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## Dear Friends of the IFHV,



The second half of 2019 has been yet another time in which some of our staff members have particularly distinguished themselves. Mareike Meis and Franziska Kring successfully defended their PhDs, Dr. Christian Gudehus received his habilitation from the faculty of social science, and Benedikt Behlert, Fiza Lee Winter and Rouven Diekjobst won prestigious scholarships (see p. 2). Our new batch of NOHA students (see p. 3) can be certain that they entered into a thriving and inspiring research environment at the IFHV!

Enjoy the read,

Pierre Thielbörger, Executive Director, IFHV

## WorldRiskReport 2019

With record breaking temperatures around the world and more frequent droughts, climate change can already be seen as exacerbating water supply problems and thus increasing the vulnerability of societies. These are some of the findings of the 2019 **WorldRiskReport**, focused on water supply. The report was officially launched in **Brussels** with keynotes including by **Monique Pariat** (Director General, DG ECHO). An essential part of the report is the annual **WorldRiskIndex**, which is calculated by the IFHV. It indicates the respective risk of an extreme natural event leading to a disaster for 180 countries. With this data, the 2019 report examines eight more countries than in the previous year.



## Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowship

**Prof. Dr. Pierre Thielbörger** was awarded a “**Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowship**” by the European University Institute (EUI) to conduct research on his project “A Notion of ‘Essence’ in International Human Rights Law?”. The prestigious Braudel Fellowship provides established academics with the possibility to pursue their research at the EUI. During his stay in Florence from September to December 2019, Professor Thielbörger conducted a comparative analysis of the notion of ‘essence’ of human and fundamental rights in different legal orders.

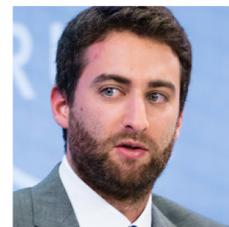
## Project work in Wau and Kabul

In September 2019, **Prof. Dr. Dennis Dijkzeul** conducted research stays in **South Sudan** and **Afghanistan**. In Wau, South Sudan, he presented his research at a **Caritas Workshop**, based on his earlier evaluations of four local organizations that work to improve the situation of displaced people. In Kabul, he taught a course on Project Cycle Management at the **Afghanistan Public Policy Research Organization** and carried out research on the (failing) role of international organizations in addressing gender issues.

## Press freedom in crisis in Europe and the Arab world?



Frank Plasberg



Hatice Cengiz

Matthew C. Galizia

On 27th of December 2019, **Prof. Dr. Pierre Thielbörger**, together with **Mareike Meis**, **Özgen Özdemir**, **Sonja Schäfer** and **Alina Wolski** organized the academic panel discussion “**Press freedom in crisis in Europe and the Arab world?**”. Held at **Berlin’s Hertie School**, the event brought together prominent academics and journalists, including **Hatice Cengiz** (fiancée of killed journalist Jamal Khshioggi), **Frank Plasberg** (ARD, Hart aber fair) and **Matthew C. Galizia** (son of killed Maltese journalist „Daphne“). The event had more than 200 registered guests and was followed by several international TV stations.

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## Journal of international Peace and Organization

Professor **Dennis Dijkzeul**, together with **Andrea Schneiker** (University of Siegen), was guest editor of the latest issue of the Journal of International Peace and Organization / Die Friedens-Warte. The issue also includes pieces by the IFHV's **Svea Brück** (conference report) as well as **Shaira Osman** and **Stephan Kološa** (both book reviews).



Prof. Dr. Dennis Dijkzeul

Second, together with **Daniel Weller** and **Prof. Katrin Radtke**, **Prof. Thielbörger** also conducts research on “**Disaster Risk and Vulnerability – Towards a dynamic model**”, in particular in the MENA region.

## Panel: What comes after the escape from ISIS slavery?

On June 4th, 2019, **Mais Masadeh** and **Dr. Christian Gudehus** moderated a panel entitled “**What comes after the escape from ISIS slavery?**”. The panel hosted two keynote speakers: **Salwa Rasho** and **Mirza Dinnayi**. Ms. **Salwa Rasho** is a Yazidi human rights activist who was abducted by the so-called Islamic State in 2014. She was able to escape the terrorist organization in 2015 and was resettled in Germany. **Mirza Dinnayi** is the founder of “**Luftbrücke Irak**” (Air-bridge Iraq), a non-profit organization which aims to assist victims of war from Iraq to be treated in German hospitals.

## Congratulations!

**Dr. Christian Gudehus** successfully defended his “**Habilitation**” entitled “**On the Social Science Approach of Some Classical Social Psychological Experiments**” at RUB’s Faculty of Social Science. **Mareike Meis** successfully defended her doctoral thesis entitled “**The Aestheticization and Politization of Death – The Syrian Conflict in Mobile Death Videos in a Diffractive Perspective**” at RUB’s Faculty of Philology. **Franziska Kring** defended her thesis entitled “**Responsibility to Protect revisited: a promising approach to tackle climate change?**”.



Dr. Christian Gudehus

## New Researchers at the IFHV



Imad Alhajj



Malte Neuser



Özgen Özdemir



Sonja Susann Schäfer



Alina Wolski



Sophie Zastrow

The IFHV welcomes **Özgen Özdemir** and **Malte Neuser** (both research assistants & PhD candidates) as well as **Alina Wolski**, **Sonja Susann Schäfer**, **Sophie Zastrow** and **Imad Alhajj** (all student assistants). Great to have you with us!

## Cooperation between AGYA and IFHV

The IFHV has started two new research projects in the second half of 2019, together with the **Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA)**. First, Prof. Dr. Thielbörger is preparing a special issue for the Journal of International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (JILPAC) about the interplay of business and human rights, both in times of peace and armed conflict.

In addition, we would like to congratulate **Fiza Lee Winter**, **Benedikt Behlert** and **Rouven Diekjobst** for receiving new scholarships. The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung will fund Fiza’s PhD project, the Tokyo Foundation funds Benedikt’s research stay at the Graduate Institute in Geneva and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung awarded Rouven a scholarship for his law studies.

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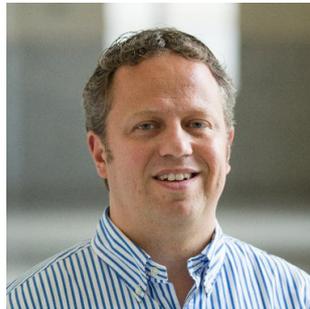
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### New DAAD Professorship at the IFHV

The IFHV was awarded a DAAD Guest Professorship and welcomes **Prof. Dr. Lauri Mälksoo** in the winter term 2019/2020. Lauri Mälksoo works as Professor of International Law at the University of Tartu, Estonia. He studied at Georgetown University (LL.M., 1999) and Humboldt University Berlin (Dr. iur., 2002) and was a post-doctoral researcher at NYU (2004-2005) and Tokyo University (2006-2007). During his stay at the IFHV, Professor Mälksoo will regularly lecture the NOHA students, give scientific advice to the IFHV's PhD students and give additional lectures at RUB's law faculty's Zentrum für Internationales.



Prof. Dr. Lauri Mälksoo

### Changes in the NOHA Team

After more than a decade of being NOHA Director, **Prof. Dr. Hans-Joachim Heintze** retires from the position and is followed by **Mareike Meis**, with **Prof. Dr. Katrin Radtke** becoming Deputy NOHA Director. Former NOHA graduate **Malte Neuser** has become our new NOHA coordinator and follows **Will Wright** who is now in charge of the communication and outreach of the whole NOHA network, but remains based in Bochum. The IFHV team and many current and former NOHA students say a big **thank you to Prof. Dr. Heintze!**



Prof. Dr. Hans-Joachim Heintze



Mareike Meis

### New NOHA Batch

Following the IP in Warsaw, which always marks a joint beginning for the new NOHA batches, the IFHV welcomed the 2019 / 2021 group on September 24th 2019 with an inauguration ceremony. Our 21 students come from 19 different countries and will stay at the IFHV until the end of January 2020, before transferring to one of the seven European partner universities. On the 12th of October, our NOHA students took part in the annual exposition „Engagement Weltweit“, an important platform for institutions, professionals and students looking for training, education and job opportunities in the fields of humanitarian action and international development cooperation. On the 17th and 18th of October, our NOHA students travelled to Berlin to attend the **Berlin Humanitarian Congress**. The Congress is hosted by Ärzte ohne Grenzen and the German Red Cross. Attendees had the opportunity to hear from speakers like Claudia Roth and Carola Rackete as well as catch up with many NOHA alumni.

### Meet our Students – Hameed Hakimi

“It is not anything less than a dream come true for me as an Afghan who has lived and worked in very complex and critical conditions, to be part of such a prestigious humanitarian program that reaches millions of people in humanitarian crisis through its alumni. We received a warm welcome by the IFHV after our Intensive Programme (IP) in Warsaw where we got to see the snapshots of our program, met all NOHAs, and laid out the foundation for our everlasting friendships. The IFHV is already offering us so much: from the knowledgeability and hands-on experience of the faculty members to the diversity and multiculturalism in the classroom, enriched educational content to exciting academic trips. All these experiences will help us start our second semesters across Europe with a lot of positivity and strong basis!”



Hameed Hakimi

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## Humanitäres Völkerrecht / Journal of International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (HuV / JILPAC)

JILPAC is the new academic journal published by the IFHV in cooperation with the Berliner Wissenschafts-Verlag (BWV). It publishes papers on international humanitarian law, human rights, refugee law, and peacekeeping law. We are currently welcoming submissions for our next issue.

You can find the latest call for papers at: [http://www.ifhv.de/documents/huv/jilpac\\_cfp\\_2020.pdf](http://www.ifhv.de/documents/huv/jilpac_cfp_2020.pdf)

## WorldRiskReport

From 2018 onwards, the IFHV jointly with Bündnis Entwicklung Hilft publishes the WorldRiskReport. As an essential part of the WorldRiskReport, the WorldRiskIndex indicates the risk of disaster in consequence of extreme natural events for 180 countries. You can find further information at: <https://weltrisikobericht.de/>

## Journal of International Humanitarian Action (JIHA)

This open access academic journal is meant for academics, policy makers, and practitioners. It is multidisciplinary, accepting articles so far to range from refugees’ healthcare access to insights on the Milosovic trial. To read more or learn how to contribute to JIHA, visit: <http://bit.ly/JIHAH>

## Bofaxe / Völkerrechtsblog

Bofaxe – that is the IFHV’s scientific snapshots of up-to-the minute news in international law. The staff of the IFHV write Bofaxe regularly. Bofaxe now also appear on [www.voelkerrechtsblog.org](http://www.voelkerrechtsblog.org).

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