



European Studies in Global Perspectives



Course Overview

Summer Term 2023

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.,.: 16:00–20:00, Sat.,., and Sun.,.: 10:00–19:00 tba ECTS: 3 CP
	Contents: 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. 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. 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.		
###	Exercise: Language Courses (A1.1 - B2.2)*	Language Center	date, time: tba room: tba ECTS: 9 CP
	Please note: *You will have a German placement test organized by the Language Center in the Welcome 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

1.07.241	Seminar: Digital Transformation, Technological Change and Life Course Inequalities	Prof. Dr. Gundula Zoch	Wed.: 10:15–11:45 A06 3-313 ECTS: 6 CP
<p>Contents:</p> <p>Technological change and the digital transformation have brought about significant implications for social inequality. This MA course aims to explore the multifaceted impact of these changes on various aspects of life and society. While previous research has particularly focused on labour market transformations and changes in skill requirements, the effects of digital transformation and technological change have the potential to reverberate throughout society, influencing inequalities across different domains of life, such as education, employment, health, social security, and political participation, among others. The course examines the determinants and consequences of technological change and the digital transformation across different life stages and institutional settings, with a focus on the ways in which various groups in society, including gender, age, ethnicity, and regional populations, are impacted.</p> <p>Some of the example questions that will be explored in this course include: How do technological changes and digitalisation either exacerbate or alleviate social inequalities? What is the relationship between skill requirements in the workplace and the reproduction of social inequality? How do technological advancements benefit some groups, while leaving others behind? How do these changes impact political attitudes and participation? These and other pressing questions will be examined through a variety of theoretical frameworks and empirical studies, with the aim of providing a comprehensive understanding of the complex intersection between digital transformation, technological change, and social inequality.</p>			

sow252 – Specialized Subject			
1.07.242	Seminar: Acting Together - The Logics of Collective Action	Prof. Dr. Jan Sauermann	Tue.: 12:15–13:45 A06 4-411 ECTS: 6 CP
	<p>Contents:</p> <p>Social dilemmas form the core of many societal problems ranging from the international level (e.g. the fight against climate change) to interpersonal relations (e.g. work on a joint student project). In such situations, conflict arises frequently because individual and collective interests collide. In a typical social dilemma, mutual cooperation among all involved actors leads to an efficient collective outcome. However, all actors have an incentive to defect and free-ride on the other actors' cooperation. Thus, if all actors follow their narrow self-interest, the community will not be able to reach their common goal.</p> <p>In this seminar, we will identify and discuss factors influencing the level of cooperation among actors in a large variety of different social dilemma situations. In doing so, we will take an interdisciplinary approach encompassing theories and methods from political science, sociology, economics, and social psychology.</p>		

sow252 – Specialized Subject

1.07.097	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			
1.07.0971	Seminar: Social Geographers and the City: Knowing Urban Spaces	Dr. Jennifer Turner	Thu.: 16:15–17:45 A04 4-411 ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Contents:</p> <p>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>			
<p>Please note: These two seminars (1.07.097 and 1.07.0971) must be taken at the same time.</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	lecturer: tba	date and time: tba room: tba ECTS:

Please note: These two courses (1.07.211 and 1.07.212) must be taken at the same time.

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 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)	lecturer: tba	Fri.: 14:15–15:45 online ECTS: 3 CP
2.02.232 a, b, c, d, e, f, g	Tutorial: Tutorium Corporate Finance (BA Level)	lecturer: tba	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 A01 0-010 b 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 A05 0-055 2.02.232 e: Wed., 10:15–11:45 A05 0-055 2.02.232 f: Tue., 16:15–17:45 A05 0-055 2.02.232 g: Tue., 18:15–19:45 A03 4-404</p>		

wir250 – International Economics

2.02.350	Lecture: International Economics (BA Level)	Prof. Dr. Hans- Michael Trautwein; Nils Vitu	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., 25 Apr.: 18:15–19:45 V03 0-D003; Fri., 7 Jul.: 09:15–17:45 V03 0-D003; Thu. 13 Jul.: 09:15–17:45 V03 0-D002 ECTS: 3 CP

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

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	block seminar date, time: tba room: tba ECTS: 3 CP

Please note: The lecture (2.02.821) and the seminar (2.02.822) must be taken at the same time.

In order to study this module, you have to have knowledge in economics.

wir843 – Financial Risk Management			
2.02.993	Lecture: Financial Risk Management (MA Level)	Prof. Dr. Jörg Prokop	Wed.: 08:15–09:45 A05 0-056 ECTS: 3 CP
2.02.994	Exercise: Financial Risk Management (MA Level)	Prof. Dr. Jörg Prokop; Dr. Christoph Lippert	Mon.: 08:15–09:45 A05 0-056 ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Please note: The lecture (2.02.993) and the exercise course (2.02.994) in Financial Risk Management must be taken at the same time.</p> <p>In order to participate in this module, you have to have knowledge in Finance (Management) at least on the level of wir082.</p>			

wir880 – Marine and Maritime Law			
2.02.832	Seminar: Maritime Law (MA Level)	Angeline Asangire Oprong	Mon.: 16:15–17:45 A05 1-159 ECTS: 3 CP
2.02.833	Seminar: Marine Law (MA Level)	Angeline Asangire Oprong	Mon.: 14:15–15:45 A05 1-159 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.: 10:15–13:45 V03 2-A215 ECTS: 6 CP

wir883 – Transnational Biodiversity and Genetic Resources Law			
2.02.752a	Seminar: Transnational Biodiversity and Genetic Resources Law I (MA Level)	Evanson Chege Kamau	Thu.: 14:15–15:45 A14 1-115 ECTS: 3 CP
2.02.752b	Seminar: Transnational Biodiversity and Genetic Resources Law II (MA Level)	Evanson Chege Kamau	Thu.: 16:15–17:45 A14 1-115 ECTS: 3 CP

Elective Modules - Cluster 1

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 and Thu.: 10:15–11:45 A05 0-055 ECTS: 6 CP
<p>Contents:</p> <p>This is a 6 ECTS lecture/seminar course designed to provide students with an introduction to the principles of energy economics and related policy applications. There are increasing concerns globally on the management of energy resources and their development, such as energy security, environmental impacts of energy use, regulation, investment in renewable energy, risk assessment or safety issues of nuclear power etc. Understanding the characteristics of the different energy markets in terms of demand, supply, investments, energy-economy-environment interactions, and related policy aspects is critical to effective policy intervention.</p> <p>This course covers the economic tools for analyzing institutions and driving forces of energy markets, including coal, natural gas, crude oil, gasoline/diesel, electricity, and renewables, with a focus on understanding supply and demand changes, prices, production, and investment as well as the motives and consequences of policy interventions.</p> <p>Students will be introduced to the environmental implications of energy use and the role of economic analysis in designing policies that address issues of energy security, climate change, and the distributive consequences of climate policies. Regarding the distributional impacts of climate policies, we will address theoretical concepts, including incidence or inequality and their measurement, and analyze the distributive effects of current climate policies. Throughout the course, theoretical discussions will be complemented with empirical evidence and research that explores different aspects of the energy markets to help students better understand the respective energy markets.</p> <p>Ancillary objectives of the course include supporting students to develop research topics and introducing them to academic writing. To this end, students will develop some expertise in working with real-world energy data and policies and writing a research paper.</p> <p>The course starts with a series of lectures on selected topics. The lecture sessions aim to facilitate the development of students' understanding of the economic theory related to the various energy markets. Students will be guided to develop their research projects during the first half of the semester.</p> <p>Continue reading on the next page...</p>			

wir911 - Advanced Topics in Sustainability Economics

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The projects could be related to the distributive consequences of climate policies, inequality in adaptation to climate change, climate justice, market power and collusion in the retail fuel market, barriers to the adoption of renewable energy technologies, and challenges of renewables in the electricity market. Other topics include the impact of climate change on transportation systems, effects of overlapping energy and climate regulations, Russia-Ukraine war and energy poverty, Subjective Well-being and energy prices, Edgeworth cycles in the retail gasoline market, limits on domestic flights as emissions reduction strategy, the incidence and emissions impact of fuel tax in Germany, vertical vs. horizontal distributive effects of climate policies, incidence of climate policies – developed vs. developing countries etc. Note that students can choose topics listed or develop their own topics of interest.

At the start of the second part of the course, students will present their tentative research projects and receive input from instructors. They will then use the remaining period to work on their research projects with the support of instructors. Towards the end of the semester, there will be a 2-day block seminar where students will present their work in a scientific conference format.

wir911 - Advanced Topics in Sustainability Economics

2.11.023	Seminar: Digital Transformation: Strategies and Sustainability	Prof. Dr. Jörn Hoppmann; Katharina Gärtner	Wed.: 16:15–19:45 A14 1-103 ECTS: 6 CP
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Elective Modules - Cluster 1

wir911 - Advanced Topics in Sustainability Economics			
2.02.823	Seminar: Inequality and Environmental Policy	Laura Schürer; Lukas Riesenbeck	date, time, and locations: see below ECTS: 6 CP
	Course dates and locations: Wed. (weekly): 12:15–13:45 A05 0-054 (7x) Thu. (weekly): 12:15–13:45 A05 1-159 (6x) Sat., 15 Jul.: 10:15–19:45 A05 1-159 Sun., 16 Jul.: 10:15–14:45 A05 1-159 Fri., 14 Jul.: 15:15–19:45 A14 1-112		



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