

A world map in shades of teal and orange is positioned in the background. In the top right corner, there is a stylized owl icon with large eyes, rendered in white and orange.

# European Studies in Global Perspectives

## Course Overview

Winter Term 2024/25

### Cluster 1: Society, Economy, and Politics

#### Mandatory Modules

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

#### Elective Modules

sow253 – Specialized Subject	6 ECTS
sow660 – Sociology of the European Integration	6 ECTS
wir520 – International and EU Economic Law	6 ECTS
wir390 – Financial Management	6 ECTS
wir823 – International Finance and Exchange Rate Economics	6 ECTS
wir837 – Advanced Corporate Finance	6 ECTS

## Elective Modules

wir839 – Financial Statement Analysis and Equity Valuation	6 ECTS
wir902 – Perspectives and Instruments of Corporate Sustainability	6 ECTS
wir911 – Advanced Topics of Sustainability Economics	6 ECTS
wir919 – Topics in Sustainability Economics and Management I	6 ECTS

lan510 – Language 1 and Culture (first EuGI semester)			
3.02.998	Seminar: Multiple Imaginations: Germany's Pasts and Presents Part 1: Colonialism and Migration (mandatory)	Dr. Sunday Omwenyeke, Dr. Tobias Linnemann	dates, times, and locations: see below ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Dates, times, and locations:</p> <p>Fri., 25 Oct.: 16:00–20:00; A01 0-005            Sat., 26 Oct.: 10:00–19:00; Auswandererhaus Bremerhaven            Sun., 27 Oct.: 10:00–19:00; A01 0-005</p> <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. Inspired by 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>The focus of this seminar will be on imaginings that are connected to German and European colonialism and migration in different German eras. In the context of this seminar, we do a joint study trip to the museum Auswandererhaus (German Emigration Center) in Bremerhaven to explore different narratives and representations about Germany's past and present connected to migration. With a selection of texts and short films we will examine issues of power relations, 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 during the Welcome Week to determine which course level is appropriate.			

## lan520 – Language 2 (optional second EuGI semester)

3.02.999	Seminar: Multiple Imaginations: Germany's Pasts and Presents Part 2: National Socialism and German Reunification	Dr. Sunday Omwenyeke, Dr. Tobias Linnemann	dates, times, and locations: see below ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Dates, times, and locations:</p> <p>Fri., 22 Nov.: 16:00–20:00; A01 0-010 b  Sat., 30 Nov.: 10:00–19:00; Bunker Valentin  Sun., 1 Dec.: 10:00–19:00; A01 0-010 b</p> <p>Contents:</p> <p>The second part of the seminar builds on the main themes of the first seminar on representations, imaginations, narratives and power relations (see announcement for Part 1).</p> <p>The focus this weekend will be on the German culture of remembrance after the Second World War with regard to National Socialism and the so-called German re-unification. We will deal with the question of how the memory of National Socialism in general and voices of Jews and other persecutees and survivors have long been, and still are, warded off and repressed. Further, we will look at how, especially survivors and their descendants have fought for and established spaces of remembrance. With regard to re-unification, the question also arises as to which events/ voices and contents are remembered and which are suppressed and why, in societal discourse. Also of interest is how denial is linked to anti-Semitism and racism and how other/counter narratives can challenge anti-Semitic and racist conditions and relations.</p> <p>Part of this seminar is an excursion to the submarine bunker „Valentin“ in Bremen-Farge, which was built by forced labourers under National Socialism. In addition, we will use selected texts and films to engage in a conversation about remembrance culture and representations in the German context.</p> <p>It is possible to participate in this second part independent of participation in the first part although we recommend you participate in both.</p>			
###	Excercise: Language Courses (A1.2 - B2.2)	Language Center	date, time: tba room: tba ECTS: 9 CP

# Elective Modules - Cluster 1

sow253 – Specialized Subject			
1.07.112	Lecture: Comparative Politics: Populism, Democracy and Political Representation	Dr. Christina-Marie Juen	Thu.: 14:00–16:00 A14 0-030 ECTS: 3 CP
	<p>Contents:</p> <p>There is hardly any actor that has been under such intense public observation as populist parties. This is, of course, due to the ever-rising success of these actors in many political systems. The aim of this course is to shed light on populism, the success of populist parties and their impact on political systems and democracy. First, we start by exploring important concepts related to populism and their ideologies. Second, we then focus on populist parties and their voters. Lastly, we proceed by examining the impact of populism in government, parliaments, and on democracy. We conclude the course by highlighting the relationship between populism and political representation.</p>		
1.07.1121	Seminar: Comparative Politics - The European Council as the ultimate decision maker between rising populism, challenged representation, and democratic deficit?	Darius Ribbe	Thu.: 08:00–10:00 A06 0-009 ECTS: 3 CP
	<p>Contents:</p> <p>Complementary to the class “Comparative Politics: Populism, Democracy and Political Representation” we will leave political parties “behind” and focus on heads of state or government as political actors and the ultimate decision makers in the European Union (?). We will get to know the European Council as one of the key institutions of the EU and place it in the institutional architecture. Further, we will approach politics in this special institution from theoretical and empirical paths, leading us to a European Council simulation game at the end of the year. Please note that participation in the simulation game is important for the success of the class!</p>		

**sow660 – Sociology of the European Integration**

1.07.115	Seminar: Sociology of the European Integration (MA Level)	Kim Bergsieker	Wed.: 10:00–12:00 A01 0-010 b ECTS: 3 CP
1.07.1151	Seminar: Sociology of the European Integration (MA Level)	Kim Bergsieker	Wed.: 12:00–14:00 A01 0-010 b ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Contents:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>			

**Please note:** Both seminars have to be completed. The final grade will be composed of one team presentation in each seminar and an individual research paper (approximately 3500–4500 words).

# Elective Modules - Cluster 1

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 A01 0-008 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 A01 0-008 ECTS: 3 CP
	<p>Contents:</p> <p>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>		
2.08.223	Tutorial: International and EU Economic Law (BA Level)	Dr. jur. Jörg- Alexander Cordes, LL.M.	Thu.: 18:00–20:00 A07 0-030 ECTS:

### wir390 – Financial Management

2.02.343	Lecture: Financial Management (BA level)	Prof. Dr. Jörg Prokop, Julian Hundertmark	Tue.: 08:00–10:00 A05 0-056 ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Contents: The course covers both theoretical and empirical aspects of (corporate) financial management. Upon completion of the course, students should be able to determine a firm's cost of capital, and to make informed investment decisions under uncertainty, know how, and under which conditions, capital structure decisions influence firm value, have acquired a solid understanding of alternative sources of long-term financing, and be familiar with both the use and the limits of financial models used in decision making.</p>			
2.02.344	Exercise: Financial Management (BA Level)	Prof. Dr. Jörg Prokop, Julian Hundertmark	Thu.: 12:00–14:00 A01 0-008 ECTS: 3 CP
<p><b>Please note:</b> In order to participate in this module, you have to have knowledge in Finance (Management) at least on the level of wir082.</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 A05 0-055 ECTS: 3 CP
2.02.842	Seminar: International Finance and Exchange Rates (MA Level)	Prof. Dr. Hans-Michael Trautwein	Fri., 24 Jan. and Thu., 30 Jan.: 09:00–18:00, A01 0-005 ECTS: 3 CP



# Elective Modules - Cluster 1

wir837 – Advanced Corporate Finance			
2.02.961	Lecture: Advanced Corporate Finance (MA level)	Prof. Dr. Jörg Prokop	Mon.: 08:00–10:00 A05 0-054 ECTS: 3 CP
	<p>Contents:</p> <p>The course provides insights into the empirical analysis of firms' financing and investment decisions. We discuss theoretical foundations of long-term financing, capital structure choice, cost of capital determination, capital market efficiency, and corporate takeover decisions as well as respective empirical findings. Moreover, you will learn how to build financial models, handle financial data, and conduct financial analyses using the statistical software R.</p> <p>This is an advanced course in empirical corporate finance. When taking this course you should already know how and why to determine net present values of bonds and shares, and how to read financial statements. Further, you should be familiar with the terms cost of capital, diversification, correlation coefficient, and standard deviation. I will briefly review these concepts, but if you feel you might need a more intense refresher, I recommend attending the BA course "wir390 Financial Management" concurrently, where most of these concepts are discussed in detail. In addition, the course requires you to be open to working with econometric models and software tools.</p>		
2.02.962	Exercise: Advanced Corporate Finance (MA Level)	Prof. Dr. Jörg Prokop	Tue.: 12:00–14:00 A05 1-159 ECTS: 3 CP
<p><b>Please note:</b> In order to participate in this module, you have to have knowledge in Finance (Management) at least on the level of wir082 (preferably wir390).</p>			

## wir839 – Financial Statement Analysis and Equity Valuation

2.02.971	Lecture: Financial Statement Analysis and Equity Valuation (MA level)	Prof. Dr. Jörg Prokop	Mon.: 10:00–12:00 A05 0-056 ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Contents: With a stock market bubble and a financial crisis in our recent history, there have been increasing calls to “return to fundamentals.” This is a course on fundamental analysis. The primary emphasis is on equity (share) valuation, with a focus on developing and applying methods for valuing firms using financial statement analysis.</p>			
2.02.972	Exercise: Financial Statement Analysis and Equity Valuation (MA Level)	Wiebke Clausing	Wed.: 14:00–16:00 A05 0-054 ECTS: 3 CP

**Please note:** In order to participate in this module, you have to have knowledge in Finance (Management) at least on the level of wir082 (preferably wir390).

## wir902 – Perspectives and Instruments of Corporate Sustainability

2.02.021	Lecture: Perspectives and Instruments of Corporate Sustainability	Prof. Dr. Bernd Siebenhüner, Sophie Berg, Dr. Hendrik Wolter	Thu.: 12:00–14:00 V04 0-033 ECTS: 3 CP
2.02.022	Seminar: Perspectives and Instruments of Corporate Sustainability	Sophie Berg, Dr. Hendrik Wolter	Thu.: 14:00–16:00 V04 0-033 ECTS: 3 CP

# Elective Modules - Cluster 1

wir911 – Advanced Topics of Sustainability Economics			
2.12.092	Lecture: Economics of Climate Change	Laura Schürer	Mon.: 10:00–12:00 A05 0-054 ECTS: 3 CP
2.12.093	Exercise: Economics of Climate Change	Laura Schürer	Tue.: 10:00–12:00 A05 0-055 ECTS: 3 CP

wir919 – Topics in Sustainability Economics and Management I			
2.02.320	Lecture: Renewable Energy Management (MA Level)	Prof. Dr. Jörn Hoppmann	Wed.: 14:00–16:00 A05 0-056 ECTS: 3 CP
2.02.909	Contemporary Issues in Development: A Global South Perspective	Dr. Hendrik Wolter, Dr. Danai Tembo	Thu.: 12:00–16:00 (fortnightly) A14 1-115 ECTS: 3 CP
	<p>Contents:</p> <p>This course will be a series of seminars dealing with contemporary development issues from a so-called global south perspective. The seminars will be delivered in English and are designed to be interactive. Students participating in the seminars will have an opportunity to dive into some contemporary development issues through a global south lense.</p>		



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