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| **Seminar Topic** | **Presentation Topics** | **Discussion Topics** |
| International Relations System and Current Security Architecture | --------------------------------------------- | 1. What are the fundamental characteristic features of current international relations system? 2. Is there a way to effectively constrain, or even overcome, anarchic nature of the international relations? 3. What are the cornerstones of the current European security architecture? 4. What if the USA withdrew from the NATO? What are the alternatives for European countries? 5. What are the chances that Austria will ever follow the example of Sweden and Finland and join NATO? 6. Can EU member states really have the status of a neutral state? |
| International Law (ius ad bellum) | 1. Russia-Ukraine Conflict from the Point of View of International Law 2. Cyberspace/Cyberattacks and International Law | 1. Should be placement of nuclear weapons in space legal? 2. Can economic sanctions be a form of warfare? 3. How should the ICC and the ICJ respond to the Russia-Ukraine conflict? 4. How should the ICC and the ICJ respond to the Israel-Hamas conflict? |
| International Law (ius in bello) | 1. Accountability for War Crimes 2. Protection of Cultural Property in Armed Conflict | 1. In which war in your opinion have been the Geneva and Hague conventions most violated? 2. How can we judge proportionality in military operations? 3. What is the impact of autonomous weapons systems on humanitarian law? 4. What is the biggest challenge of international law in the future? |
| Global Security Threats | 1. Biggest risks for global economy 2. Imported (international) Terrorism in Europe 3. Climate change - the biggest global threat? | 1. What are the biggest security threats in Europe? 2. How could the Russian-Ukrainian war impact upon the climate change mitigation? 3. Is there a real threat of a fundamental disintegration of the current system of international relations (global order)? 4. How likely is a Russia-NATO war? |
| Security Policy of the USA | 1. American "pivot to Asia" - history, reasons, preliminary consequences, perspectives 2. Transatlantic security and cooperation between the USA and Europe after the Russian invasion against Ukraine | 1. Is NATO withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021 a strategic defeat for the United States? 2. AUKUS - a significant strategic shift in the Indo-Pacific region or another unimportant international organization? 3. Would it help the international peace and stability if the US returned to the policy of isolationism? 4. What should be the US reaction to the Russian war against Ukraine without risking the further escalation of the conflict? |
| Security Policy of the Russian Federation | 1. Strategic partnership between China and Russia - history, current state, influence of the war in Ukraine 2. Russia - EU relations after the Russian invasion against Ukraine | 1. Is it possible to "bring Russia to its knees" by economic means and sanctions or only by military defeat? 2. Russia under Vladimir Putin - an aggressive imperialist or a defender of its legitimate interests? 3. Should Russian, leaders responsible for the war in Ukraine, face international prosecution? 4. Is peaceful and non-conflicting coexistence of the West (NATO + EU) with Russia actually possible? |
| German Security Policy | 1. Germany in ensuring the defence and security of Europe 2. Germany and US relations | 1. Do you think that Germany should play a more crucial role in European and world politics? 2. What do you think are the relations between the Czech Republic (Austria, Poland) and Germany? 3. German Army - Bundeswehr - numerically and technically bigger and stronger yes x no, why? 4. What challenges do you see for current and future military-political relations between Germany and the USA? |