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Dear Friends of the Brandt School,

The second issue of our Brandt School Newsletter kicks off with some great updates that we would like to share with you:

We expanded our global executive network with [Senior Brandt Fellows](#) who bring a diverse set of backgrounds and expertise. The two distinguished practitioners, Carmen Niethammer and Achim von Heynitz will contribute to the School's programme in various ways and will enrich the Brandt School with their experience in leadership positions in public policy and their extensive professional networks.

As the leaves on the trees change colour and fall, and the first autumn storms swept across Germany, so comes the time to welcome our 58 new students coming from 30 countries to the Brandt School and to open the academic year 2021/22. We are delighted that Professor Llanos will give this year's [welcome lecture](#) on 13 October 2021, 6 pm – 8 pm. During the welcome lecture, we will also award the Graduation Prizes to outstanding Master of Public Policy students from the 2019-2021 batch.

We wish all of our students an insightful and successful winter term and we also wish our first-year students every success in arriving in Erfurt and getting to know their new home.

Enjoy reading our newsletter and tell your friends!

Kind regards,  
Professor Achim Kemmerling  
Director of the Brandt School

## Spotlight

### Brandt School takes position on regime change in Afghanistan



The Willy Brandt School of Public Policy at the University of Erfurt today published a statement on the current situation and regime change in Afghanistan. In it, it calls on the Federal Foreign Office to provide comprehensive support before the new government in Kabul creates facts.

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## "They definitely have to fear for their lives"

Professor Grimm from the University of Erfurt spoke about the extremely worrying situation of Afghan alumni of the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy and how education can continue to be the key to a different Afghanistan in an interview with the radio station MDR Kultur this week. "We are seriously worried because the situation is becoming more dramatic and the calls for help are also becoming more dramatic. The people who are contacting us are in panic. They are scared to death."

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## Insights

### The risks of an uneven energy transition



PhD Student Laima Eicke and Professor Goldthau published an article on the importance of relative timing of energy transition processes, and implications of a global divide among transition leaders and laggards.

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### New publication: Guide to qualitative comparative analysis

A new publication on learning and applying qualitative comparative analysis was published by Georgetown University Press. The author is Patrick A. Mello, lecturer at the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy at the University of Erfurt.

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### Carnegie Report addresses the EU's geoeconomic and regulatory approach to climate policy

In a new contribution, Professor Goldthau argues that security threats not only lie in climate change but also in the ways the EU chooses to fight it.

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## Updates

### Three empowering projects win Commitment Awards 2021



The Commitment Awards 2021 for outstanding social and sustainable project ideas all over the world went to three empowering projects in Ecuador, Pakistan, and Brazil on June 17, 2021.

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### Brandt School Alumni Conference: enhancing the power of our community

On June 15 and 16, 2021, the Brandt School held its Alumni Conference. Over the two days, more than 200 people attended the event and participated in its exciting and multifaceted activities.

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### Espresso Talks: Humanitarian innovations

As part of the Espresso Talks series, Georg Höhne (Innovation Aid) provided insights into how humanitarian innovations are being utilized to combat urban poverty and the scarcity of adequate housing.

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## The Bulletin

### Bulletin Special Series: Through the Lens



In September, The Bulletin released a special podcast series by Dr. Pau Palop-Garcia's class at the Brandt School. In 6 different episodes, the students explore the United Nations, its mission, and its future. In each episode they pick apart a resolution passed by the 75th General Assembly and find out what is going on in our world, how the pre-eminent international body is seeking to address mounting conflicts and dilemmas, and what challenges remain.

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## Brandt School Life: Students participate in international conferences

Our students Komal Ramdey and Micaela Lincango participated in international meetings and shared their impressions in The Bulletin. Micaela shares her experience at the [International Organization for Migration Summer School 2021](#) and Komal reports on her presentation at the [International Conference on Information & Communication Technology for Sustainable Development](#).

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## Food loss and waste reduction policy in India: the role of private and public institutions

In this piece, our student Mani Bhushan discusses which role different actors may play to reduce food loss and waste in India, a country where “40% of the annual food produce valued at USD 14 billion” is lost.

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## Brandt School in Action

### Brandt School Early Career Researchers present their research at ECPR General Conference



Many of our early career researchers presented their research that covers various topics on this year's European Consortium for Political Research General Conference.

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## Myanmar: Democracy underground, humanitarian crisis and no end in sight?

Postdoctoral fellow Jasmin Lorch gave a presentation entitled "Myanmar: Democracy Underground, Humanitarian Crisis and No End in Sight?" at the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) webinar "Development and Shifts of Democratic Practices Post Covid-19" on 30 August 2021.

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## German Federal Elections 2021: Leadership and party politics in focus

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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## Alumni Stories

### Sebastian Haselbeck



Who has better insights into a program than someone who was both a student and a teacher? Sebastian Haselbeck, a Brandt School Alumnus and current Policy Advisor for Open Government with the German Chancellery has experienced the MPP programme in both capacities. He describes how the program helped him better define his worldview and created opportunities for him to play an important role in the future of open digital governance

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## Meet the Brandt School

### Professor Mariana Llanos



Prof. Mariana Llanos joined the Brandt School this semester and talked to us about her research, impressions, and expectations from Erfurt. Do you know what three words encompass her teaching and research philosophy? Curiosity, depth, and engagement. Find out why – and much more!

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