

**Subject:** Newsletter, 05.2025: CfPs and Job offers with deadlines from 05.05.2025!!  
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Dear colleagues interested in ocean and polar politics and our thematic group, welcome to our May newsletter! We start with a brief report on the **follow-up of the Young Professionals' Lab** at our TG-annual conference (1). We continue with three **positions at post-doc level** (2-4), four **fellowship calls** (5-8), and three **job opportunities beyond academia** (9-11, **attention application deadlines from 05.05.**). Back to academia, we have five **calls for paper proposals** waiting for contributions from ocean and polar cases (12-16). Next we announce two interesting **upcoming events** (17+18), for both registration is required. We are pleased to announce **publications** emerging from the TG-network (19), as well as other **interesting materials and links** (20+21). At the very end we remind you of important **dates for the diaries** (22). You will find our good-bye with the usual call for contributions to the next newsletter and some information on subscription at the end.

### 1. TG Young Professionals Lab Follow-Up

During the thematic group's annual conference, Svenja Holste, Anna Lauenburger, and Charlotte Gehrke organized a Young Professionals Lab, setting up posters and feedback prompts for the conference attendees. Early career researchers (ECRs) were asked what areas of their career journey they felt confident in and in which areas they would like to receive more support or perceived knowledge gaps. Senior researchers, in turn, were asked to look back at their careers and provide advice. A key insight from the session was a general lack of confidence among ECRs in navigating academic systems, particularly the 'black box' of German academia. Networking experiences were varied, and participants expressed a desire to strengthen both hard and soft skills. Several potential solutions were proposed to support ECR development. These included foundational training in "Academia 101" (covering areas like grant writing), as well as dedicated mentorship programs to help researchers build sustainable academic careers. Participants emphasized the importance of theoretical and methodological exchange, particularly in transdisciplinary contexts. Senior researchers also contributed advice, underscoring the value of pursuing meaningful research questions, honing grant writing abilities, and actively seeking diverse mentorship. Time management, career planning, and peer support were highlighted as crucial skills. A common theme was the importance of seizing opportunities and being present in the right environments to succeed. **An overview of the Young Professionals Lab posters and feedback by Svenja Holste is attached as PDF.** Questions regarding TG's ECR work can be directed to [<Charlotte.Gehrke@idos-research.de>](mailto:Charlotte.Gehrke@idos-research.de).

### 2. Post-Doc Position: Research Fellow "Decolonizing Science Education and Chemical Risk Management", **application deadline, 08.05.2025**

The position is at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. The announcement that might be interesting for some of our subscribers starts that the fellow "will work with Indigenous and non-indigenous experts, designing teaching materials for undergraduate and graduate students in disciplines relevant to chemical risk assessment (e.g., toxicology, chemistry, endocrinology, AI/machine learning) and governmental staff presently involved in chemical risk assessment....The successful candidate will be a member of the new, large, interdisciplinary, and inter-institutional initiative 'Towards

sustainable futures: Transforming Chemical Risk Management with Indigenous Expertise', taking on a leadership role in supporting all aspects of the sub-project on Curriculum Development. Further information here:

<[https://ubc.wd10.myworkdayjobs.com/ubcfacultyjobs/job/UBC-Vancouver-Campus/Postdoctoral-Research-Fellow---Decolonizing-Science-Education-and-Chemical-Risk-Assessment\\_JR20577-1](https://ubc.wd10.myworkdayjobs.com/ubcfacultyjobs/job/UBC-Vancouver-Campus/Postdoctoral-Research-Fellow---Decolonizing-Science-Education-and-Chemical-Risk-Assessment_JR20577-1)>. [PDF of announcement is attached.](#)

**3. Post-Doc Position in project "The Cultures of the Cryosphere. Infrastructures, Politics and Futures of Artificial Cooling", [application deadline, 19.05.2025](#)**

Not polar, but nevertheless cool: The position is at the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities (KWI) in Essen. They search for someone with "expertise in cultural anthropology, critical urban studies and/or science and technology studies, strong qualifications in qualitative empirical research as well as a proven record of engaging with concepts and theories of technology, urbanism and culture...[The project] investigates the cultural preconditions and consequences of the use of artificial cold. With a globally networked system of cold storage facilities, nitrogen tanks, cold chains, and air-conditioned spaces, the global use of cooling and freezing technologies enables modern life...Despite its far-reaching socio-ecological impacts, the enormously energy-intensive planetary "cryosphere" has not yet been systematically researched. More about the project here: <[www.cryocultures.org](http://www.cryocultures.org)>. More about the position here: <<https://www.uni-due.de/karriere/stelle.php?kennziffer=182-25>>.

**4. Tenure Track Assistant or Associate Professor "Social Science or Humanities approaches to Ecosystem Restoration", [application deadline, 19.05.2025](#)**

The position is at University of Oulu/Finland. They "wish to appoint an accomplished researcher with expertise in social science and/or humanities approaches to environmental issues in Transdisciplinary Ecosystem Restoration...[from] candidates with strong academic backgrounds in anthropology, human geography, environmental humanities, history, sociology, science and technology studies (STS), or other related fields. Interest in, or previous experience of work on ecosystem degradation and restoration is welcome." More information here: <<https://oulunyliopisto.varbi.com/en/what/job/jobID:811776/>>.

**5. Two-months Fellowships at Cluster of Excellence "Contestations of the Liberal Script" (SCRIPTS), [application deadline, 15.05.2025](#)**

The fellowship at the International Research College (IRC) of SCRIPTS is linked to an authors' workshop "Contestations of the Liberal Script in Regional Organizations in the Global South and the Global North" taking place in Berlin, Germany, 27-28.11.2025. To qualify for an IRC fellowship, you need to also apply for the authors' workshop (see 13 in this mail). Applications from early career scholars are encouraged! [More information in attached PDF announcement.](#)

**6. One year Fellowship at the Mercator College on International Affairs, [application deadline, 15.05.2025](#)**

The guiding principle for the fellowships is: "Europe in the World 2030 – Sustainable Visions for an Inclusive and Secure Future." The college seeks "individuals who think globally and are willing to contribute their knowledge and perspectives in areas such as business, administration, international organisations, and NGOs, while also engaging in cross-sectoral learning. Ultimately, [the] aim is to cultivate a widespread understanding of global interdependencies and the imperative of cooperation in shaping an inclusive and secure future." More information here: <<https://www.mercator-kolleg.de>>. [Flyer and information sheet attached as PDF.](#)

**7. Fellowship Academy of International Affairs, NRW, [application deadline, 13.06.2025](#)**

The AIA in Bonn is interested in innovative projects proposals "that focus on issues in the general field of International Politics or address issues of Structural Transformations as Challenge and Chance for Politics, Economy, and Society [against the background] of

major societal, technological and economic shifts ... challeng[ing] established ideas and policy solutions. Beyond such immediate crises as large scale conflicts and the erosion of global governance institutions, international politics are shaped by the relationship between geopolitical shifts and domestic as well as transnational developments, often in the form of major structural changes...manifest[ing] themselves in...dimensions such as energy security, new technologies, new models of energy production and consumption, the transformation of basic infrastructures and the re-organisation of societies." [Call is attached as PDF](#). More information here: <<https://www.aia-nrw.org/de/akademie/fellowship/call-2026-27/>>.

### **8. Post-Doc Fellowship within the Center for Security Studies, application deadline, 15.06.2025**

The position is at Metropolitan University Prague for 12 months with possibility to be extended for further 12 months. Topic is not specified, but presumably needs to fit into the centre's focus: "on (sub-)regional security threats in four key regions: 1) Europe; 2) Asia; 3) Africa and 4) America...changes in the security environment and institutions in these regions, with an emphasis on everyday security practices and the impact of new technologies." For further information about the position see: <[https://www.c4ss.cz/en/for-students/postdocs/call-for-applications/?\\_sc=MTQ1MjY5MCM0NDZy%3D&utm\\_campaign=Jobs-MAY-25&utm\\_id=1867&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=brevio](https://www.c4ss.cz/en/for-students/postdocs/call-for-applications/?_sc=MTQ1MjY5MCM0NDZy%3D&utm_campaign=Jobs-MAY-25&utm_id=1867&utm_medium=email&utm_source=brevio)>.

### **9. Leitung der neuen Informations- und Koordinierungsstelle Transformation Fischerei (IKTF), Bewerbungsfrist, 05.05.2025**

Die IKTF ist am Thuenen-Institut in angesiedelt (Hamburg, Bremerhaven oder Rostock). "Gemeinsam mit einem dynamischen Team von insgesamt 5 Personen gestaltet die gesuchte Leitung die Informations- und Koordinierungsstelle und deren Arbeitsweisen und prägt somit aktiv die Zukunft der deutschen Küstenfischerei. In der ersten, vom Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft finanzierten, zweieinhalb jährigen Startphase soll die IKTF als eine in den deutschen Küstenregionen aktive Serviceagentur eingerichtet und Basis eines überregionalen Multistakeholder-Netzwerks werden." Mehr Informationen hier: <[https://www.thuenen.de/de/thuenen-institut/karriere/stellenangebote?tx\\_ntti\\_stellenanzeigen%5Baction%5D=detail&tx\\_ntti\\_stellenanzeigen%5Bstelle%5D=5912&cHash=746a27f784772ea950799d43425f721c](https://www.thuenen.de/de/thuenen-institut/karriere/stellenangebote?tx_ntti_stellenanzeigen%5Baction%5D=detail&tx_ntti_stellenanzeigen%5Bstelle%5D=5912&cHash=746a27f784772ea950799d43425f721c)>.

### **10. Referent\*innen-Stelle "Kommunikation" bei Stiftung Wissenschaft und Demokratie, Bewerbungsfrist, 19.05.2025**

Starker Bezug zu maritimer Sicherheit, Standort Kiel! Über die Stiftung heißt es: "Die Stiftung Wissenschaft und Demokratie (SW&D) fördert praxisorientierte Politikwissenschaft. Sie unterhält eine eigene Forschungseinrichtung, das Institut für Parlamentarismusforschung (IParl) in Berlin, und fördert das Institut für Sicherheitspolitik an der Universität Kiel". Die gesuchte Referent\*in ist "verantwortlich für die Planung, Umsetzung und Weiterentwicklung unserer externen Kommunikation." <[https://www.swud.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/ReferentIn-Kommunikation\\_Stellenaussch\\_04-2025\\_final.pdf](https://www.swud.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/ReferentIn-Kommunikation_Stellenaussch_04-2025_final.pdf)>. [PDF der Ausschreibung ist angehängt](#).

### **11. Deutsche Meeresstiftung, Referent/in Meerespolitik / Marine Policy Officer, job offer from 26.04.2025, no deadline mentioned**

The offer introduces Deutsche Meeresstiftung as "engagiert..für den Schutz und die nachhaltige Nutzung unseres Ozeans zum Wohle künftiger Generationen. Mit unserem Medien- und Forschungsschiff ALDEBARAN erforschen wir Biodiversität, Korallen und Meeresmüll. Im Rahmen der UN-Dekade der Ozeanforschung für nachhaltige Entwicklung realisieren wir Projekte wie den Meereswettbewerb, eine Dauerausstellung auf dem Museumsschiff Cap San Diego in Hamburg und das Ozean Festival in Berlin. Wir kooperieren eng mit der Stiftung von Fürst Albert II von Monaco und wurden gemeinsam mit ihm mit dem Europäischen

Kulturpreis ausgezeichnet." Wenn "der Ozean und Organisation..Deine Leidenschaft [sind], Du ein interdisziplinäres und sich stetig wandelndes Arbeitsfeld mit täglich neuen Anforderungen und Herausforderungen schätzt...und als Teil eines kleinen Teams Großes bewegen willst" erwartet die DMS Deine Bewerbung! [PDF des Job-offers angehängt](#). Weitere Informationen zur Stiftung hier: <<https://www.meeresstiftung.de>>.

**12. CfP Workshop "New Research on International Organizations – Authority, Legitimacy, and Power", submission deadline, 15.05.2025**

The workshop of the DVPW Thematic group International Organisations (TGIO) takes place 13-14.11.2025 at Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg. "International organizations (IOs) play a central role in global governance, shaping policy responses to some of the most pressing transnational challenges, from climate change and global health to security and economic stability. Yet their authority, legitimacy, and power are contested." Contributions are invited "that explore the dynamics of authority, legitimacy and power in IOs." The TG is "interested both in papers that offer state-centered explanations and papers that approaches as well as papers that analyze the internal processes of IOs, their interactions with different actors and the structural framework conditions of global governance." Submission here: <[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdENTmrDyIAHuWlpri6FLM-qA7M3\\_mCn5qcX7L6LWBTnd8p1w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdENTmrDyIAHuWlpri6FLM-qA7M3_mCn5qcX7L6LWBTnd8p1w/viewform)>. [PDF of the Call attached](#).

**13. CfP "Contestations of the Liberal Script in International Organizations", submission deadline, 15.05.2025**

The call for contributions to an edited volume is tied to an author conference (see 5 this mail above), 27-28.11.2025 in Berlin. The call reads: "While we already know a lot about contestation dynamics on the state and the global level, the regional level has not been studied systematically. Thus, the conference brings together scholars from Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe to investigate either 1. episodes of contestation of the liberal script in or through a specific Regional Organization (RO) as well as their causes; or 2. contributions that examine the consequences that episodes of contestations of the liberal script in or through a specific RO bring about, such as the RO's resilience and implications for regional governance and the regional order." Conference and accommodation costs as well as transportation costs of one paper giver per chapter will be covered. Send a 500-word abstract to <[conference@scripts-berlin.eu](mailto:conference@scripts-berlin.eu)>. [PDF of the Call is attached](#).

**14. Cf Panels and Papers, ISA Convention, submission deadline, 23.05.2025, 18.00**

The convention takes place in Columbus, Ohio, 22-25.03.2026. The conference theme is "Back to the Fundamentals: Rethinking Knowledges, Practices, & Imaginaries. The IR-Section of DVPW calls for panel proposals for its 3 partner panels. The organizers must be section members, the paper givers, chairs and discussants not - rather, the panels and roundtables should be as international and diverse as usual at the ISA. However, all panel and roundtable participants must have an ISAnet account. Please submit your proposals in full, i.e. stating the chair, discussant(s) and (max. 5) paper givers with abstracts and contact details of all participants, to <[IB-Sektion@dvpw.de](mailto:IB-Sektion@dvpw.de)>. Panels or roundtables that may not be considered for the DVPW slots can still be submitted via the regular procedure by 01.06.2025 to ISA. More information here: <<https://www.isanet.org/Conferences/ISA2026>>.

**15. CfP Conference "Sustainability redux: Tough Conversations in Tough Times?", submission deadline, 31.05.2025**

The conference is organized by the Research Institute for Sustainability (RIFS) and takes place, 03-05.12.2025 in Berlin. "Bringing together national and international stakeholders from the academic and non-academic sectors", RIFS seeks "contributions related to debates around ongoing sustainability transitions (e.g., transitions in energy, mobility, industry and agriculture) as well as contributions looking at more overarching

themes (e.g., justice, democracy, communication)." This, against the background that "sustainability, as a guiding concept, seems to be getting driven out of the political arena. Opposition to an inclusive, fact-based exploration of pathways towards a 'safe and just space for humanity' is no longer indirect nor tacit; it fuels nationalist and authoritarian counter-responses in a hitherto unthinkable, unconcealed manner. Common values and commonly accepted facts seem to dwindle, narrowing down the room for meaningful conversations. How can we 'supporters of socio-ecologically oriented transformations' foster a just and inclusive transformation in these times of geopolitical crises and backlash?" More information here: <<https://www.rifs-potsdam.de/en/tough-conversations-tough-times>>. PDF of the Call is attached.

#### **16. Cfp "Global Power Shifts, Institutional Adaptation, and the Rise of Autocratic IGOs", submission deadline, 31.05.2025**

The second Gießen Annual Workshop on International Organisations (GAWIO) under the above theme will take place 29.10.2025 at Justus Liebig University Gießen. It seeks to foster vibrant scholarly exchange on how international organisations are responding to global transformations, including geopolitical realignments, economic pressures, and emerging security challenges. We welcome both theoretical and empirical contributions, especially those exploring institutional responses and the influence of autocratic regimes on global governance. Travel and accommodation funding available for up to 8 participants. Questions to Murad Nasibov, <[murad.nasibov@sowi.uni-giessen.de](mailto:murad.nasibov@sowi.uni-giessen.de)> or Maraike Nicole Vandergrift <[maraike.nicole.vandergrift@sowi.uni-giessen.de](mailto:maraike.nicole.vandergrift@sowi.uni-giessen.de)>. More information here: <<https://www.uni-giessen.de/de/fbz/zentren/ggs/forschung/sektionen/internationale-organisationen>>.

#### **17. Event: Polarstunde "Stabilität des Antarktischen Eisschildes in den Vestfold Hills, Prydz Bay - Geschichte und Einflussfaktoren", online 14.05.2025, 17.00, registration required**

Martin Melles und Jacob Feller (Universität zu Köln) werden Eindrücke von den Feldarbeiten zeigen sowie erste wissenschaftliche Erkenntnisse vorstellen. Anmeldung per Email an: <[polarstunde@polarforschung.de](mailto:polarstunde@polarforschung.de)> bis spätestens zum Vortag. Teilnehmenden wird der entsprechende (kostenlose) Zoom-Link rechtzeitig am Tag der Veranstaltung zugeschickt.

#### **18. Event: "Das europäische Ozeanzeitalter: Wie kann Deutschland die Ziele der UN-Ozeandekade erfüllen?", Hamburg, 08.05.2025, 10-13.00, registration required**

Die Deutsche Meeresstiftung lädt mit der Deutsche Gesellschaft für die Vereinten Nationen e.V. (DGVN) zu der Veranstaltung anlässlich des Deutschen Schifffahrtstags ein. "Europa und die gesamte Welt stehen vor beispiellosen Herausforderungen - und der Ozean ist dabei unser größter gemeinsamer Nenner. In Anlehnung an das Konzept des 'gemeinsamen Erbes der Meere' von Elisabeth Mann Borgese und mit besonderem Blick auf die UN-Dekade der Ozeanforschung für nachhaltige Entwicklung befassen wir uns mit der Frage, inwieweit Deutschland die Ziele dieser Dekade bereits erreicht hat und welche Maßnahmen noch erforderlich sind, um die nachhaltige Entwicklung der Ozeane - und damit unsere eigene Zukunft - voranzutreiben. Dabei betrachten wir den Ozean aus verschiedenen Perspektiven: wirtschaftlich, wissenschaftlich, umweltpolitisch sowie rechtlich. Mehr Informationen und Anmeldung hier: <<https://www.meeresstiftung.de/news/das-neue-europische-ozeanzeitalter>>.

#### **19. Publications from TG-members**

(a) Dorothea Wehrmann and Annegret Kuhn (eds) 2025: "Knowledge Integration in Ocean Governance", *Ocean and Society*, 2. The Open Access Special Issue comprises 14 articles and can be downloaded completely or article-wise here: <[www.cogitatiopress.com/oceanandsociety/issue/view/435](http://www.cogitatiopress.com/oceanandsociety/issue/view/435)>

(b) Tobias Etzold (2025), Blog post on Arctic and Baltic governance:

<<https://portal.vifanord.de/blog/ostseeraum-und-arktis-regionale-zusammenarbeit-im-umbruch/>>

## 20. Further interesting publications

(a) Wood-Donnelly, C. (2025). Sovereignty cubed: The Arctic as a territorial and ontological volume. *European Journal of Social Theory*, 28(2), 169-184.

"The article first critically examines Arctic sovereignty, challenging the notion of sovereignty as merely a horizontal area with land or sea boundaries. Instead, it argues that Arctic geopolitics and governance are better understood when sovereignty is considered as a scalar concept encompassing a territorial volume. Second, it contextualises the processes involved in the legitimisation of sovereignty and governance practices across the Arctic, framing this as ontological sovereignty." Open Access here <<https://doi.org/10.1177/13684310241270533>>.

(b) Deutsches Arktisbüro (2025), Fact Sheet: "Fernerkundung in der Arktis": <<https://www.arctic-office.de/publikationen/fact-sheets/>>. For the English version "Remote Sensing in the Arctic" <<https://www.arctic-office.de/en/publications/fact-sheets/>>

(c) UN Human Rights Council (2025): "The human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment: the ocean and human rights". PDF of the document attached, download here: <<https://docs.un.org/en/a/hrc/58/l.26/Rev.1>>.

## 21. Interesting Links to Ocean or Polar Political Events in Germany

(a) Veranstaltungsreihen des Instituts für Sicherheitspolitik, Kiel: <<https://www.kielseapowerseries.com/en/>>.

(b) Für Freunde des Maritimen: <<https://deutscher-schiffahrtstag.de>>.

(c) Nationale Meereskonferenz 2025, link zum Programm (Anmeldung nicht mehr möglich): <<https://bmuv-events.de/DqRc8MWm>>.

## 22. Dates for the Diaries

(a) The next *Open Convention of DVPW's IR-Section* will take place in Würzburg, 21.-23.09.2026 (!). Call for Papers and Panels expected October 2025.

(b) The *2026 Polar Law Symposium* will take place in Hamilton, New Zealand, during the week of 09.11.2026, hosted by the University of Waikato. Call for Panels and Papers expected beginning 2026.

(c) Reminder: Our next *Thematic Group Annual Network Conference* takes place in Frankfurt, 25-27.02.2026. We plan to issue the first call for papers and panels early September.

As always, watch out for our next mail. Deadline for submitting information for distribution in the next newsletter is 30.05.2025. 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](mailto:polarmar@dvpw.de)>.

As always: we hope we see you in person during the year at some ocean or polar politics events!

All best, Charlotte, Doro, Christoph und Hannes