

A world map in teal and orange tones is positioned in the background. To the right, there is a stylized owl logo with large eyes and a speech bubble-like shape.

European Studies in Global Perspectives

Course Overview

Winter Term 2020/21

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

sow214 – Multilevel Governance	6 ECTS
sow250 – Specialized Subject	6 ECTS
wir520 – Internationale and EU Economic Law	6 ECTS
wir823 – International Finance and Exchange Rate Economics	6 ECTS
wir824 – Regulatory and Competition Policy	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., 22 Jan.: 16:00–20:00; Sat., 23 Jan., and Sun., 24 Jan.: 10:00–19:00 online 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)			
###	Excercise: Language Courses (A1.2 - B2.2)	Language Center	date, time: tba room: tba ECTS: 9 CP

sow214 – Multilevel Governance			
1.07.052	Seminar: Democracy and Democratization	Dr. rer. pol. Berna Öney	Mon.: 12:00–14:00 online ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Contents:</p> <p>The main aim of this course is to provide insights about democracy studies. Along with the definitions of democracy and democratization, how the literature has been evolving and where it has been headed are main issues that will be covered in this course. After providing the necessary conceptual tools, the actual cases under the banner of waves of democratization will be evaluated. This course aims to compare and contrast the following (1) various conceptualizations democracy and democratization (2) different paths towards democracy. In order to do this, the course is designed in themes that are embedded in a wider framework of theoretical analyses of democracy as well as relevant case studies from several countries.</p>			

sow250 – Specialized Subject			
1.07.088	Lecture: Place, Identity and Society (Social Geography)	Dr. Jennifer Turner, Prof. Dr. Kimberley Turner (Peters)	Thu.: 12:00–14:00 online ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Contents:</p> <p>Our lives do not happen outside of a geographical context. Our everyday existence happens in places - in the city where we live, the street, our house, the lecture room, the pub or the café. This course provides a critical introduction to Social Geography, focusing on the relations between place, identity and society. Geography - or place - as this course will reveal, matters to how our identities are understood and our position in society at large. Our identities come to define how we may belong in place, or may be situated as different, and 'out of place'. Our identities - and where they play out - can be trivial, or they can be a matter of life and death.</p> <p>The course will cover a range of key concepts, current debates and contemporary issues in Social Geography. The course outlines current geographical thinking about social geographies of place, scale, identity and power. It will also provide a series of 'lenses' for thinking about these themes through representations; practices; mobility; struggles and hope for the future. Indeed, drawing examples from around the world and at a variety of geographical scales, the module explores the contested nature of our social world and conflicting meanings of our place within it.</p>			

Elective Modules - Cluster 1

sow250 – Specialized Subject			
1.07.0881	Seminar: Contested Spaces (Social Geography)	Dr. Jennifer Turner, Prof. Dr. Kimberley Turner (Peters)	Thu.: 14:00–16:00 online ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Contents:</p> <p>Geography is the study of the world around us. At its heart, it is a discipline which takes 'space' and place (see the course 'Place, Identity and Society) seriously. Our lives do not happen outside of a geographical - spatial - context. Yet spaces around us - the university, city, square parks and gardens, streets, our house, the lecture room, the pub or the café - are full of contestations as different people occupy and use space. The contestation of space is a central concern of Social Geography.</p> <p>Accordingly, this course provides a critical introduction to Social Geography, focusing on power-filled engagements between people and the spaces around us. The course will introduce the notion of 'contestation' before working through 10+ spaces where geographical contestation occurs and where power shapes space and the way people are able or unable to occupy it or use it. The course allows student to reflect on the range of everyday spaces that are sites of conflict and control, and to be able to explain why geography matters to making sense of those contestations.</p> <p>The course is designed to encourage students to become actively involved in their learning - to engage with a set of readings and activities - and to think critically about how the world around them is shaped by spaces of contestation.</p>			

wir520 – International and EU Economic Law

2.08.221	Lecture: Advanced Lectures in European Economic Law (BA level)	Dr. Jur. Victoria Chege, LL.M.Eur.	Tue.: 12:00–14:00 online ECTS: 3 CP
2.08.222	Lecture: International Economic Law (BA Level)	Dr. Jur. Victoria Chege, LL.M.Eur.; Sören Damm	Tue.: 14:00–16:00 online ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Contents: This lecture will serve as a general introduction to fields of Public International Law („Völkerrecht“) and, building on that, International Economic Law. On a substantive level, the aim is to put you in a position where you can follow and critically assess issues of global significance about which you read in the media (e.g. Trade wars, the multilateral world order, international organizations etc.). While the focus will be on the law and policy of the WTO, some consideration will also be given to the Bretton Woods institutions (IMF, World Bank). On a practical level, the lecture and the corresponding examination (presentation+essay based on that) shall enable you to develop and substantiate critical arguments of your own after careful inquiry into a particular subject area (there will be a list of topics and you will also be able to come up with your own). As the lecture will be held in English, you may also use it as a „testing ground“ for further developing your language skills. There will be a tutorial to assist you with questions surrounding your presentation and your paper.</p>			

wir823 – International Finance and Exchange Rate Economics

2.02.841	Lecture: International Finance and Monetary Economics (MA Level)	Prof. Dr. Hans- Michael Trautwein	Tue.: 14:00–16:00 online ECTS: 3 CP
2.02.842	Seminar: International Finance and Exchange Rates (MA Level)	Prof. Dr. Hans- Michael Trautwein	Thu., 27 Oct.: 18:00–20:00, Fri., 29 Jan. and Thu. 4 Feb.: 9:00–18:00 online ECTS: 3 CP

Elective Modules - Cluster 1

wir824 – Regulatory and Competition Policy

2.02.851	Lecture and Seminar: International Regulatory and Competition Policy (MA Level)	Prof. Dr. Christian Huse	Tue.: 14:00–16:00 online ECTS: 6 CP
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wir911 – Advanced Topics in Sustainability Economics

2.12.092	Lecture: Economics of Climate Change	Prof. Dr. Christoph Böhringer	Tue.: 10:00–12:00 online ECTS: 3 CP
2.12.093	Exercise: Economics of Climate Change	Prof. Dr. Christoph Böhringer	Wed.: 10:00–12:00 online ECTS: 3 CP