraine and its implications for Ukrainian identity

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Can LNG provide a solution for Europe's energy crunch?

In a TV interview with the German science outlet NANO (3SAT), Prof. Dr. Andreas Goldthau commented on the potential of liquefied natural gas (LNG) for replacing Russian gas imports.

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Public policies and care work

On May 17, 2022, the Brandt School hosted the guest lecture "Public Policies and Care Work" by the Heinrich Böll Foundation Cape Town. The guest lecture was

part of the seminar "Policies for Fighting Poverty and Inequality" by Prof. Dr. Achim Kemmerling.

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A different perspective on the Nobel Peace Laureate: Willy Brandt on the Frontlines of the Cold War

Lecture and discussion with historian Scott Krause at the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, who will focus on Nobel Peace Prize winner Willy Brandt on the Cold War front. The event will take place on May 25, 2022, and be held in English. All university members are cordially invited.

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Brandt Lecture: After Afghanistan and Ukraine – What about Multilateralism?

On June 14, 2022, the Brandt School is inviting the entire University of Erfurt community to attend the Brandt Lecture 2022 by Dr. Almut Weiland-Karimi on Afghanistan, Ukraine and the future of multilateralism.

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Aid and conflict

On June 15, 2022, Oheneba Boateng, a research associate at the Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi), will give a guest lecture at the Brandt School on "Aid and Conflict".

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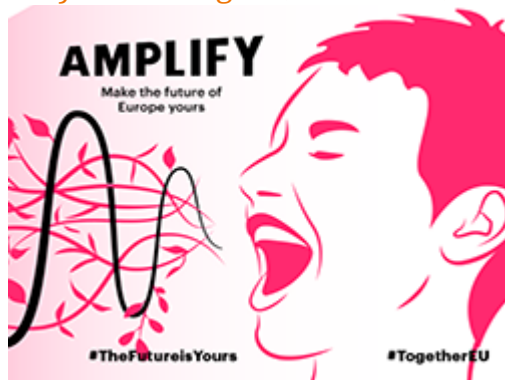
Evaluating development cooperation

On July 6, 2022, starting at 2 p.m., the Brandt School invites you to follow the guest lecture "Evaluating Development Cooperation" by Amélie Gräfin zu Eulenburg.

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Alumni Stories

Maya Weisinger (MPP 2020) on the future of Europe



In an unprecedented joint collaboration between the European Parliament, the European Commission and the European Council, the Conference on the Future of Europe was developed as a commitment to listen to Europeans debate on the challenges and priorities for Europe in order to provide guidance for future policymaking. The Conference's goal is to offer an open, inclusive, and democratic forum for a pan-European, citizen-led series of debates about crucial issues that shape Europe's future. While the

Conference covers many key areas, this article highlights a project that focuses on culture and its role in the shaping of Europe's future. We sat down with Willy Brandt School Alum **Maya Weisinger** to learn about this important Conference.

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Meet the Brandt School

Meet Andreas Goldthau, Director of the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy



With the start of the new semester, we welcome **Prof. Dr. Andreas Goldthau** as the Willy Brandt School's new director. The directorship, which rotates amongst Brandt School professors has, for the last three years been held by **Prof. Dr. Achim Kemmerling**. Professor Goldthau has taught at, and been an integral part of the Brandt School community since 2019. To mark the occasion and to get to know the new director a bit more, Professor Goldthau took some time out of his busy schedule to answer some of our questions about how he came to the Brandt School and where he sees the school going.

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