

POTSDAM SUMMER SCHOOL 2026 "SUSTAINABILITY MEETS GEOPOLITICS - MANAGING THE GLOBAL COMMONS IN TIMES OF GREAT POWER RIVALRY" FROM SEP 18 UNTIL OCT 02									
TIME	SEP 28/RIFS BALLROOM	TIME	SEP 29/AWI HOUSE 45 S	TIME	SEP 30/ATB CIRCLE	TIME	OCT 01/RIFS	TIME	OCT 02/RIFS BALLROOM
	FROM MULTILATERALISM TO AN ERA OF GEOPOLITICS: KEY TRENDS & CONCEPTUAL FOUNDATIONS		GOVERNING THE GLOBAL COMMONS IN TIMES OF GEOPOLITICAL RIVALRY		CLIMATE, AGRICULTURE & GEOPOLITICS		GEOPOLITICS, CLIMATE GOVERNANCE & DIPLOMACY		GEOECONOMICS OF CLEAN ENERGY
09:00-09:30	WELCOME/PROF. DR. RAINER QUITZOW (RIFS)	09:00-10:30	SUSTAINABLE OCEAN GOVERNANCE IN TIMES OF GREAT POWER RIVALRY/SEBASTIAN UNGER (FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION, NATURE CONSERVATION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY)	09:00-10:00	HOW RESILIENT IS OUR DAILY BREAD? RETHINKING FOOD SYSTEMS IN A VOLATILE WORLD/PROF. DR. BARBARA STURM (ATB)	09:00-10:30	USA-EU CLIMATE POLICY RELATIONS: TRADITIONAL ALLIES OR CONSTANTLY UNRELIABLE?/DR. CHARLOTTE UNGER (RIFS)	09:00-10:30	ENERGY DOMINANCE & CLEAN TECH HEGEMONY: HOW POWER POLITICS SHAPE THE NEW GEOECONOMICS OF ENERGY/PROF. DR. ANDREAS GOLDTHAU (UNIVERSITY OF ERFURT)
09:30-11:30	ONBOARDING/DR. SUSANNE SCHMITT INCLUDING FLYING COFFEE BREAK			10:00-10:15	COFFEE BREAK	10:30-11:00	COFFEE BREAK	10:30-11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:30-13:00	MULTILATERALISM UNDER PRESSURE: IMPLICATIONS FOR CLIMATE DIPLOMACY & CLIMATE POLICY/ PROF. DR. CHARLOTTE STRECK (UNIVERSITY OF POTSDAM)	10:30-11:00	COFFEE BREAK	10:15-11:45	GEOECONOMICS IN AGRICULTURE - OLD & RECENT CHALLENGES: NEW POLICIES IN THE EU/DR. BETTINA RUDLOFF (GERMAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AND SECURITY AFFAIRS/SWP)	11:00-12:30	IMPLEMENTING THE PARIS AGREEMENT IN A CHANGING LANDSCAPE/DR. KATHLEEN A. MAR (RIFS)	11:00-12:30	THE NEW RESOURCE GAME: GEOPOLITICS & SUSTAINABILITY IN MINERAL SUPPLY CHAINS/DR. MELANIE MUELLER (GERMAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AND SECURITY AFFAIRS/SWP)
		11:00-12:30	ARCTIC GOVERNANCE IN TIMES OF GEOPOLITICAL RIVALRY/DR. VOLKER RACHOLD (ARCTIC OFFICE AT AWI)						
13:00-14:30	LUNCH BREAK	12:30-14:00	LUNCH BREAK	11:45-12:00	COFFEE BREAK	12:30-13:30	LUNCH BREAK	12:30-13:30	LUNCH BREAK
				12:00-13:00	GEOPOLITICS OF FERTILISERS/PROF. DR. RAINER QUITZOW (RIFS)				
14:30-15:30	INTRODUCTION TO SCIENCE COMMUNICATION WORKING GROUPS/MATTHIAS TANG & DR. BIANCA SCHROEDER (RIFS)	14:00-15:00	THE POLITICAL GEOLOGY AND GEOPOLITICS OF ARCTIC RESOURCES/DR. MARIANNE PASCALE BARTELS (RIFS)	13:00-14:00	LUNCH BREAK	13:30-15:30	PLANETARY POLITICS: THE ORIGINS AND ENDS OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS/DR. STEFAN SCHAEFER & DR. HILTON SIMMET (RIFS)	13:30-15:00	FINAL REFLECTIONS & DISCUSSION/DR. LAIMA EICKE; PROF. DR. RAINER QUITZOW, DR. YANA ZABANOVA (RIFS) & JENNIFER MORGAN (HERTIE SCHOOL OF GOVERNANCE) AS GUEST (VIA VIDEO)
15:30-16:00	COFFEE BREAK	15:00-15:15	COFFEE BREAK	14:00-15:30	GUIDED TOUR AROUND ATB CAMPUS	15:30-16:30	TRANSFER TO WISSENSCHAFTSETAGE	15:00-15:30	COFFEE BREAK
16:00-17:30	THE AGE OF GEOECONOMICS: POWER, INTERDEPENDENCE, AND THE NEW LOGIC OF GLOBAL COMPETITION/DR. MIKAEL WIGELL (ECONOMIC SECURITY FORUM)	15:15-16:30	GOVERNANCE OF DEEP SEA MINING/DR. BARBARA NEUMANN (RIFS)			16:30-18:30	COFFEE BREAK FOLLOWED BY JOINED AFTERNOON SESSION WITH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM POTSDAM	15:30-17:30	SCIENCE COMMUNICATION/WORKING GROUP PRESENTATIONS/MATTHIAS & DR. BIANCA SCHROEDER WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS
		16:30-16:45	COFFEE BREAK						
17:30-18:00	GARDEN BREAK	16:45-17:45	JUST TRANSITION IN THE AMAZON/DR. MARIA CECILIA OLIVEIRA & DR. BERNARDO JUREMA (RIFS)	16:00-17:30	WORKSHOP A: LOOKING BACK AND FORWARD: EXPLORING ENERGY RELATIONS IN TURBULENT PERIODS/DR. H. PARK WORKSHOP B: FOOD SYSTEM LIVING LABS FOR STRENGTHENING LOCAL RESILIENCE IN TIMES OF GEOPOLITICAL DISRUPTION/N: REYHANI (BOTH ATB)	16:30-18:30	COFFEE BREAK FOLLOWED BY JOINED AFTERNOON SESSION WITH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM POTSDAM	17:30-18:00	WRAP UP/ALL PARTICIPANTS & ANGELA BOROWSKI (RIFS)
18:00-20:00	DINNER AT RIFS ROOFTOP TERRACE	17:45-18:30	TRANSFER TO RIFS						
		18:30-20:30	DINNER AT RIFS ROOFTOP TERRACE	17:30-21:00	EVENING AT OWN LEISURE	18:30-22:00	EVENING AT OWN LEISURE	18:30-22:30	FAREWELL DINNER AT RIFS ROOFTOP TERRACE