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Book Launch: Effective Governance Under Anarchy

With the German Federal Foreign Office and Cluster of Excellence SCRIPTS

21 June 2021, 14:00 – 15:30 CEST, Cisco Webex

Policy-makers and academics have long promoted an agenda that sees well-governed, democratic and consolidated states in the Global North as the model for stabilisation efforts and development programmes. However, areas of limited statehood with weak and ineffective institutions can be found *everywhere* – and still be well-governed. The newly published book “Effective Governance under Anarchy – Institutions, Legitimacy, and Social Trust in Areas of Limited Statehood” by Tanja A. Börzel and Thomas Risse compiles the debates of almost twenty years of research on governance in areas of limited statehood and identifies three factors that explain effective governance in fragile contexts: Fair and transparent institutions, legitimate rulers who are accepted by the population and social trust among community members.

In time for the publication of the book, we want to ask ourselves whether the research of the past decades has been able to positively influence political practice. Which aspects of the research field are particularly important for policy makers now and in the upcoming years? What are the current political challenges in areas of limited statehood and impulses for research? After a brief introduction and critical reflection on the book, we will openly discuss these issues with each other.

Programme

Moderation: **Dr. Gregor Walter-Drop**, Director, Coordination Unit Knowledge Exchange on Foreign Policy, Freie Universität Berlin

14:00 Welcome & Introductory Statements

Prof. Dr. Thomas Risse, Director Berlin International College of Research and Graduate Training at SCRIPTS; Professor of International Politics, Freie Universität Berlin

Minister of State Niels Annen, German Federal Foreign Office

Benedetta Berti, PhD, Head, Policy Planning, Office of the Secretary General, NATO

Prof. Dr. Tanja A. Börzel, Director of SCRIPTS; Professor of Political Science, Freie Universität Berlin

14:30 Open Discussion

15:30 End of Event