

### **International Relations: Ego vs. Rationality**

Protectionism, trade war, nationalistic trends – international relations have taken on a new dimension. What are the triggers for this behaviour?

International relations is not a new topic. In its original form it was involved in the establishment of treaties and agreements between nations with the aim of making national borders more permeable, enabling international trade to take place, making resources available to international companies and achieving an international consensus on important issues such as environmental protection. The current nationalistic and protectionist interventions of individual countries and the questioning of international treaties and agreements, however, have led to the impression that international relations have taken on a new dimension. It is therefore necessary to question the motivations of individual politicians and governments to embark on this trail. Do the triggers for this behaviour rest in the economic situation of the countries involved or more in the attitudes and psychological costume of the players involved?

This year's international guest lecturer week at the DHBW in Villingen-Schwenningen addresses this topic and hopes to provide insights for all involved to better understand the situation and its main players. We invite applications from individuals from the fields of management, economics, international relations and psychology in particular political psychology to gain a multifaceted insight into this very interesting and current topic.

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