

Friday May 29th

14:45–15:00 Admittance

15:00–15:40 Introductory Speeches by **Josef Mlejnek, Daniel Schäfer, M.Sc.** & **Sung Jin Park, Research Fellow**

15:40–16:00 Reception

16:00–17:30 Keynote Speech and Guest Lecture by **Dr. Christian Rieck**
The Study of International Relations Theory in the Realms of Popular Culture: International Politics in Star Wars

17:30–18:15 Guest Lecture by **Professor Thomas Honegger**
"Gondor calls for aid; and Rohan will answer!": Inter-national Relations in Middle-earth

18:20–19:00 Exhibition of the BSH Jena Cooperation Partners
BSH Erfurt, Licht & Wissen, MUN Jena e.V.

19:15–21:00 Get-Together with Thuringian Bratwürste

About

This event commemorates the 10th anniversary of the Student Association for Foreign and Security Politics in Jena (BSH Jena). It was made possible with the support of the federal BSH.

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Registration

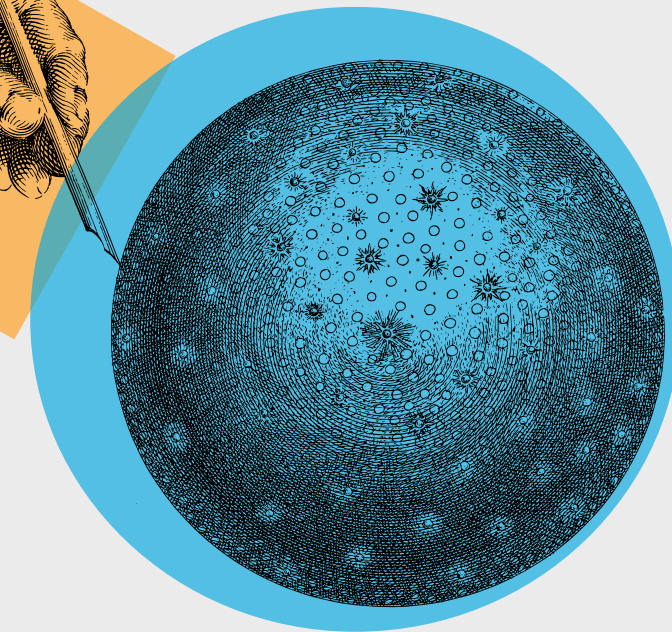
<https://tinyurl.com/BSHJenaConference>

Organizers

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Student Conference



Fictional Worlds, Political Realities:

Theories of International
Relations in the Realms of
Popular Culture

May 29th - May 31st 2026
at FSU Jena

Saturday May 30th

10:00–10:35 Keynote Introductions to Neorealism, Neoliberalism, Constructivism

10:40–11:25 **Leonard Ohl, B.A.**
Caught between Fronts: Mandalore's failed Neutrality in "Star Wars: The Clone Wars" from a Realist Perspective

11:30–12:15 **Nele Söhnlein & Josef Mlejnek, B.A.**
Synthesizing Social Identity Theory and Identity Fusion Theory: The Political Psychology of Tokyo Ghoul's Violent Intergroup Conflicts

12:15–13:00 Lunch Break – Pizza

13:00–13:15 Keynote Speech by **BSH Erfurt**
A Sovereign Shield or a Strategic Illusion: Is French Deterrence the Narrative That Holds Europe Together?

13:15–14:00 **Natalia Karmova, B.A.**
"Your body belongs to the state": Bio-political and Poststructural Feminism in the Aeon Flux Sci-Fi Movie (2005) and Real Life

14:05–14:50 **Artem Saetgaraev, B.A.**
"Trouble Brewing": A Pedagogical Analysis of the Pandaren Revolution in World of Warcraft as a Secessionist Anti-imperialist Conflict

15:00–16:45 Coffee Break & Sword Combat Workshop by **USV Waffenknechte**

17:00–18:00 Guest Lecture by **Nicolas Bethe, Research Fellow**
Institutionalized Anarchy or Structural Hegemony? The Hanse in Metro 2033 as a Critical Challenge to Neoliberal Institutionalism

19:00 Dinner (Restaurant – self-pay) – Only for Paper Presenters, Guest Lecturers and Honorary Guests.

Sunday May 31st

10:00–10:10 Opening Speech by **Nicolaus Rossa, B.A.**

10:10–10:55 **Timur Nematov**
Dictating Peace. Schmittian Dictatorship and Girardian Sacrifice as Heuristic Models of Systemic Transition in the Neorealist Order of Code Geass

11:00–12:00 Guest Lecture by **Lea Zuliani, Research Fellow**
"You Met Me at a Very Chinese Time of My Life" – League of Legends, Revenged Love, and the Perception of China

12:05–12:50 **Max Bothe, B.A. & Katherina Klotz, B.A.**
Community Survival in Queer YA Fiction: A Literary Approach to IR Theory in the Post-apocalyptic Dystopia of AJ White's Hell Followed with Us

12:50–13:30 Lunch Break – Pizza

13:30–14:15 **Daniel Schäfer, M.Sc.**
Cognitive Bias during Military Procurement Inside the Star Wars Universe: The Failure of the ARC-170 and its Impact on the TIE Fighter Program

14:20–15:10 **Jacob Langenhahn**
Genophage & Geth – Genocides in the Mass Effect Universe and their aftermath

15:10–16:40 Coffee Break & Workshop

16:45–17:15 Concluding Discussion

17:15–17:30 Closing Remarks by **Josef Mlejnek, B.A.**