



## **A Summit of Cooperation? The Genesis of the G7 as an Instrument of International Security Policy**

The dissertation project aims at contributing to the history of international relations in the 1970's. Fundamental changes occurred with the rise of non-state actors and an intensified globalisation within the Western world. Definitions of key concepts like security moved into a new dimension with the rise of economic and ecological issues on a trans- and international level. As an innovation for the international system, the genesis of the “world economic summits“ of the Group of Seven (G7) can be seen as a reflection of these developments where the heads of state and government gathered to discuss and coordinate common approaches to global problems. From the beginning, the summit meetings served as an instrument of international security policy where a broad range of issues was discussed on an informal basis. In this regard the reaction of national governments to civil protest movements constitutes an important part of the study.

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