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**Hauptseminar (Internationale Beziehungen, Internationale Dienste,
Modul: 5.3. Internationale Sicherheitspolitik):**

**26.11.2007, 18-20 Uhr, Raum Ihnestr. 22/UG 2 (Einführung) und
1. Ferienwoche, 20-22.2.2008, Raum: Ihnestr. 21, Hörsaal E2**

This graduate seminar will be carried out in English

Security dangers and concerns.

Global threats, challenges, vulnerabilities and risks and regional impacts

First session: Monday, 19.11.2007, 6-8pm, Room: 22/UG 2; Email-consultation at: brauch@onlinehome.de. In November 2007 a plan of seminar sessions, list of seminar papers, bibliography and a participants' questionnaire will be on the web at: http://www.afes-press.de/html/fu_berlin.html.

Consultation hours: daily prior and after the seminar sessions.

This seminar accompanies a major global publication project. After "Reconceptualisation of Security" (WS 2004-.2005), "Sectorializing Security in the 21st Century" (WS 2005-06), "Coping with Global Environmental Change, Disasters and Security" (WS 2005-06), this seminar distinguishes between *objective* security dangers, *subjective* security concerns and *intersubjective* perspectives of constructivist approaches. It focuses on four basic concepts of security *threats, challenges, vulnerabilities and risks* that are conceptualized differently in the peace research, security studies, global environmental change, climate changes and disaster communities. *Threats, challenges, vulnerabilities and risks* for states, humankind and human beings are posed by the activities of other states but also by sub-state actors (warlords, organized crime, terrorist groups) and increasingly also by state failure, scarcity and degradation of water and soil as well as by climate change.

The following topics will be covered:

- I. Introduction: Global contextual political change and reconceptualisation of security
- II. Narrow vs. wide security concepts: military vs. environmental and human security
- III. Objective security dangers vs. subjective concerns as topics of analyses
- IV. Constructivist approaches focusing on intersubjective security analysis
- V. Presentation of an objective security danger in the UN Security Council debate on Iraq in 2002/2003
- VI. Endorsement of the claimed threat by think tanks and independent institutes legitimating a war
- VII. Results of international and national intelligence reviews of these claim: no evidence of objective danger
- VIII. Reconceptualizing the concepts of global threats to security: UN High level panel on threats: Dec. 2004
- IX. Reconceptualizing the concepts of global challenges to security for regions, states, societies and people
- X. Reconceptualizing the concepts of global vulnerabilities to security: global change, climate change
- XI. Reconceptualizing the concepts of global risks to security: approaches focusing on international risk society
- XII. Regional impacts of global climate change for Europe: Results of WG II of IPCC's 4th Assessment Report
- XIII. Regional impacts of global climate change for Asia/Africa: Results of IPCC's 4th Assessment Report
- XIV. Regional impacts of global climate change for North and South America: IPCC's 4th Assessment Report
- XV. Climate change impacts for international, national and human security
- XVI. Policy relevance of the reconceptualization of security

Literature:

Shuval/Dweik (Eds.): Water Resources in the Middle East: *Israel-Palestinian Water Issues – from Conflict to Cooperation*. 2007; [Brauch/Grin/Mesjasz/Dunay/Chadha Behera/Chourou/Oswald Spring/Liotta/Kameri-Mbote](#): *Globalisation and Environmental Challenges: Reconceptualising Security in the 21st Century*. 2007; Brauch/Liotta/Marquina/ Rogers/Selim (Eds.): *Security and Environment in the Mediterranean. Conceptualising Security and Environmental Conflicts*, 2003; Commission on Human Security: *Human Security Now* (New York 2003, at: <www.humansecurity-chs.org> ; H.G. Brauch: *Environment and Human Security. Towards Freedom from Hazard Impacts*, InterSecTions No. 2/2005; H.G. Brauch: *Threats, Challenges, Vulnerabilities and Risks in Environmental and Human Security, Source*, 1/2005. at: <http://www.ehs.unu.edu>; bibliography at: <http://www.afes-press.de/html/fu_berlin.html>; policy memorandum: 'Climate Change and Human Security' (16 April 2007); at: <<http://www.afes-press.de/html/topical.html>>.