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Propositions belonging to the dissertation:

Global health, foreign policy and agenda setting processes

The European Union as a global health actor

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1. The increasing occurrence of global health problems have placed health more frequently on the agendas of foreign policy.
2. Health touches upon multiple roles of foreign policy: security, economic wealth, development and the protection of human dignity. However, the security function dominates the health and foreign policy discourse.
3. The EU currently does not sufficiently engage with the BRICS countries on global health matters, despite the possibility that these countries can become major agenda setters in future global health governance. (this dissertation)
4. Health can be a strong argument in the public debate to influence EU foreign policy. (this dissertation)
5. National strategies for global health provide direction for countries when engaging in global health governance. The development of such strategies is influenced by external developments, stakeholders and advocacy efforts as well as by internal capacities, leadership and engagement. (this dissertation)
6. The lack of a common agenda among “global health” advocates creates a barrier for advancing global health policies in the European Union (EU). (this dissertation)
7. The basic functioning of the EU as a global health actor needs to be understood more thoroughly by the public health community. It is therefore important to further educate current students about this field so that future scholars can take on the respective research agenda. (valorization chapter)
8. The Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development offers a unique opportunity to make health a priority on the global political agenda, including the possibility of a truly intersectoral approach towards better global health outcomes.
9. The sovereign nations of the past can no longer solve the problems of the present: they cannot ensure their own progress or control their own future. (Jean Monnet)
10. Was wäre ich denn, wenn ich nicht immer mit klugen Leuten umgegangen wäre und von ihnen gelernt hätte? (Johann Wolfgang von Goethe)