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Call for Papers
13th UN Research Colloquium
“Global Transformations: The International System at a Crossroads?”
25 – 27 October at Leuphana University Lüneburg

The *Research Colloquium* is aimed at young researchers and students from all disciplines. It offers the opportunity to discuss and present current research, bachelor/master theses, and student/seminar papers related to the overall topic of this event. Proposals will be accepted in English and German.

Participation is also possible without the presentation of a research paper. The colloquium is open to all interested parties.

Topic:

Current transformations pose substantial challenges to the international system in general, but also – more specifically – to the United Nations.

A wide range of transformations are taking place at national and global level, and systems at both stages must adapt to new realities. Worldviews and perspectives are being adapted, key factors (e.g. the climate) are changing, and new developments require re-evaluations of traditional conceptions.

None of these changes takes place in a societal, legal, or political vacuum. They are always embedded in larger contexts, and societies respond by adopting and changing. In a globalised world, most (important) changes also have an impact beyond national borders and often result in global consequences (also at UN level). In other words, transformations usually have extensive effects, as national changes can induce (or, at least, influence) developments on the global stage and vice versa. All this poses great challenges to both national societies and the international community.

For this year's *Research Colloquium*, we are calling for submissions that relate to transformations currently taking place (at any level) that have global implications and that are likely to challenge our (hitherto) prevailing realities and perspectives. To name just a few examples:

- Wars and their re-occurrence in Europe (incl. the widespread ignorance of wars in other world regions),
- Digitalisation (e.g., regarding the increased importance of stable and safe communication in economic, legal, and social terms),
- The growing importance of universal cooperation in solving global problems (e.g., in tackling climate change),
- The increased influence of the Global South (closely associated with the need for a reevaluation of North-South relations),
- Ideas and concepts discussed at the Summit of the Future,
- The role of international judicial bodies in transformations, in particular through the clear definition of obligations (e.g., in the small islands cases before the ICJ and ITLOS, or the preliminary procedures under the Genocide Convention between South Africa and Israel).

This list is not exhaustive and proposals to any other topic related to global transformations (in the context of the overall theme of the United Nations) are equally welcome. We



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encourage all participants to contribute their own perspectives and present innovative approaches.

Organizational Framework:

The *13th UN Research Colloquium* is organized by the Young UN Research Working Group of the United Nations Association of Germany (DGVN) in cooperation with the Joachim Herz Doctoral School of Law (Leuphana University Lüneburg).

Submission of Proposals:

We invite you to submit your proposals of approx. 200 words to info@uno-forschung.de by 01 July 2024.

Upon successful admission, the submission of final papers (max. 5,000 words) will be due on 30 September 2024. Manuscripts will be distributed to participations in preparation for discussions at the *Research Colloquium*.

Applications from women*, members of the LGBTQI+ community, BIPoC, people with disabilities, people with a migration background, and people from other groups that are still underrepresented in academia are particularly welcome.

Registration as Participants:

For a binding registration as a participant, please send us an e-mail (including your full name, your status (student, doctoral candidate, etc.), and your institutional affiliation) to info@uno-forschung.de by 30 September 2024.

For questions and registration please contact us at any time.