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C2: Variances and Consequences of Territorial Control by Non-State Actors
Prof. Dr. Sven Chojnacki

C3: Police-Building und Transnational Security Fields in Latin America
Prof. Dr. Marianne Braig/Prof. Dr. Markus-Michael Müller

C6: The Politics of State and Security Building in Areas of Limited Statehood
Prof. Dr. Ursula Schröder

C8: Legitimacy and Law-Making in International Humanitarian Law
Prof. Dr. Heike Krieger

C9: Aid, Minds, Hearts: A Longitudinal Study of Governance Interventions in Afghanistan
Prof. Dr. Michael Daxner

C10: Alternatives to State-Sponsored Security in Areas of Extremely Limited Statehood (Central African Republic and South Sudan)
Prof. Dr. Andreas Mehler

C11: Charting the International Legal Framework for Security Governance by External Actors in Areas of Limited Statehood
Prof. Dr. Robin Geiß

D - WELFARE AND ENVIRONMENT

D1: Partnerships for Sustainable Development in Areas of Limited Statehood: Impact, Conditions for Success, and Meta-Governance
Dr. Marianne Beisheim

D8: "Talk, and Action": How International Organizations React to Areas of Limited Statehood
Prof. Dr. Andrea Liese

D9: Exchange Relationships and Collective Use of Resources in Culturally Heterogeneous Areas: Latin American Frontiers, 1880 to 1910
Prof. Dr. Stefan Rinke

T - TRANSFER

T3: Policy Implications of Governance Research for German Foreign Policy (Cooperation Partner: German Federal Foreign Office)
Prof. Dr. Thomas Risse/Dr. Gregor Walter-Drop

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Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood: New Modes of Governance?

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About the SFB

The SFB 700 “Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood” is an interdisciplinary research center established by the German Research Foundation (DFG) at the Freie Universität Berlin in 2006. Some 60 scholars are involved, most of them political scientists, historians, and legal scholars based at Freie Universität Berlin, the University of Potsdam, the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), the WZB Berlin Social Science Center, and the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA). Furthermore, the SFB 700 launched a project in cooperation with the German Federal Foreign Office (AA) aiming at a mutual exchange of knowledge in the context of foreign affairs. The SFB 700 analyzes governance in areas in which state authority is limited or completely lacking.

The empirical research of the 17 individual projects within the framework of the SFB 700 covers a broad variety of topics from around the globe. Examples include research on the provision of security in South Sudan, external actors in Kenya and historical research on local governance in the early People’s Republic of China.



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Research Framework

Most contributions to governance research take certain features of modern statehood for granted. Core elements usually comprise “effective territorial sovereignty” and/or the fundamental ability to enforce political decisions. These assumptions do not hold outside the OECD world and from a historical perspective. Instead, most countries in the contemporary international system contain areas of limited statehood in which the state ability to implement and enforce political decisions and/or to maintain a monopoly over the means of violence is at best incomplete. However, areas of limited statehood are neither ungovernable nor ungoverned. Rather, we find various governance arrangements including governance by state actors, by cooperative arrangements between state and non-state actors, by self-regulating private actors, and by actors for whom the modern dichotomy of “public” versus “private” does not hold. The SFB 700 analyzes these various modes of governance in areas of limited statehood from both empirical and normative perspectives.

The center’s main research questions are:

How can effective and legitimate governance be sustained in areas of limited statehood?

What problems emerge under such conditions?

Which consequences may arise from non-state governance for national and international politics?

Research Projects (Funding Period 2014-2017)

A - THEORY BUILDING

A1: Contributions to Theory Building
Prof. Dr. Thomas Risse

B - GOVERNANCE INSTITUTIONS

B2: The Governance Contribution of External Actors in Areas of Limited Statehood
Prof. Dr. Tanja Börzel

B7: Rule of Law and Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood
Prof. Dr. Gunnar Folke Schuppert

B9: Realizing Human Rights and the Right to Collective Self-Determination under Conditions of Limited Statehood
Prof. Dr. Bernd Ladwig

B10: Legal Security and Order as Joint Tasks of Secular and Church Institutions (8th-11th centuries)
Prof. Dr. Stefan Esders

B13: Adaptation and Legitimation as Factors of Effective Governance in China, 1949-1957
Prof. Dr. Klaus Mühlhahn



The Research Group of the SFB 700