

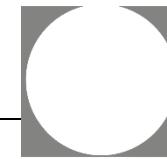


**Thematic Group Polar- and Ocean Politics Network Conference 2025**  
in cooperation with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)

12-13 February 2025, FES, Hiroshimastraße 28, Berlin

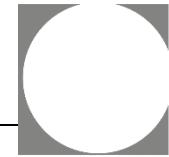
**Programme**

Day 1	<b>Wednesday, 12 February 2025</b>
12:30-13:00	<b>Welcome</b>
13:00-14:15	<b>Narrative Analysis of Marine/Polar Policies (Panel 1)</b> <b>Chair: Holger Strassheim (Bielefeld University)</b> <i>The power of storytelling: how narratives shape marine conservation and uses along the German coast of the Baltic Sea</i> Jana Katharina Stahl, Jochen Hinkel (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Global Climate Forum e.V.) <i>Politics of Nature in the Baltic Sea; the Curious Case of Nord Stream</i> Thorsten van der Kooij <i>Marine protection through a new Global Plastics Treaty: studying legitimization narratives of non-state actors</i> Justus Hamm (Kiel University) <i>Sketching the Parameters of British Arctic Culture</i> Hannes Hansen-Magnusson, Rusne Sesplaukyte (Cardiff University)



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14:15-14:30	Break
14:30-15:45 Parallel Sessions	<p><b>Comparative and National Marine and Polar Policies (Panel 2)</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Tobias Jakobi (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)</b></p> <p><i>International and National Regulations for the Protection of Humpback Whales in the Southern Hemisphere: A Comparative Study of Australia, South Africa, and Chile</i> Anima Huss (Griffith University)</p> <p><i>Aid, Sustainability, and the Ocean Economy: Exploring the Funding Landscape</i> Anja Menzel and David Beck (Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg)</p> <p><i>The Challenges of Marine Litter – A Policy Analysis of Marine Litter Reduction Strategies in the Arctic</i> Johanna Franke (University of Akureyri)</p> <p><i>A domestic politics approach to EU's stance on Deep-Sea Mining</i> Tim-Frederik Hahn (University of Bremen)</p> <p><b>Comparative and National Marine and Polar Policies (Panel 3)</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Patrick Flamm (Peace Research Institute Frankfurt)</b></p> <p><i>A Turn to the sea: the role of special bilateral relations</i> Ehud Eiran (University of Haifa)</p> <p><i>Balancing societal preferences and international-legal environmental obligations in the context of offshore energy transport infrastructure: The case of PAWOZ-Eemshaven</i> Constant Hatenoer, Robbe Stout, Caspar van den Berg, and Ronald Holzhacker (University of Groningen)</p> <p><i>Sámi-EU Relations through the lens of Indigenous diplomacies</i> Luke Laframboise (Umeå University), Anja Márjá Nystø Keskitalo (Saami Council), Jacqueline Götze (German Institute of Development and Sustainability)</p> <p><i>Security, foreign and defense policy of Denmark after 2022: Changes in decision- and policymaking</i> Olena Podvorna (Peace Research Institute Frankfurt)</p>
15:45-16:15	<b>Coffee break - Young Professionals Lab (Poster Session)</b>



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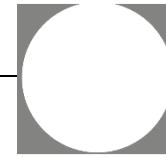
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16:15-17:30	<p><b>Ocean Governance Concepts (Panel 4)</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Anna Meine (University of Münster)</b></p> <p><i>Assessing actors' agency in driving or preventing governance interventions</i> Lena Rölfer / Gesche Krause (Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research)</p> <p><i>Dynamic MPAs in the Arctic Ocean: Governance challenges and potentials</i> Christian Rischer (Kiel Institute for the World Economy) and Wilfried Rickels (Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Kiel University)</p> <p><i>Digital twin politics: revisiting the role of science and data in the negotiations for a global plastics treaty</i> Felix Nütz / Alice BM Vadrot (University of Vienna)</p> <p><i>Improving Indigenous self-determination in the governance of Arctic marine spaces and living resources from within existing international legal frameworks</i> Niall J. Janssen (University of Akureyri)</p>
17:30-18:30	<b>Members Assembly</b>
19:30	<b>Dinner</b>

<b>Day 2</b> <b>Thursday, 13 February 2025</b>	
09:00-10:15	<p><b>Governance potentials and challenges for the polar regions, oceans, and outer space in light of recent geopoliticization (Roundtable)</b></p> <p>Chairs: Patrick Flamm (Peace Research Institute Frankfurt) &amp; Dorothea Wehrmann (German Institute of Development and Sustainability)</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Andreas Raspotnik (Nord University), Annegret Kuhn (University of Kiel), Arne Riedel/Fenja Kroos (Ecologic Institute), Charlotte Gehrke (Nord University/AWI)/ Hannes Hansen-Magnusson (Cardiff University), Marieluna Frank (Zeppelin University)</p>
10:15-10:30	<b>Coffee break</b>



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10:30-11:30	<p><b>Ocean Paradigms (Panel 5)</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Christoph Humrich (University of Groningen)</b></p> <p><i>Understanding the Ocean(s) as Political Space ... and why it matters for patterns of oceanic order(ing)</i> Anna Meine (University of Münster)</p> <p><i>Ocean Infrastructures – Towards an alternative vision of global ocean politics</i> Christian Bueger (University of Copenhagen); Tobias Liebetrau (University of Copenhagen); Kimberley Peters (University of Oldenburg); Vonintsoa Rafaly (University of Copenhagen); Jan Stockbruegger (University of Copenhagen)</p> <p><i>Exploring Rights of Nature for Antarctic Governance: Toward a Rights-Based Framework for Representation and Protection</i> Anna Lauenburger (University of Akureyri)</p>
11:30-11:45	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
11:45-13:00	<p><b>Polar Science (Panel 6)</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Dorothea Wehrmann (German Institute of Development and Sustainability)</b></p> <p><i>Four Types of Polar Political Science in Germany</i> Christoph Humrich (Groningen University)</p> <p><i>The Arctic We Know – Studying permafrost researchers and glaciologists</i> Svenja Holste (Bielefeld University)</p> <p><i>Might an IPY 2032-33 actually be a problematic idea? The fallacies of geopolitical worldviews in science</i> Mathias Albert (Bielefeld University), Daniela Portella Sampaio (AWI), Holger Straßheim (Bielefeld University)</p> <p><i>From “Being” to “Building Bridges” – The Alfred Wegener Institute’s Contribution to Germany’s Arctic Science Diplomacy</i> Charlotte Gehrke (Nord University)</p>
13:00	<p><b>End of the conference</b></p>