



Syllabus: Negotiating Change

240.131 Negotiating change: simulating an international conference for sustainable development University of Vienna

934.306 Negotiating change: simulating an international conference for sustainable development BOKU-University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences

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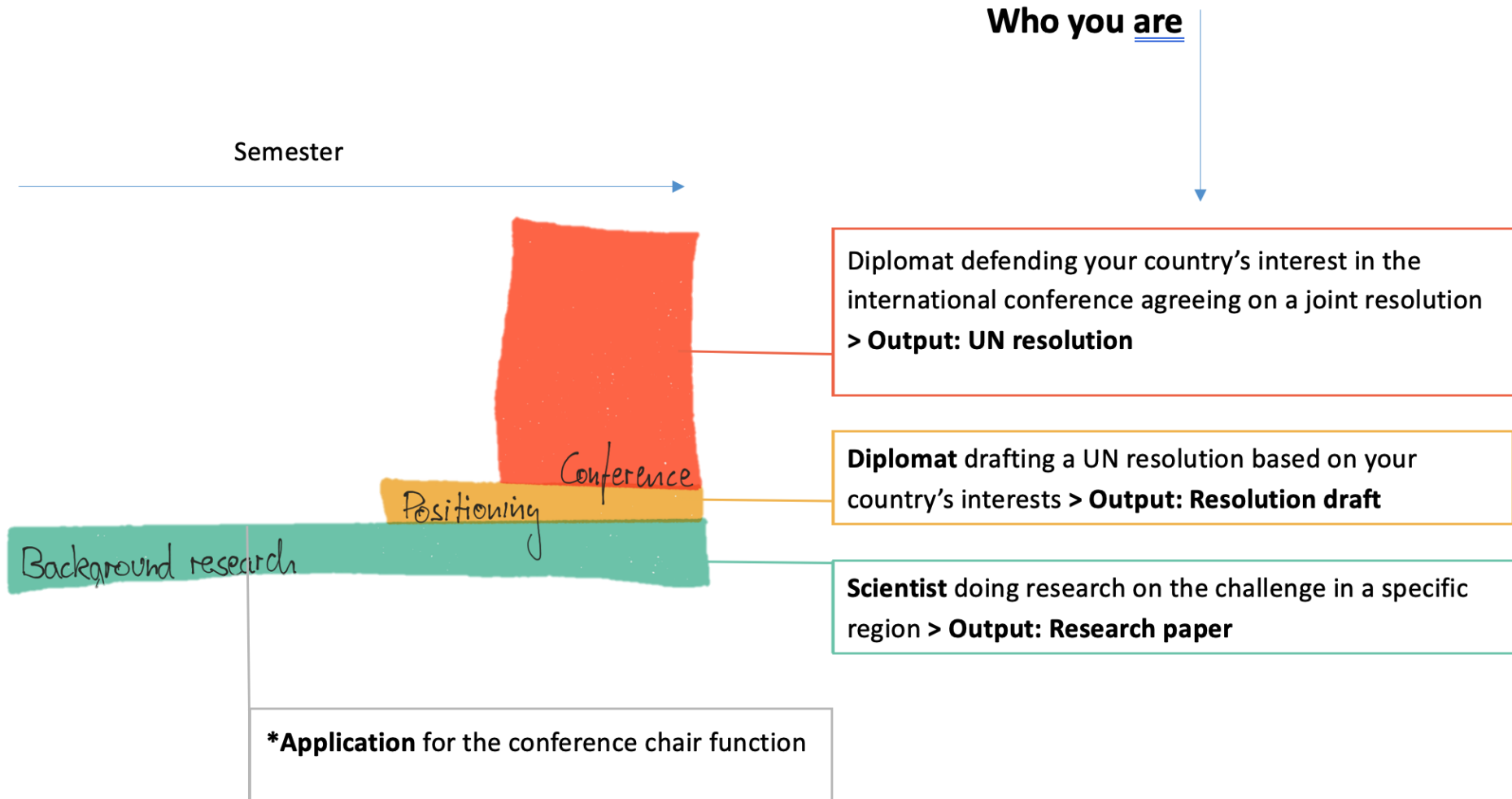
e-learning: basecamp

1 Content

The climate crisis is accelerating - let's accelerate our actions! But - how? Multilateral negotiations seem often painfully slow, reaching only vague outcomes. We aim to reach a multilateral agreement that goes beyond the Paris agreement in defining a roadmap to tackle the climate crisis.

Doing self-organized research, the students relate the topic to the socio-economic and agro-ecological background of a specific region (e.g. India). Representing a region (e.g. India) and its interests, the students develop suggestions for solutions to address the challenge. Negotiating with other regional representatives (e.g. UK), the students experience complexity and communication in a “realistic” situation. Based on the negotiations, the students agree on a resolution for addressing the challenge in a general assembly. Finally, the complex system of international interests in development is discussed drawing from the experiences of students. The final assembly (two days intensive interaction) will take place at the Vienna International Centre, or online if necessary.

2 Course design



3 Course program and activities

Session	Assignments / Activities	Date	Location
PREP	Preparation meeting: Who is who? What will happen? NB: in this session, you have to decide whether you want to complete the course.	8.10.2022 9.30-11.30h	BOKU <u>HS TÜWI01 (TÜWI-U1/02)</u> Türkenwirt Gebäude Dänenstraße 4
	Individual activities: (1) Read the provided basic texts (2) Actor preferences (submit until 13.10. – 13h)		Out of class
1	Content input (1) Topic introduction (2) Meet team members	15.10.2021 09.30-10.30h	BOKU <u>ILWA-SR 22 (ILWA-U1/05)</u> Ilse Wallentin Haus, Peter Jordan Straße 82
	Team workshop in the park Wear outdoor clothing & shoes	10.30-12.30h	Türkenschanzpark
	Team activities: (1) Starting with research for background research paper (deadline first draft 5.11.2021)		Out of class
2	Skills: how an international agreement is reached (or not) Mag. Elfriede More, Federal Ministry of Climate Action (...)	22.10.2021 9.30-11.30h	BOKU <u>SCHW-SR 06 (SCHW-EG/131)</u> Schwackhöfer Haus, Peter Jordan Straße 82
	Team activities: (1) Research for and writing of background research paper (deadline first draft 5.11.2021) Individual activities: (2) Learning blog 1: the process of developing the background research paper (deadline 09.11.2021)		Out of class

3	Group coaching by trainer team	29.10.2021 09.30-11.30h	BOKU SCHW-SR 06 (SCHW-EG/131) Schwackhöfer Haus, Peter Jordan Straße 82
	Team activities: Research for and writing of background research paper (deadline first draft 5.11.2021) Individual activities: Learning blog 1: the process of developing the background research paper (deadline 9.11.2021)		Out of class
4a	Expert sessions	optional: 3.11.2021 afternoon	Online Live from Cop26 in Glasgow
4b	Expert sessions	optional: 3.11.2021 afternoon	Online Live from Cop26 in Glasgow
4c	Expert sessions	5.11.2021, 09.30-11.30h	Online Live from Cop26 in Glasgow AND BOKU ILWA-SR 22 (ILWA-U1/05) Ilse Wallentin Haus, Peter Jordan Straße 82
	Team activities: (1) Peer Review of background research papers based on template (deadline 12.11.2021)		Out of class

5	Getting and giving peer feedback on your background research papers	12.11.2021, 09.30-11.30h	BOKU <u>SCHW-SR 06 (SCHW-EG/131)</u> Schwackhöfer Haus, Peter Jordan Straße 82
6	Seminar with external (after COP26) Getting in touch with other teams	19.11.2021, 09.30-11.30h	BOKU <u>ILWA-SR 22 (ILWA-U1/05)</u> Ilse Wallentin Haus, Peter Jordan Straße 82
	Team activities: (1) Revision of background research papers (deadline second draft: 3.12.2021)		Out of class
7	Seminar with external experts (from other time zones) Getting in touch with other teams	26.11.2021, 16.45-18.30h	Online
	Team activities: (2) Revision of background research papers (deadline second draft: 3.12.2021)		Out of class
8	Team workshops with trainers	3.12.2021 09.30-11.30h	BOKU <u>ILWA-SR 22 (ILWA-U1/05)</u> Ilse Wallentin Haus, Peter Jordan Straße 82
	Activities: 1. Preparation of resolution zero draft (deadline 22.12.2021) 2. Preparation of character description (deadline 22.12.2021)		Out of class
9	Background research workshop with trainers	10.12.2021, 09.30-11.30h	BOKU <u>ILWA-SR 22 (ILWA-U1/05)</u> Ilse Wallentin Haus, Peter Jordan Straße 82

	Activities: 1. Preparation of resolution zero draft (deadline 22.12.2021) 2. Preparation of character description (deadline 22.12.2021) 3. Finalization of background research paper (deadline final version 14.01.2022), 4. Learning blog 2: the process of developing the resolution zero draft (deadline 14.01.2022)		Out of class
10	Pre- Simulation of the conference 1	17.12.2021 09.30-11.30h	BOKU SCHW-SR 06 (SCHW-EG/131) Schwackhöfer Haus, Peter Jordan Straße 82
	Activities: 5. Preparation of resolution zero draft (deadline 22.12.2021) 6. Preparation of character description (deadline 22.12.2021) 7. Finalization of background research paper (deadline final version 14.01.2022), 8. Learning blog 2: the process of developing the resolution zero draft (deadline 14.01.2022)		Out of class
11	Pre- Simulation of the conference 2	14.01.2022 09.30-11.30h	BOKU ILWA-SR 29/1 (ILWA-EG/01) Ilse Wallentin Haus, Peter Jordan Straße 82
	Optional team activity: Business lunch in preparation of the conference	week before the simulation	student teams choose time and location
13	Conference Day 1	20.01.2022 8.30-17h	UN-Headquarter Vienna - Vienna International Centre/ Wagramer Straße 5, 1400 Wien
14	Conference Day 2	21.01.2022 8.30-17h	UN-Headquarter Vienna - Vienna International Centre/ Wagramer Straße 5, 1400 Wien
	Individual activities: Learning blog 3: my experience at the conference (Deadline: 28.01.2022)		Out of class
15	Debriefing, feedback and evaluation	28.01.2022	BOKU ILWA-SR 29/1 (ILWA-EG/01)

		09.30-11.30h	Ilse Wallentin Haus, Peter Jordan Straße 82
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With contributions from:

- Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN
- Austrian Development Agency
- Universitas Austria
- Austrian Federal Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs
- Greenpeace
- Global 2000
- University of Vienna
- United Nations Environment Programm Vienna
- Austrian Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism
- Austrian UN Youth Delegates
- And more...

4 Reading & Resources

Obligatory & recommended reading

- Sources, documents and further reading will be provided on Basecamp.

5 Workload & grading

- In Austria, 1 ECTS point is equivalent to 25h student work. Accordingly, 4 ECTS (University of Vienna) and 3 ECTS (BOKU) equal 100h and 75h student work respectively. The course is designed to require a time investment of ~85h by an average student.
- Attendance: full participation in the conference is obligatory. Absence in two other sessions is tolerated; if more sessions are missed, your grade will be negative. If you do not wish to complete the class, please unregister before the deadline date set in your course management system.

Grading:

- In case of plagiarism, you will not be issued a certificate for this class.
- The max. of points obtained for an individual in this class is 140. The ratio of points obtained/max points determines your grade:

50.0-62.5 % = 4	62.6-75.0 % =3	75.1-87.5 % = 2	87.6% -100 % = 1
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Grading components

Activity	Scale/Calculation	Max. possible score
Character description: one DinA4 page	Graded by trainers; 0-10 points (individual grade)	10
Learning blog: 3 inputs with a minimum of 250 words	Graded by trainers; 0-12 points (individual grade)	12
Contribution and commitment during the conference	Self-grading and trainer grading; (individual grade)	48
Peer-review of background research papers: one DinA4 page	Graded by trainers; Quality, detail and usefulness of feedback (team grade)	10
Background research paper: ~28.000 characters	Graded by trainers; (team grade) Quality of formatting and academic writing: 0-15 Integration of actor specific information and detail: 0-15 Reference to and integration of relevant sources: 0-15	45
Resolution zero draft: ~8000 characters	Graded by trainers; (team grade) Quality of formatting and writing: 0-5 Clarity of your position: 0-5 Credibility of your position: 0-5	15

6 Teams

Throughout the course, you will work in teams representing an actor in the conference negotiations. **The possible team choices will be announced in the preparatory session and on Basecamp.** Please submit a personal list indicating three preferred actors. You can also make suggestions for additional teams that you consider relevant. The trainers will do the final team allocation.

7 Learning approach

- this is not a standard university course - you have to be pro-active in acquiring knowledge, getting in touch with experts, and investigating how your player would act in real-world negotiations
- depending on your prior knowledge, expect differing need for self-study – for the average student, 85 working hours will be sufficient to complete the course. However, we strongly recommend to benefit from optional activities.
- your peers are from various disciplines, levels of study and universities - use this diversity
- we will provide useful literature – please make time to go through basic and advanced readings as part of the course

