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Institute of Political Studies of the Faculty of Social Sciences would like to cordially invite you to a seminar organized by **Prof. David Chandler**:

Hope in the Anthropocene

The seminar will take place at the Faculty of Social Sciences, the **Hollar building**, room No. 212, on **28 November** (Wednesday) from 17:00.

Today, it often seems that we are living in catastrophic times with global warming, climate change and species extinction and, even worse, the view that humanity itself is the cause of these problems, in the Anthropocene. If ever there was a dark time for hope, it is today. This seminar discusses whether it is possible to challenge prevailing thinking and to use hope as a resource to engage with our contemporary apocalyptic mood. The three presenters, from the UK, Spain and Germany will discuss what it would mean to develop an analytics of hope and how this could be the basis for political problem-solving and radical political imaginaries. They will also discuss whether hope is even possible, feasible or necessarily desirable today.

Speakers:

Prof. David Chandler is Professor of International Relations at the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Westminster. He is the founding editor of the *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, current editor of the journal *Resilience: International Policies, Practices and Discourses*, founding editor of the Routledge book series Studies in Intervention and Statebuilding and current editor of the Routledge book series, Studies in Resilience and Advances in Democratic Theory. For winter semester 2018/2019, prof. Chandler has become a visiting senior researcher at the Institute of Political Studies within the framework of the project "International Mobility of Researchers at Charles University".

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Dr. Valerie Waldrow is Research Associate and Lecturer at the Chair of International Relations, Institute of Social Sciences, Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg. She obtained her Dr.phil. (PhD equivalent) in Political Science at Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg, in 2017. Her research interests primarily include hope and critique in IR, international political theory, democratic theory, transitional justice, and rationalities of international interventions and governance.

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