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Dear colleagues interested in ocean and polar politics and our thematic group, today you receive a rather short newsletter. The reason being that some deadlines and events are quickly upcoming!

Most importantly, **the first deadline is tomorrow**: see the opening for **two interesting PhD positions (1)**! These are followed by a **PhD position in Heidelberg (2)** and a **Fellowship call from RIFS Potsdam (3)**. Later this week, the **Strategy Group for Social and Cultural Sciences** of the Consortium German Marine Research is holding its **annual meeting in Kiel (4)**. The mail continues with **three calls for papers**, two for conferences in November, one for a journal symposium **(5-7)**. As often, none of the items in this mail is directly related to matters our group is concerned with. However, all of the items could certainly benefit from including a political sciences perspective on ocean and polar politics! We finish with the usual call for contributions to the next newsletter and information on subscription and will soon be back with more information also on our own events and contents!

1. Two PhD-positions, research group "Convivial Waterfronts", application deadline is 10.06.2026

The positions are advertised for all researchers: backgrounds in all things social, political, and coastal/marine would be well suited!

The PDF with the call is attached, and can also be found online

<<https://www.sts.sot.tum.de/sts/sts-department/jobs/article/two-doctoral-researchers-m-f-d-for-the-convivial-waterfronts-research-project-at-the-tum-school-of-social-sciences-and-technology/>>.

2. PhD position/doctoral researcher, "The Politics of Climate Change", application deadline is 21.06.2026

The research project at University Heidelberg, funded by the Emmy Noether Programme of the German Research Foundation (DFG), investigates the dynamics of emerging polarization on climate change in the electoral and civil society arenas. ClimateDivide combines computational social science methods, survey experiments, and qualitative analysis of in- and out-group identity formation using focus groups. The project covers seven European countries: France, Germany, Sweden, Italy, Spain, Hungary, and Romania. The advertised position is located in Work Package 2: Individual Participation. WP2 examines the extent, issue focus, and form of individual-level participation on the emerging climate divide. It relies on existing survey data as well as an original cross-national survey with an embedded conjoint experiment and a panel component. For more information about the project, please visit: < <https://climatedivide.eu/> >. PDF with the call is attached.

3. Fellowship Positions at RIFS, "Sustainability in Tough Times – How to Move Forwards in Times of Backlash?", application deadline is 21.06.2026

The Research Institute for Sustainability (RIFS) at GFZ Helmholtz Centre for Geosciences in Potsdam seeks fellowship applications exploring questions such as: "How do different forms of backlash interact across societies and scales, from local to global? How do justice concerns across different regions shape support for - or resistance to - accelerated transition dynamics? In what ways do polarization, emotions, and competing narratives influence perceptions of sustainability? What new or unconventional alliances for sustainability are conceivable and needed? How can transdisciplinary research

approaches help to identify, mediate, and potentially mitigate backlash against sustainability? What do contemporary challenges to expert authority tell us about changing relations between knowledge and political power, and what are the consequences for sustainability transitions? The entire call is available here: < https://www.rifs-potsdam.de/sites/default/files/2026-05/cfa-rifs-fellowships-2027_published-version.pdf > and attached as PDF.

4. Upcoming annual meeting of the KDM/DAM Social and Cultural Sciences Strategy Group, 11-12.06.2026, registration required!

The meeting takes place at the Center for Ocean and Society (CeOS) of the priority research area Kiel Marine Science (KMS) at Kiel University (CAU). Apart from the presenter indicated in the program we also welcome interested participants without a presentation! However, as space is limited due to room-related circumstances, we can unfortunately only admit a rather small number of additional participants. If you are interested, please write as soon as possible (first come first served principle applies) to: <annegret.kuhn@ceos.uni-kiel.de>. Programme is attached.

5. CfP 19th Polar Law Symposium in Waikato New Zealand, application deadline prolonged to 31.07.2026!

The University of Waikato is proud to host the 19th Polar Law Symposium, 9-11.11.2026. The Symposium will focus on the twin themes of "Regime Interaction: Biodiversity, Climate, Oceans, and Protecting the Polar Environments", and "Biculturalism and Polar Governance". The organizers write: "Following a tremendous response to the call for abstracts we have received continued interest from colleagues in participating in the Symposium with requests to keep the portal open for a second tranche of abstracts...and will finally close on 31 July 2026" Submission and information here: <<https://www.ivvy.com.au/event/MHLPOT/abstracts.html>>.

6. CfP Annual Conference Thematic Group "Critical Security Studies", application deadline is 16.06.2026

The conference under the title "Crisis, War, Critique" of the "Critical Security Studies" Thematic Group of the German Political Science Association (DVPW), takes place 5-6 November 2026, in cooperation with the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg. The call states: "contemporary dynamics of (in)security can be productively approached through the lenses of crisis, war, and critique. On the one hand, current geopolitical ruptures and the return of major interstate wars challenge core assumptions of critical security studies...On the other hand, these concepts not only capture key contemporary empirical developments but also serve as analytical entry points for interrogating how security is constructed, contested, and transformed. Crisis, for example, has become a central frame through which a wide range of developments are interpreted, from migration and climate change to economic instability and democratic backsliding...Critique raises questions about whose insecurities are addressed, whose are overlooked, and how alternative responses might be imagined in the face of intersecting global challenges....While we particularly welcome contributions that reflect on crisis, war, and critique from a critical security perspective, contributions may address a wide range of topics and perspectives, and explore innovative approaches or intersections with other fields and disciplines, since the conference seeks to foster exchange and networking within the broader field." Submit proposals for conference contributions (max. 200 words) here: <kritischesicherheitsstudien@dvpw.de>. The complete call is available here:

<https://www.dvpw.de/fileadmin/user_upload/tg_kritische_sicherheitstudien/Call_for_Papers_2026_Annual_Conference_KritSich.pdf>, and attached as PDF.

7. CfP "The new politics of security and defence in Europe: national and EU perspectives", abstract submission deadline is 20.06.2026

The journal "West European Politics" invites contributions to a symposium with the above title. The contributions to the symposium should concern themselves with "The Russian invasion of Ukraine; the rapid reorientation of national security and defence policies in

many European countries; EU initiatives aimed at boosting European defence readiness, such as the ReArm Europe plan; or the heightened tensions in NATO caused by the Iran War all point to fundamental shifts in the politics of security and defence in Europe, at both national and EU levels....West European Politics invites proposals for research papers that analyse the new politics of security and defence in Europe that help to explain the shifts in policy. The Symposium welcomes papers that examine, inter alia, the roles of public opinion, political parties, national parliaments and governments, EU institutions or defence industry interests." Abstracts of 300 words should be send to <wepsubmissions@gmail.com>. Complete call here: <https://think.taylorandfrancis.com/special_issues/symposium-new-politics-of-security/?_sc=MTQ1MjY5MCM0NDE0NzY%3D&utm_campaign=News-15-May-26&utm_id=2240&utm_medium=email&utm_source=brevo>.

As always, watch out for our next mail. Deadline for submitting information for distribution in the next regular newsletter is **01.07.2026**. 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>.

All best,
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