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Dear colleagues interested in ocean and polar politics and our thematic group,

welcome to our first newsletter after this year's summer break!!

We begin this newsletter with three items closely related to our group (1-3). **The most important:** the **call for our annual conference 2026!!** However, also relevant of course: the announcement of the next **ECR Online Café** and a brief report of this year's **EISA's annual conference's** Polar and Ocean Justice section and outlook to the next. This is followed by call for papers for **three conferences** within the German Political Science Association to which our group belongs (4-6). Then we have two calls outside our own organizational environment, but still in the German context (7-8). *Note the quickly up-coming deadline for the interesting fall meeting of the strategy group for social sciences in the Consortium for German Marine Research (KDM).* Next come two open **positions** on full professor and post-doc level respectively, as well as two PhD positions in Ocean and a Senior Advisor job in Arctic matters (9-12). We point you to a **PhD course in GEG**, *taking place already in a few days*, but apparently with call still open (13), and then round the newsletter up with **interesting material** (14) and **publications by TG members** (15).

1. Call for Abstracts: Thematic Group Annual Conference 2026, submission deadline, 03.11.2025

The TG's next annual conference will be hosted by the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt and take place from 25-27-02.2026. The conference provides a platform for dialogue and exchange between scholars at all career stages to discuss their current developments research in the politics of the oceans and polar regions. We welcome paper, panel and innovative interaction format proposals on a wide range of topics, including but not limited to: Environment & Sustainability: politics and policies of climate change, biodiversity, fisheries, indigenous and coastal communities and politics; Knowledge & Technology: science-policy interfaces, politics and emerging technologies, knowledge politics; Security Conflict & Cooperation: geopolitical shifts, security policy and maritime infrastructures, hybrid threats, regional cooperation; Governance & Law: global and regional regimes, legitimacy and justice, national policies, new normative frameworks for the ocean and polar politics. Participation and registration will be free of charge and open to all interested! The conference language will be English and you do not need to be a paying member of DVPW or the group to participate (even though we hope to convince you by our work that it is worth joining!). For further information and submission guidelines, see <<https://www.dvpw.de/gliederung/themengruppen/polar-und-meerespolitik/calls-und-ausschreibungen#c7401>>.

2. Thematic Group Early Career Researcher Café next meeting, 02.10.2025, 10-11AM, online

Are you an early career researcher working on polar or marine stuff? Then join us for an informal coffee chat to share updates on funding opportunities, discuss your research interests, and swap advice with others in the field. There's no need to prepare—just bring yourself and your favorite beverage. You can join with the following link: <<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3785391130747?p=4M5QV9lpz2otaSXbj>>.

3. Short Report and Outlook from EISA-PEC's Polar and Ocean Justice Section in Bologna, 25-29.08.2025

Romain Chuffart (University of Akureyri) and Hannes Hansen-Magnusson (Cardiff University) organised the Standing Section on "Global Oceans & Polar Justice" at the European International Studies Association's annual conference in Bologna. This year the sessions included speakers from a dozen countries in Europe as well as North and South America who presented on five panels and roundtables, covering maritime security, issues of sustainability, international norms and geopolitics, as well as materiality and the role of NATO. The 2026 conference will take place in Lisbon (Portugal), and the call for contributions will be issued in late autumn. It will be circulated via this newsletter, so please watch this space.

4. Call for Papers and Panels, Dreiländertagung, "Europas Zukunft - Zukunft Europas: Innere Spannungen, Äußere Herausforderungen", submission deadline, 14.09.2025

The so-called Dreiländertagung of the German Speaking Political Science Associations of Austria (ÖGPW), Germany (DVPW), and Switzerland (SVPW) takes place in Friedrichshafen, 17-19.06.2026. It invites Political scientists from all areas of our discipline to discuss questions on the future of Europe and beyond from their respective perspectives. This could be an opportunity to connect to Polar and Ocean politics researchers from Austria and Switzerland and demonstrate the relevance of our topics to the wider discipline! Further details on the conference and the call for papers and panels here: <<https://www.dvpw.de/informationen/infos/details/news/dreilaendertagung-2026-call-for-proposals>>.

5. Reminder Call for Abstracts: DVPW Impuls-Tagung "Weltordnung im Wandel – Politikwissenschaft in Kriegszeiten", submission deadline, 30.09.2025

The Impulstagung takes place 22-23.01.2026 in Chemnitz. It tries to integrate all sub-disciplines of political science, addressing different aspects of the main conference theme. The topics of our group might first and foremost speak to the aspect "International order, security and geopolitics: How do wars and crises change the global distribution of power? What role do international organizations play? How are the relationships between politics, business and the military shifting?" Note: If the contribution is successfully accepted, travel and accommodation costs of up to €250 can be reimbursed!! Further information here: <<https://www.dvpw.de/informationen/infos/details/news/1-dvpw-impuls-tagung-call-for-papers>>

6. Call for Papers: DVPW IR-Section's early career group's conference, submission deadline 30.09.2025

Unfortunately parallel to our annual conference, i.e. 25-27.02.2026, the 18th Early Career Conference takes place at the Academy for Political Education in Tutzing. The conference is aimed at doctoral students and postdocs from all subfields of international relations and related disciplines and offers a platform to discuss their own work with colleagues in similar stages of qualification as well as with established researchers. Contributions are welcomed on advanced projects as well as initial conceptual drafts. Researchers in the early stages of their projects are encouraged by the organizers to take advantage of this opportunity for presentation and discussion. Applications should take the form of a meaningful abstract in German or English (max. 300 words) and contain the following information: presentation format (poster or paper); state of presented project, affiliation and email address. Paper or Poster must be sent in by 15.02. Conference language is German. Questions and abstract submission by email to <earlycareer-ib@dvpw.de>.

7. Call for Papers: "Politische (Ge-)Zeiten: Reflexion und Relevanz sozialer und

kultureller Meereswissenschaften", submission deadline, 19.09.2025

The Fall meeting of the Strategy Group for Marine Social and Cultural Sciences of the German Marine Research Consortium (KDM) takes place 16-17.10.2025 at IDOS in Bonn. The call includes: "What makes our perspectives so special in the canon of marine sciences? And how do we specifically incorporate them into ongoing political processes or public debates? Political frameworks are both stable and subject to disruptive events, such as when governments change, laws are passed, (global) agreements are signed, or socio-political upheavals occur at the local, national, or global level. At such times, (ad hoc) social and cultural science expertise is needed to place events/developments in a broader context and provide guidance. We look forward to receiving submissions of proposals (abstracts) of no more than one page, including bibliography, on the following topics: Empirical research and findings (no draft proposals) in marine social and cultural sciences against the backdrop of (geo)political transformations; contributions that explicitly reflect on political frameworks and methodological and strategic challenges."

The call with submission details is attached as PDF.

8. Call for Papers/Panels for the 57th Colloquium of the Working Group for Peace and Conflict Research (AFK) in cooperation with the University of Leipzig, submission deadline: 14.10.2025

Under the title "Ideas and Interfaces in Peace and Conflict Research: The Importance of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Research," the AFK and the University of Leipzig invites you to attend the 57th Colloquium. In a changing world—between climate crisis, armament, digital warfare, and social polarization—new forms of cooperation across disciplinary boundaries are needed. The colloquium will address topics such as: Interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary research approaches; Postcolonial, decolonial, and intersectional perspectives; Interfaces between the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities; Participatory and creative event formats. Scholars from all disciplines and career stages are invited to apply. More information at: <<https://afk-web.de/kolloquien-3/>>

9. Full Professor Position in Political Science with a focus on International Sustainability (W3), application deadline 26.09.2025

The position at the Institute of Political Science at the University of Münster focuses on the political dimensions of sustainability in an international context, including, but not limited to, international political economy of sustainability, global sustainability governance, international links between climate change and conflict, or the analysis of social and political processes in the contexts of sustainability, justice, and/or transformation. For full details and application instructions, see the official posting here: <<https://stellen.uni-muenster.de/jobposting/c8260920da2ab79fb6f61730d9b097dfb7f6044>>.

10. Postdoctoral Position at the SDU Climate Cluster Elite Center Odense, application deadline, 24.09.2025

The Department of Culture and Language (IKS) at the University of Southern Denmark (SDU) invites applications for a 2-year postdoctoral fellowship. The postdoc will work in the SDU Climate Elite Centre project "Mobilizing Post-Anthropocentric Climate Action: A New Root Narrative" (PACA). PACA seeks to map post-anthropocentric social theories that challenge the nature-culture divide and investigate traces of these theories in the population. It assesses the extent to which such practices and beliefs can provide a positive narrative for the radical re-organization of production and consumption practices, as well as the potential role universities might play as mediators of this emergent post-anthropocentrism. This project has the ambition to develop into an international hub for research in post-anthropocentric consumption and production systems as foundational for a sustainable economy. Applicants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with PACA's research goals and ongoing projects by visiting our

homepage: <<https://www.sdu.dk/da/paca>>. More information and link to application webpage here: <https://fa-eosd-saasfaprod1.fa.ocs.oraclecloud.com/hcmUI/CandidateExperience/da/sites/CX_1001/job/3091>.

11. Two PhD Positions, "Innovations in Ocean Governance", University of Wollongong, Australia, application deadline, 07.11.2025

The two PhD candidates will be engaged as part of an Australian Research Council (ARC) Future Fellowship project focusing on opportunities and barriers to innovation in ocean governance. Candidates with interest and expertise in the following key areas are encouraged to apply: Innovations in restorative or regenerative ocean governance approaches (eg regenerative blue economies, Indigenous led or co-designed ocean governance and/or nature positive approaches); Innovations in participatory management and/or community engagement (for example social listening, crowdsourcing and digital consensus building). More information and submission portal here: <<https://www.uow.edu.au/research/graduate-research/scholarships/items/innovations-in-ocean-governance.php>>.

12. Senior Science Advisor for "Arctic Frontiers", application deadline, 14.09.2025

Arctic Frontiers in Tromsø is hiring a senior adviser, "who will have responsibility for driving and delivering the science portfolio." They are "looking for someone who thrives at the crossroads of research, international collaboration and geopolitics. Such persons should certainly be among our esteemed readership! More information and application here: <<https://www.finn.no/job/ad/424056478>>.

13. PhD Course "Global Environmental Governance" at Lund University, application deadline, 14.09.2025

From 22 to 26 September 2025 the 11th edition of the PhD course will take place at Lund University, Sweden. The one-week intensive course provides in-depth insights to the actors, processes and problems of global environmental politics and offers both practical and theoretical understanding about the world of international relations. It is designed to be accessible for PhD students who come from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds. Participating in the course entitles the students to 3 ECTS, if they join the sessions and complete a short essay afterwards. If you are interested in joining, please register by 14th September at the very latest. For questions and application, please send an e-mail to <Fariborz.zelli@svet.lu.se>. The application should contain: Your affiliation and contact details, A short motivation statement (ca. 300 words). Applicants will be notified about acceptance latest by 15th September.

14. Interesting Material

(a) The German Arctic Office Newsletter from Summer 2025 can be found here <<https://www.arctic-office.de/rundbrief-sommer-2025/>>.

(b) The German Arctic Office's fact sheet "Germany in Arctic Research" provides an overview of German activities in Arctic research. It describes the overarching research topics, the institutional framework, the key players, and the existing logistics and infrastructure. It can be downloaded here: <<https://www.arctic-office.de/publikationen/fact-sheets/>>. The English version "Germany in Arctic research" is available at: <<https://www.arctic-office.de/en/publications/fact-sheets/>>.

(c) The Bundeszentrale für Politische Bildung has published Detlef Czybulka's: "Der Schutz unserer Meere", a comprehensive overview from German perspective with much legal detail for €7.50 at <www.bpb.de>. Btw also available there, the older: "Fluter: Meer", 84/2022 open access; APUZ (Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte), "Meere und Ozeane", 2017, open access; Erik Lindner, 2019, "Flucht übers Meer", €5,00; "Das Schimmern der See" (Comic über Humanitäre Hilfe auf dem Mittelmeer), €7,50; In the

meantime of more historical curiosity: Gerd Braune, "Die Arktis", €1,50, 2016. Or APUZ "Arktischer Raum", 2011, open access; Written still before the invasion of Ukraine: Michael Paul, "Der Kampf um den Nordpol", 2022, €5,00. Finally, from an established science communicator: Esther Gostalla, Das Eisbuch,, 2023, €5,00.

15. Publications of TG members

- (a) Gehrke, C. (2025). Applications of science communication in science diplomacy: communicating (for) Arctic marine mammal governance. *Polar Geography*, 48(1), 16-38.
- (b) Hansen-Magnusson, H., & Gehrke, C. (2025). Re-thinking global governance as fuzzy: multi-scalar boundaries of responsibility in the Arctic. *Global Society*, 39(2), 203-225.
- (c) Hansen-Magnusson, H., & Gehrke, C. (2025). The Arctic as a boundary object: who negotiates Arctic governance?. *International Affairs*, 101(3), 925-945.

As always, watch out for our next mail. **Deadline for submitting information for distribution in the next newsletter is 25.09.2025.** Any reports, sources, other information you would like to share with the group? Please send it to the address below until above indicated deadline!

If you would not like to receive this mail anymore or if your address has changed, please let us know with mail to this address: <polarmar@dvpw.de>. We are looking forward to many abstract submissions for our annual conference!

All best,

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