Call for Proposals

3. DVPW-Thementagung

Turning Point – ‘Zeitenwende’ – in German IR?
How we (should) respond to the Russian Invasion of Ukraine.

11 & 12 November 2022, University of Hamburg

While German politics has proclaimed a ‘turning point’ in reaction to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, German political science is still processing. Therefore, this year’s Thementagung of the German Political Science Association (DVPW) is intended to trigger a targeted self-reflection of the discipline on the one hand – did IR sleep through the war? – and to provide a stage for academic analyses of the war on the other.

In order to achieve these goals, we would like to invite proposals for contributions on the following topics:

- To what extent has International Relations been able to bring its theoretical range into the societal and political debate so far? Do concepts and theories within the IR canon need re-sharpening and re-formulation? With which existing ideas may observable phenomena (the invasion itself, the defensive power of Ukraine, media reception of the war, etc.) be explained at the given moment, and with which are they seemingly incompatible?

- How may critical theories, especially post-/decolonial and feminist theories, offer different perspectives on the war? To what extent is a self-reflexive critique of IR research in terms of structure and representation (North-South divide, patriarchal structures, etc.) useful, seeking to identify and improve flawed analyses?

- Which ways out of the current situation can be identified, which are desirable? Which options for action and interaction are available to which actors? And how do different theoretical approaches answer these questions?

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≈250 words

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Envisaged contributions going beyond the mentioned topics, but speaking to the general scope of the conference, are also welcome.

Proposals may include panels, papers (to be sorted into panels by the organisers), as well as alternative contributions.

**Panels:** Proposals should include an overview of the panel’s scope, the chair of the panel, its participants and (if applicable) its discussants. An abstract (≈250 words) for proposed individual contributions should be included. A limited number of panels can be hosted in hybrid format, please include an expression of preference between hybrid and in-person.

**Papers:** Proposals should consist of an abstract (≈250 words) and an indication of a preference between online and in-person participation. Please note that only a very limited number of online contributions can be accepted.

**Alternative contributions:** Alternative contributions such as panels of an alternative format, art installations, or interventions or further contributions could be accepted. Please include a proposal outlining the contribution (max. 2 pages).

The conference is jointly organised by Prof. Antje Wiener PhD (University of Hamburg), Prof. Dr. Gunther Hellmann (Goethe University of Frankfurt), Prof. Dr. Nicole Deitelhoff (Peace Research Institute Frankfurt) and Prof. Dr. Carlo Masala (Bundeswehr University Munich) and supported by the German Political Science Association (DVPW) and the Research Section ‘International Relations’ of the DVPW. It will be held on 11 and 12 November in Hamburg, Germany.

Paper and panel proposals must be submitted via the conference website [www.dvpw.de/tt2022](http://www.dvpw.de/tt2022) until 31 August 2022. Proposals for alternative contributions should be sent to Jannis Kappelmann ([jannis.kappelmann@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:jannis.kappelmann@uni-hamburg.de)) and Dr. Maren Hofius ([maren.hofius@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:maren.hofius@uni-hamburg.de)) until 31 August 2022.