

Courses for Erasmus and Exchange Students

Winter Semester 2024/25

Joint Course Offer in English: Social Sciences – History – Geography

PLEASE NOTE: All courses from this list can be taken by students enrolled to social sciences (+political science, European studies, sociology, migration studies, conflict studies and peacebuilding), history and geography. The courses are pre-approved for students from the listed disciplines across study areas and can be included in the Learning Agreement without further consultation of the international coordinator. Master's level courses can be taken by advanced Bachelor's students (from 5th semester/3rd year). English language skills at B2 level are recommended for all students. In addition to the Learning Agreements, registration via [Stud.IP](#) is required for course participation. Please note any course-specific registration periods. If the number of places is limited, degree seeking students and exchange students from the corresponding subject are given priority.

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Social Sciences

BACHELOR

Course Title	The Politics of global Finance		
Course Number	1.312	Teaching Language	English
Module	SOZ-BP-IP2: International Politics II	ECTS	Academic Achievement: 4 ECTS, Examination Performance: 6 ECTS
School	School of Cultural Studies and Social Sciences	Lecturer	Kardelen Günaydin
Course Type	Seminar	Time/Room	Monday 16-20, 15/105
Course Content	<p>How has the current global financial system as we know it emerged? Which transformations have been taking place since the post- WWII period? Which actors and institutions have played a role in the liberalization and internationalization of financial systems? In the course of this introductory BA seminar, we will focus on these questions and more to gain a fundamental understanding of the politics of global finance. The seminar is divided into three blocks: In the first block, we will study the origins of the international monetary system from Bretton Woods until the 2007-08 global financial crisis. Major events in the timeline of globalization of finance such as the gold-dollar exchange standard, the break-up of the Bretton Woods system, the emergence of global foreign exchange trading, 1974 banking crisis, international debt crisis of 1982, the stock market crash of 1987, and the 2007-08 global financial crisis will be discussed in this block. The second block delves into the International Financial Institutions (IFIs) of the post-war era such as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Plus, we will examine the global monetary regime and the hegemony of the dollar within. The last block weighs in on several key issues within the politics of global finance: specifically, how gender, climate change and ecological crises, and democracy are linked with practices within global financial governance.</p> <p>The language of instruction is English. More information on the seminar requirements will be discussed during the first class</p>		

Course Title	Introduction to migration and refugees studies		
Course Number	1.224	Teaching Language	English
Module	SOZ-BS-SS1/2 - Special Sociologies 1/2	ECTS	Academic Achievement: 4 ECTS, Examination Performance: 6 ECTS
School	School of Cultural Studies and Social Sciences	Lecturer	Iryna Lapshyna
Course Type	Seminar	Time/Room	Monday 12-14, 15/105
Course Content	<p>Drawing on interdisciplinary approaches in political science, sociology, economics and psychology, this introductory course examines the drivers and consequences of migration, and provides basic background, terminology and concepts. It offers an overview of types of migration, focusing on labour migration, forced migration and irregular migration. It examines the drivers of migration and explains why people migrate. It also looks at</p>		

	<p>the role of migration infrastructures and explains how people migrate. It analyzes the contested concept of migrants' integration and their transformative impact on as well as contribution to host societies.</p> <p>It will give a comprehensive understanding of the complex nature of refugee movements, the processes which lie behind the search for protection and asylum and the diverse local, national and international responses to forced displacement.</p> <p>You will gain interdisciplinary knowledge of the gendered, economic, political, legal, socio-cultural, and psychological processes related to (forced) migration.</p>
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BACHELOR AND MASTER

Course Title	Sustainable Development - Governance & Politics		
Course Number	1.315	Teaching Language	English
Module	Electives	ECTS	Academic Achievement: 4 ECTS, Examination Performance: 6 ECTS
School	School of Cultural Studies and Social Sciences, Social Sciences	Lecturer	Dr. Jan Pollex
Course Type	Blockseminar	Time/Room	The block seminar will take place in January 2025. The exact date will be communicated in November.
Course Content	<p>This course offers a comprehensive exploration of sustainable development. It begins with an examination of the history and conceptual foundations of the term, addressing the interconnectedness of environmental, economic, and social dimensions. The course critically reflects on the evolution of the concept and its implications.</p> <p>The second part of the course focuses on governance approaches aimed at translating the idea of sustainable development into concrete policy measures. It provides an in-depth analysis of policy approaches in the EU, the U.S., and the Global South, highlighting the diverse strategies employed in different contexts.</p> <p>In the final part, the course delves into the politics of sustainable development. It explores various interpretations and framings of the concept, considering the positions of political parties and other stakeholders on sustainable development issues.</p>		

Course Title	Geopolitics and Geostrategy		
Course Number	1.122	Teaching Language	English
Module	Electives	ECTS	Academic Achievement: 4 ECTS, Examination Performance: 6 ECTS
School	School of Cultural Studies and Social Sciences, Social Sciences	Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Klaus-Peter Saalbach
Course Type	Blockseminar	Time/Room	Friday, 08.11.2024 14:00 - 18:00 Saturday, 09.11.2024 14:00 - 18:00 Friday, 29.11.2024 14:00 - 18:00 Saturday, 30.11.2024 14:00 - 18:00 Saturday, 14.12.2024 14:00 - 18:00
Course Content	Geopolitical and geostrategic thinking is experiencing a comeback in times of dwindling resources and growing insecurity in politics, raising the question of what is understood by geopolitics and geostrategy in the 21st century and how this is reflected in practice. In the past, the focus was mainly on land control, today an integrated geostrategic approach dominates with the factors space (land and sea) and time (resources and demography). The topics of the course include theoretical and practical parts.		

MASTER

Course Title	Social Inequality in Germany and the US		
Course Number	1.220	Teaching Language	English
Module	SOZ-MSZ-FG Family and Society	ECTS	Academic Achievement: 4 ECTS, Examination Performance: 6 ECTS
School	School of Cultural Studies and Social Sciences, Social Sciences	Lecturer	Dr. Joanna Fröhlich
Course Type	Seminar	Time/Room	Tuesday 10-12am, 15/422
Course Content	This course explores the causes, consequences and extent of social and economic inequalities in Germany and the U.S. from a sociological perspective. We discuss theories and concepts that help us to understand how different inequalities are maintained and reproduced within both countries. A particular interest lies on empirical work describing and comparing it. Special attention will be paid to heterogeneities, such as religion, race, ethnicity, social class and gender and how they combine to produce different outcomes and consequences for individuals and social groups in the respective countries. The goal of the class is to deepen the knowledge about the opportunities, challenges and limitations of a theoretical and empirical comparison of social inequalities between countries.		

Course Title	EU and Global Governance: EU as Regional Security Actor		
Course Number	1.308	Teaching Language	English
Module	SOZ-MER-IS: The EU as power in international politics	ECTS	Academic Achievement: 4 ECTS, Examination Performance: 6 ECTS
School	School of Cultural Studies and Social Sciences, Social Sciences	Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schneckener
Course Type	Seminar	Time/Room	Thursday 10-12, 22/E26
Course Content	Based on theories and problems of global governance, this seminar deals with the role of the EU in international politics. The EU will be considered as a structuring element, a shaping actor and a “normative factor” in world politics. The focus is on the possibilities and limits of the EU to influence processes of global governance. The aim is to examine and discuss how and with what means/instruments/approaches the EU acts in its external relations and at global level, how the EU's relations with other actors in world politics (e.g. the USA, China, India, Russia) and with other organizations (e.g. the United Nations, WTO, World Bank/IMF, regional organizations) are structured and what approaches the EU has developed to tackle global problems.		

Course Title	Researching the European Union		
Course Number	1.314	Teaching Language	English
Module	Electives	ECTS	Academic Achievement: 4 ECTS, Examination Performance: 6 ECTS
School	School of Cultural Studies and Social Sciences, Social Sciences	Lecturer	Jan Pollex
Course Type	Seminar	Time/Room	Thursday, 10-12, 15/133
Course Content	This course offers an in-depth exploration of research approaches in European Union Studies, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of the key theoretical frameworks that underpin the field, such as integration theories, governance models, and institutional analysis. Through the critical examination of case studies, students will learn how to apply various research methods to analyze key EU institutions, including the European Parliament and the European Commission. The course also engages in a thorough analysis of current research on the EU, offering students the opportunity to critically reflect on research designs, methodologies, and data. By the end of the course, students will be equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to develop their own research projects, such as in preparation for their master's thesis, with opportunities to present and refine individual research proposals.		

History

BACHELOR AND MASTER

Course Title	Producing Migration The Global Refugee Regime during the "Age of Extremes"		
Course Number	2.225	Teaching Language	English
Module	Electives	ECTS	4
School	School of Cultural Studies and Social Sciences, History	Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Christoph Raß, M.A.
Course Type	Seminar	Time/Room	Thursday, 10-12, 41/102
Course Content	Our seminar on the emergence of the "global refugee regime" during the first half of the 20th century will explore patterns of forced migration in Europe and beyond, focusing on how nation-states, international organizations, and NGOs began to negotiate and develop a framework for refugee protection anchored in international law. Drawing inspiration from the theoretical approach of SFB 1604 at IMIS, we will trace the evolution of several status categories central to this migration regime, specifically "refugee" and "displaced person" by analyzing a broad range of primary sources. Special attention will be given to academic knowledge production, examining how scholarly contributions have shaped the conceptual history and transformation of key concepts and categories within the "global refugee regime." By the end of this seminar, participants will have a deeper understanding of the historical processes and intellectual foundations that have shaped "refugee policies" throughout the 20th century and continue to influence reactions to forced migration today.		

Geography

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Course Title	Advanced Seminar: Regional Geography of New Zealand		
Course Number	2.10401	Teaching Language	English
Module	Advanced Studies in Geography	ECTS	4
School	School of Cultural Studies and Social Sciences, Geography	Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Joachim W. Härtling
Course Type	Seminar	Time/Room	Tuesday 14-16, Room 02/E03
Course Content	In the module "Advanced studies", students should deal in depth with theoretical and empirical content in selected areas of geography: - Knowledge of advanced concepts and working methods (theories, methods, models) in sub-areas of geography - Knowledge of selected research results and possible applications in sub-areas of geography - Ability to work on overarching issues in geography on the basis of the knowledge acquired		

MASTER

Course Title	Master Seminar: Migration regimes and space		
Course Number	2.10610	Teaching Language	English
Module	Advanced Studies/ Specialization	ECTS	4
School	School of Cultural Studies and Social Sciences, Geography	Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Andreas Pott
Course Type	Seminar	Time/Room	Monday 14-16, Room 15/155
Course Content	<p>Cities have come to play a major role in the field of migration and refuge. Cities on a global scale define themselves as 'solidarity cities' or 'sanctuary cities'. They question the existing national policies and connect between them to address the global dynamics of migration and their impact at the local scale. Cities thus are key sites for understanding dynamics of migrant accommodation and integration and refugee protection globally. Cities are arenas where social problems accentuate themselves, and where socio-economic transformations, developments and problems first manifest themselves. Cities have increasingly started to act independently when it comes to issues of integrating migrants and refugees and municipalities, and civil society actors have at the same time received greater responsibilities for integration services from national governments. This MA level course will address the role of cities in relation to solidarity practices, collective identities, citizenship and policy frameworks.</p> <p>The course will introduce different approaches to conceptualizing and analyzing solidarity, municipalism, localism, migration policies, scalar politics and city networks. We will work on and with examples from especially Europe and North America but also seek to bring in perspectives from elsewhere.</p> <p>The course will be organized and taught by lecturers from Aalborg and Osnabrück universities as well as include guest lecturers from elsewhere. The ten individual sessions will contain lectures and active participation of students through group work and presentations. Students will be collaborating across universities.</p>		

German Title	Hauptseminar: A decade of (counter-)revolution: the role of migration and borders in reconfiguring the political geographies of North Africa		
English Title	Master Seminar: A decade of (counter-)revolution: the role of migration and borders in reconfiguring the political geographies of North Africa		
Course Number	2.10611	Teaching Language	English
Module	Advanced Studies/ Specialization	ECTS	4
School	School of Cultural Studies and Social Sciences, Geography	Lecturer	Dr. Maurice Stierl
Course Type	Seminar	Time/Room	Wednesday 12-14, Room 02/E03
Course Content	<p>Aims: Develop a critical understanding of how migration policy and border control have reconfigured the political geographies of North Africa since the Arab Uprisings of 2010/2011. Gaining insights into the role that EU-North African migration cooperation plays in specific (authoritarian) political projects. Engaging with relevant concepts and theories emerging from the interrelated fields of Political Geography, Migration Studies and Border Studies.</p> <p>Subject: When the Tunisian street vendor Mohamed Bouazizi set himself on fire in December 2010 to protest the confiscation of his goods and harassment by Tunisian police forces, he ignited revolutionary uprisings across North Africa and beyond. Bouazizi died on the 4th of January 2011. Ten days later, Tunisia's authoritarian ruler Ben Ali was toppled and chased out of the country after 23 years in power. The anti-authoritarian and pro-democracy protests during the 'Arab Spring' were welcomed by member states of the European Union. However, when the turmoil of the uprisings and ensuing conflicts prompted new maritime escape routes across the Mediterranean Sea, ushering in a decade of unprecedented sea migrations to Europe, EU member states sought to 'stabilise' the region and stem migration flows.</p> <p>This seminar explores how a decade of revolutionary protests, authoritarian backlashes, and migration (control) has changed the political contours and geographies of the Northern African region. Focussing on Tunisia, Libya, Morocco and/or Egypt, we will critically scrutinise the role that migration and border control have played in the evolving relationships between these countries and Europe. Through deals, treaties and agreements, development aid, or funding for 'migration and border management', the EU and its member states have sought to restrict boat migration across the Mediterranean Sea, even if at risk of perpetuating authoritarian regimes in the region.</p> <p>In this seminar, we will consider how migration and border control have reconfigured the political geographies of the northern African region. We assess how EU borders have become 'externalised' or 'extra-territorialised' and how political forces in North Africa have used (and abused) the issue of migration for political leverage and authoritarian projects. The seminar will also explore the tensions and ruptures in EU-North African migration cooperation, not least as northern African countries are more than simple 'border guards' of Europe and pursue their own political interests and agendas. Moreover, we will also examine how, despite a decade of intensified EU border militarisation, migration movements in and beyond the northern African region continue, thereby turning the Mediterranean region into a deeply contentious political space.</p>		

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