



European Studies in Global Perspectives

Course Overview

Summer Term 2022

Cluster 1: Society, Economy, and Politics

Mandatory Modules

lan510 – Language 1 and Culture	first semester	12 ECTS
lan520 – Language 2	second semester	9 ECTS

Elective Modules

sow252 – Specialized Subject	6 ECTS
sow927 – Labour Market and Social Inequality	6 ECTS
wir082 – Corporate Finance	6 ECTS
wir250 – International Economics	6 ECTS
wir821 – International Trade, Production and Change	6 ECTS

Elective Modules

wir843 – Financial Risk Management	6 ECTS
wir880 – Marine and Maritime Law	6 ECTS
wir882 – Selected Issues in European Economic Policies	6 ECTS
wir883 – Transnational Biodiversity and Genetic Resources Law	6 ECTS
wir911 – Advanced Topics in Sustainability Economics	6 ECTS

lan510 – Language 1 and Culture (first semester)			
3.02.998	Seminar: Multiple Imaginations: Germany's Pasts and Presents	Sunday Omwenyeke	Fri., 24 Jun.: 16:00–20:00, Sat., 25 Jun., and Sun., 26 Jun.: 10:00–19:00 tba ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Contents:</p> <p>In this seminar, we will work on different narratives about and representations of what is imagined – in different times and under different (political, social, economic) circumstances – as ‘Germany’. We will explore what ‘Germany’ supposedly is and gain a deeper understanding of it. With a cultural studies perspective we will look at what and who is represented by whom as ‘German(y)’, who and what is excluded by the narratives, what the specific circumstances for specific narratives are, and which counter-narratives can be found.</p> <p>The aim of the seminar is not to study what is called ‘Germany’ or ‘Europe’ but to learn about representation and perspectives of (multiple) self-imaginings, how they are constructed in different narratives and which functions these imaginings serve.</p> <p>In the context of this seminar, we do a joint study trip to the Auswandererhaus in Bremerhaven to explore different narratives and representations about Germany’s past and present. With a selection of texts and short films we will examine issues of exclusion and inclusion, and their implications.</p>			
###	Exercise: Language Courses (A1.1 - B2.2)*	Language Center	date, time: tba room: tba ECTS: 9 CP
*You will have a German placement test organized by the Sprachenzentrum in the International Orientation Week to determine which course level is appropriate.			

lan520 – Language 2 (optional second semester)			
###	Exercise: Language Courses (A1.2 - B2.2)	Language Center	date, time: tba room: tba ECTS: 9 CP

sow252 – Specialized Subject

1.07.091	Seminar: Sociology of the European Integration	Dr. Sven Broschinski	Tue.: 12:15–13:45 A07 0-025 ECTS: 3 CP
1.07.092	Seminar: Sociology of the European Integration	Prof. Dr. Martin Heidenreich	Mon.: 10:15–11:45 A14 0-030 ECTS: 3 CP

Contents:
 The economic, legal and political integration of Europe is at the core of the process of European integration. In addition to the political transformations induced by the creation, enlargement and deepening of the European Union particularly since the 1990s, European integration has given rise to a fundamental transformation of social relations and the life worlds of people. While in the postwar period, daily life took place primarily in the framework of nation-states, the opening of hitherto largely nationally regulated and limited social fields and spaces has fostered increasing cross-border contacts and a stronger transnationalisation of social interactions, attitudes and interpretations. This transnationalisation of social fields and spaces as a result of European integration lies at the heart of the research on horizontal Europeanization and also of this seminar.

In the first part of the class, a broad overview on the process of European integration, major EU institutions and policy fields will be given. In the second part, horizontal Europeanisation processes in different social fields are analysed, as well as the related conflicts and bargaining relations and their impact on patterns of social inequality. Complementary to the Europeanisation of social fields, the Europeanisation of social space (P. Bourdieu) will be analysed, taking as an example the transnationalisation of everyday practices, collective memories and reference groups of social inequalities. This raises the question how field-specific and space-specific Europeanisation processes are related. In addition, different modes of Europeanization (power/coercion, competition, communication and cooperation) will be analysed. Given the profound crisis of European integration in the wake of the Euro crisis, the final part of the course will emphasise the analysis of conflicts and tensions between national and European regulations, identifications, and patterns of integration and social inequality.

Please note: These two seminars (1.07.091 and 1.07.092) need to be studied together. The final grade will be composed of one team presentation in each seminar and an individual research paper (approximately 3500 - 4500 words).

sow252 – Specialized Subject			
1.07.094	Seminar: Lebenslaufsoziologie	Prof. Dr. Sebsatian Schnettler	Tue.: 08:15–09:45 A06 3-313 ECTS: 3 CP
1.07.0941	Seminar: Lebenslaufsoziologie	Prof. Dr. Sebsatian Schnettler	Tue.: 10:15–11:45 A06 3-313 ECTS: 3 CP
Please note: These two seminars (1.07.094 and 1.07.941) need to be studied together.			

sow252 – Specialized Subject			
1.07.098	Seminar: Social Geographies of Urban Space: Understanding Cities	Dr. Jennifer Turner	Thu.: 14:15–15:45 A04 4-411 ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Contents:</p> <p>Social geography – the study of how space and society interact – is an applied subject. It examines lived experiences, performances, and practises of power in ‘real world’ settings. One crucial setting in which social geography can be examined and explored is the city. Cities are urban spaces – those where the landscape is built-up, and populations are dense. But cities are also unique. Each city has a social shape, deriving from its history, economy, culture, links to other cities, and so on. This course explores three cities as a lens for examining social geographies in-depth, through detailed empirical examples. This allows students to gain knowledge of how social geographies take place in the city, and how cities are spaces of social contestation. The course offers an introductory lecture, attending the theme of ‘cities’ in social geography, before taking students on a geographical tour of three world cities - Liverpool, New York and Auckland – spanning Europe, America and Oceania; in the northern and southern hemisphere. Lectures will explore these cities to introduce several major themes in social geography including 1) relations between the global and local; 2) tourism, heritage and memory, 3) sustainability and the environment. Students will then use their understanding of the social geographies of these cities to write three timed essays and produce a recorded presentation. This syllabus directly supports the course ‘Social Geographers and the City: Knowing Urban Spaces’, which runs concurrently. In this course students will deepen their knowledge of the three cities and their social geographies through a range of seminar activities that allow virtual engagement with each city. The module portfolio relies on proactive engagement and reading, and students are strongly advised to attend all lecture and seminar sessions in order to maximise their marks.</p>			

sow252 – Specialized Subject

1.07.0981	Seminar: Social Geographers and the City: Knowing Urban Spaces	Dr. Jennifer Turner	Thu.: 16:15–17:45 A04 4-411 ECTS: 3 CP
<p>There will be additional online meetings on Tue., 13 Apr., 11 May, 18 May, 25 May, and 8 Jun.: 14:00–16:00 Fri., 2 Jul.: 12:00–18:00 Sat., 3 Jul.: 08:00–16:00 Tue., 6 Jul., 13 Jul.: 14:00–16:00</p> <p>Contents: Geography is the study of spaces and places. It is a discipline that has often relied on fieldwork – or direct observation – in the study of the world around us. However, geographers have become increasingly interested in how we can experience and ‘know’ spaces, not simply by being there, but via representations: books, films, magazines, maps, music, policy reports and beyond. These resources provide a crucial window for knowing the world around us. This seminar course supports the lecture course ‘Social Geographies of Urban Space: Understanding Cities’ by enabling students to ‘travel’ to three city locations and explore, in-depth, their social geographies using a range of secondary resources including audio-visual, textual media and academic and popular resources (books and papers, to magazines, websites and brochures). Drawing from the three city examples of Liverpool, New York and Auckland – spanning Europe, America and Oceania; in the northern and southern hemisphere – this course deploys seminar-based and practical activities to build students’ knowledge of the cities as social spaces. It will enable them to grasp contested issues related to, for example, globalisation and colonialism, architecture and power, and environmental justice. Students will use their understanding of the social geographies of these cities to write three timed essays and produce a recorded presentation. The module portfolio relies on proactive engagement and reading, and students are strongly advised to attend all lecture and seminar sessions in order to maximise their marks.</p>			

Please note: These two seminars (1.07.098 and 1.07.0981) need to be studied together.

Elective Modules - Cluster 1

sow252 – Specialized Subject			
1.07.241	Seminar: The Limits of Democracy: Social Choice Theory and its Critics	Prof. Dr. Jan Sauer mann	Thu.: 12:15–13:45 A06 4-411 ECTS: 6 CP
	<p>Contents: Is there a “common good”? Is there “a will of the people”? Can it be revealed by democratic procedures? The course will focus on these fundamental questions through the lens of social choice theory. In his highly influential book ‘Liberalism against Populism’ William Riker argues that democratic decisions are chaotic, meaningless, and arbitrary. The seminar consists of two parts. In the first part of the seminar we will examine Riker’s line of argumentation in detail. In the second part we will analyse alternatives from democratic theory trying to defend democracy against Riker’s pessimistic interpretation of social choice theory.</p>		
1.07.251	Seminar: Computational Social Sciences Methods in R	Dr. Taehee Kim	date and time: see below A06 3-313 ECTS: 6 CP
	<p>Fri., 6 May: 14:15–17:45 Sat., 7 May: 09:15–14:45 Fri., 10 Jun.: 14:15–17:45 Sat., 11 Jun.: 09:15–14:45 Fri., 8 Jul.: 14:15–17:45 Sat., 9 Jul: 09:15–14:45</p> <p>Contents: Nowadays machine learning has become a powerful tool for social science studies. Various libraries and APIs make it easy for researchers to create and utilize machine learning models. This course introduces supervised machine learning algorithms and its practice especially for the data type heavily used in social science studies, text and images. As for programming languages, we use R for data wrangling and Python for machine learning. The course starts with a basic introduction of R and Python programming. After the introduction of machine learning algorithms including deep learning, students will learn how to implement the algorithms in Python. Along with modeling machine learning by yourself, how to use various machine learning APIs (e.g., Google’s Machine Learning APIs) will be introduced as well. The course is held in English. It is designed for students at various levels with a general interest in machine learning focusing on social science context. Previous experience in R/Python is not required.</p>		

sow927 – Labour Market and Social Inequality			
1.07.211	Lecture: Income and Labour Market Inequalities in a Comparative Perspective	Prof. Dr. Martin Heidenreich	Mon.: 12:15–13:45 A06 4-411 ECTS: 6 CP
<p>Contents:</p> <p>In industrialized societies, participation in social life is closely linked to income from work and thus access to the labor market. The Master module „Labor Market and Inequality“ starts with the question which occupational structures characterize the German and European labor market and where dividing lines between „outsiders“ and „insiders“ on the labor market run. This is particularly relevant for the egalitarian employment regimes of Europe. In the first part of the seminar, the focus will be on approaches to and empirical research on the „inequality of income opportunities“. Afterwards, interrelations between selected social groups (long-term unemployed, young people, migrants and women) and relevant institutional conditions (social security systems and activation policies, education systems and protection clauses, family policies, technological developments and social redistribution policies) are discussed (Part 2).</p> <p>In the complementary workshop, selected topics of the seminar will be expanded. Students will familiarize themselves with relevant data sets and carry out their own empirical analyses using the EU-SILC or other comparative datasets.</p> <p>The course grade will be based on a short presentation and a written elaboration (approx. 3,500-4,500 words).</p>			
1.07.212	Workshop: Income and Labour Market Inequalities in a Comparative Perspective	tba	tba tba ECTS:
<p>Please note: These two courses (1.07.211 and 1.07.212) need to be studied together.</p>			

Elective Modules - Cluster 1

wir082 – Corporate Finance			
2.02.232	Lecture: Corporate Finance (BA Level)	Prof. Dr. Jörg Prokop	Tue.: 08:15–09:45 A07 0-030 and Fri., 5 Aug.: 14:30–15:30 A14 1-101and Thu., 13 Oct.: 08:00–09:00 A14 1-102 ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Contents: This course is an introduction to corporate finance. It covers typical tools and techniques used by financial managers in making investment and financing decisions, and it provides insights into their theoretical foundations. The concept of time value of money and net present value is discussed in detail, first under certainty, and then in the presence of uncertainty. We will examine the relationship between an investment's risk and its return, and discuss ways to derive risk-adjusted cost of equity capital. In addition, the course provides insights into firms' main sources of equity and debt financing, like shares, bonds, bank loans, or private equity. The topics covered in the course are relevant to decision-making in various areas of business management, including operations management, marketing, and in particular corporate strategy.</p>			
2.02.232h	Online Exercise: Corporate Finance (BA level)	Dandan Wang	Fri.: 14:15–15:45 (fortnightly) online ECTS: 3 CP
2.02.232 a, b, c, d, e, f, g	Tutorial: Tutorium Corporate Finance (BA Level)	Dandan Wang	date, time, loca- tion: see below ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Tutorials: In addition to the seminar Corporate Finance, please choose one of the following tutorials:</p> <p>2.02.232 a: Wed., 08:15–09:45 A05 1-160 2.02.232 b: Wed., 12:15–13:45 A14 1-112 2.02.232 c: Wed., 16:15–17:45 A05 0-055 2.02.232 d: Mon., 16:15–17:45 A14 1-112 2.02.232 e: Wed., 10:15–11:45 A05 0-055 2.02.232 f: Tue., 18:15–19:45 Online 2.02.232 g: Tue., 18:15–19:45 A05 0-056</p>			

wir250 – International Economics

2.02.350	Lecture: International Economics (BA Level)	Prof. Dr. Hans- Michael Trautwein	Mon.: 14:15–15:45 A05 0-054 ECTS: 3 CP
2.02.351	Seminar: International Economics (BA Level)	Prof. Dr. Hans- Michael Trautwein; Nils Vitu	Tue., 26 Apr.: 18:15–19:45 A01 0-006; Fri., 8 Jul.: 09:15–17:45 A14 1-113; Thu. 14 Jul.: 09:15–13:00 V03 0-C001; and 13:00–17:45 V03 0-D001 ECTS: 3 CP

Please note: The lecture (2.02.350) and the seminar (2.02.351) need to be studied together.

Elective Modules - Cluster 1

wir821 – International Trade, Production and Change			
2.02.821	Lecture: International Trade and Transnational Production (MA Level)	Prof. Dr. Hans- Michael Trautwein	Tue.: 12:15–13:45 A05 0-055 ECTS: 3 CP
2.02.822	Seminar: Economic Transformation and Integration (MA Level)	Prof. Dr. Hans- Michael Trautwein; Nils Vitu	Wed., 27 Apr.: 18:15–19:45 A01 0-006 Thu., 7 Jul.: 08:15–13:00 V03 0-C001 Thu., 7 Jul.: 13:00–16:30 V03 0-D001 Fri., 15 Jul.: 9:15–17:45 A14 0-031 ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Please note: The lecture (2.02.821) and the seminar (2.02.822) need to be studied together.</p>			

Elective Modules - Cluster 1

wir843 – Financial Risk Management			
2.02.993	Lecture: Financial Risk Management (MA Level)	M. Sc. Dandan Wang; Prof. Dr. Jörg Prokop	Tue.: 10:15–11:45 A05 0-054 ECTS: 6 CP
	Contents: The aim of the course is to provide students with a thorough knowledge of how to identify, classify, measure, and manage different types of financial business risks. In particular, we will discuss the properties and potential applications of derivatives in financial risk management. Please note: In order to participate in this module, you have to have knowledge in Finance (Management) at least on the level of wir082.		

wir880 – Marine and Maritime Law			
2.02.832	Seminar: Maritime Law (MA Level)	Angeline Asangire Oprong	Tue.: 08:15–09:45 A01 0-004 ECTS: 3 CP
2.02.833	Seminar: Marine Law (MA Level)	Angeline Asangire Oprong	Tue.: 10:15–11:45 A01 0-004 ECTS: 3 CP

wir882 – Selected Issues in European Economic Policies			
2.03.011	Seminar: Selected Issues in European Economic Policies (MA Level)	Dr.Jur. Victoria Chege, LL.M.Eur.	Thu.: 12:15–15:45 V04 0-033 ECTS: 6 CP

wir883 – Transnational Biodiversity and Genetic Resources Law			
2.02.752a	Lecture: Transnational Biodiversity and Genetic Resources Law I (MA Level)	Evanson Kamau	Thu.: 14:15–15:45 S 2-205 ECTS: 3 CP
2.02.752b	Lecture: Transnational Biodiversity and Genetic Resources Law II (MA Level)	Evanson Kamau	Thu.: 16:15–17:45 S 2-205 ECTS: 3 CP

wir911 - Advanced Topics in Sustainability Economics			
2.02.030	Lecture and block seminar: Energy Markets and Policy	Prof. Dr. Emmanuel Asane-Otoo; Laura Schürer	Tue.: 10:15–11:45 A05 0-056 Thu.: 10:15–11:45 A05 0-055 ECTS: 6 CP
	Comment: Lectures (1st half of semester) & Block seminar (2nd half of semester)		

Elective Modules - Cluster 1

wir911 - Advanced Topics in Sustainability Economics			
2.02.915	Seminar: Introduction to Social-ecological Resilience	Prof. Dr. Stefanie Sievers-Glotzbach; Hendrik Wolter; Prof. Dr. Bernd Siebenhüner	date, time, and locations: see below ECTS: 3 CP
	Course dates and locations: Fri., 22 Apr.: 12:15–13:45 A01 0-006 (s. 2.12.042) Fri., 29 Apr.: 12:15–15:45 A13 0-027 Fri., 20 May: 12:15–15:45 A06 5-531 Fri., 10 Jun.: 12:15–15:45 A06 5-531 Fri., 08 Jul.: 12:15–13:45 A13 0-027 Fri., 15 Jul.: 09:15–15:45 V02 0-004		
2.02.042	Seminar: Ecological Economics	Prof. Dr. Stefanie Sievers-Glotzbach; Prof. Dr. Bernd Siebenhüner	date, time and locations: see below ECTS: 3 CP
	Course dates and locations: Fri., 22 Apr.: 12:15–13:45 A01 0-006 Fri., 06 May.: 12:15–13:45 A13 0-027 Fri., 13 May: 12:15–13:45 A13 0-027 Fri., 17 Jun.: 12:15–15:45 A06 5-531 Fri., 24 Jun.: 12:15–13:45 A06 5-531 Contents: Ecological Economics is concerned with integrating the study and management of „nature’s household“ (ecology) and „humankind’s household“ (economics). This integration is central to many of humanity’s current problems and to governing economic activity in a way that promotes human well-being, sustainability, and justice. The aim of the module “Ecological Economics” is to introduce students to core concepts and policy implications from the field of Ecological Economics. The module is structured into three parts. First, students will be introduced to the topic by two lectures on the specific vision and paradigms of Ecological Economics as distinguished from environmental & resource economics and on the history of Ecological Economics. Second, the students work out and discuss the core analytical concepts (ecological footprint, ecosystem services, social-ecological resilience, substitutability of natural capital, time) as well as the core normative concepts (justice, human behaviour) in Ecological Economics. Third, the students will discuss and reflect certain policy implications following from Ecological Economics – specifically the economics of degrowth and the measurement of welfare. The basis for discussion will be classical and current scientific papers.		



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