



1st Winter School “Policy in the classroom”

Eberhard Karls' University of Tübingen

Schedule of activities

5 – 16 October 2026

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Monday, 5 Oct 2026 Opening Ceremony
Seminar Room 331 (Mohlstraße 36)

- Morning Tour of the University for International students
- 13.00 – 13.30 Registration
- 13.30 – 16.00 Opening Remarks:
Prof. Dr. Gabriele Abels
Jean Monnet Chair, Chair for Comparative Politics and European Integration, IfP Director, Tübingen
- Welcoming Addresses:
Christian Mollmann
(Global Partnerships Alliance Officer, University of Tübingen, Germany)
- Keynote Lecture:
Prof. Dr. Riccarda Flemmer
Professor for Political Struggles in the Global South, IfP, University of Tübingen
“Decolonial perspectives on polycrises”
- Dr. Donnet Odhiambo**
Institute of Political Science, University of Tübingen
Winter School programme
- Followed by **Welcome reception (IfP, Melanchthonstr. 36)**

Tuesday, 06 October 2026 Polycrises & geostrategic challenges
Seminar Room 331 (Mohlstraße 36)

- 10.00 – 12.00 **Anais Thizy**
French Youth Peace Security (YPS), Women Peace & Security Coalition & EU YPS Network
Youth and poly crisis-lived realities [Zoom-Link!](#)
The Role of Youth in addressing polycrises
Student roundtable presentations from Makerere University
- 14.00 – 16.00 **Dr. Martin Große Hüttmann**
Senior lecturer, IfP, University of Tübingen
Geopolitical challenges and the development of European Defense Policy
- 16.45 – 17.30 (optional) Meet a local politician and visit city hall, potentially followed by guided tour visit of city hall

Wednesday, 07 October 2026 **Trip to Strasbourg**
Meeting: 06.45 Lobby Main Train Station

07.00	Departure for Strasbourg
09.30	Accreditation
10.30 – 14.00	Visit of the European Parliament and talk with select MEPs
14.30 – 16.15	Visit of the Court of Justice of Human Rights: talk about the role and work of the Court
16.30 – 19.30	Visit of the city of Strasbourg
19.30	Departure

Thursday, 08 October 2026 **Peace & Security**
Seminar Room 331 (Mohlstraße 36)

10.00 – 12.00	Prof. Dr. Andreas Hasenclever Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies, IfP, University of Tübingen "The Responsibility of Religious Leaders for Peace and Security on the African Continent".
14.00 – 16.00	Dr. Edward Kaweesi presented by Dr. Anthony Tibaingana Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Makerere, Uganda "Africa's Role in Navigating Polycrisis: Rethinking Peace and Security Responses in an Era of Overlapping Shocks"

Friday, 09 October 2026 **Gender Equality**
Seminar Room 331 (Mohlstraße 36)

10.00 – 12.00	Prof. Dr. Gabriele Abels Professor of Comparative Politics and European Integration, IfP, University of Tübingen "A Union of Equality - Gender equality policy in the EU: milestones and current debates"
14.00 – 16.00	Dr. Donnet Odhiambo (Post Doc Researcher, IfP, University of Tübingen) "African Unions' Gender Agenda: Aspirations versus reality"
18.00 – 20.00	Quiz night together with IfP students (IfP- Room 124)

Monday, 12 October 2026 **Climate & Migration Governance**
Seminar Room 124 (IfP, Melanchthonstr. 36)

- 10.00 – 12.00 **Prof. Dr. Martin Seeleib-Kaiser**
Professor of Comparative Public Policy
"Climate Change and the Challenges for the Political Economies in Affluent Democracies"
- 14.00- 16.00 **Dr. Anthony Tibaingana**
Department of Marketing and Management, University of Makerere, Uganda
"Understanding Migration Drivers in a Global Polycrisis"
- 16.30 – 17.30 **Anja Meitner**
Civic education in Germany: visit of the Landeszentrale für politische Bildung, Tübingen

Tuesday, 13 October 2026 **Parliaments under Pressure**
Seminar Room 127 Brechtbau

- 10.00 – 12.30 Regional parliaments in global governance: comparing parliaments in Europe and in Africa
Dr. Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana
EP Former Member of Parliament
[Zoom-Link!](#)
Comments/Q & A
- 14.00 – 15.30 **Prof. Dr. Gabriele Abels**
Chair for Comparative Politics and European Integration, IfP, University of Tübingen
"Parliaments in a polycrisis – The European Parliament and national parliaments "
- 16:00 – 18.00 **Polycrisis simulation Exercise**
Domestic Parliaments in a polycrisis
(students and participants)

Wednesday, 14 October 2026 **Emerging trends on polycrisis AI projections**
Seminar Room 127 Brechtbau

- 10.00 – 12.00 **Miriam Lahrsoy & Lelde Baumgarten**
(AI team, central library, University of Tübingen)
Use of AI for academic research

14.00 – 16.00

Prof. Dr. Oliver Schlumberger

Professor of Comparative Politics and Middle East
Politics, IfP, University of Tübingen

Gen AI and Democracy

Thursday, 15 October 2026 **EU's Impact on Africa**
Fakultätssitzungssaal, Nauklerstr. 47

10.00 – 12.00

Prof. Dr. Thomas Diez

Professor of International Relations

**“EU – AU relations – the impact of regional
organizations”**

14.00 – 16.00

Dr. Rainer Wieland

1997-2024 MEP & 2009-2024 Vice-President of the
European Parliament; former member of the EU-AU
Delegation

Title to be announced

17.30

Optional Social Activity: Trip to Bebenhausen

Friday, 16 October 2026 **Resilience and solutions**
Seminar Room 331 (Mohlstraße 36)

10.00 - 12.00

Round table

Emerging trends in polycrisis, challenges, solutions and
Take way Comprising students and discussants

12.00-13.00

Farewell

Course requirements (4-6 ECTS)

IfP Master programmes (4 ECTS), International students (6 ECTS)

Attending all sessions and fulfilling the assignments

Attending the one-day study trip to Strasbourg (estimated costs: 30 Euro
for transfer by bus)

IfP Master students: ***optional module exam*** (additional 4 ECTS):

A short 5,000-word essay on polycrisis and youth resilience/ interventions
(to be handed in by 15 March 2027).