



European Studies in Global Perspectives

Course Overview

Summer Term 2024

Cluster 1: Society, Economy, and Politics

Mandatory Modules

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

Elective Modules

sow660 – Sociology of the European Integration	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
wir883 – Transnational Biodiversity and Genetic Resources Law	6 ECTS
wir911 – Advanced Topics in Sustainability Economics	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	date, times, and locations: see below ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Dates, times, and locations:</p> <p>Fri., 3 May: 16:00–20:00; A05 1-160 Sat., 4 May: 10:00–19:00; Auswandererhaus Bremerhaven Sun., 5 May: 10:00–19:00; A01 0-010 a</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	date, times, and locations: see below ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Dates, times, and locations:</p> <p>Fri., 24 May: 16:00–20:00; A01 0-010 b Sat., 25 May: 10:00–19:00; Bunker Valentin Sun., 26 May: 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

sow660 – Sociology of the European Integration

1.07.092	Seminar: Sociology of the European Integration	Prof. Dr. Martin Heidenreich	Mon.: 10:00–12:00 A014 0-030 ECTS:
<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> <p>The final grade will be composed of one team presentation in each seminar and an individual research paper (approximately 3500 - 4500 words).</p>			

sow927 – Labour Market and Social Inequality

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Lecture:
Income and Labour Market
Inequalities in a Comparative
Perspective

Prof. Dr. Martin
Heidenreich

Mon.: 12:00–14:00
A014 0-030
ECTS:

Contents:

In industrialized societies, participation in social life is closely linked to income from work and thus access to the labor market. The course 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.

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

wir082 – Corporate Finance			
2.02.232	Lecture: Corporate Finance (BA Level)	Prof. Dr. Jörg Prokop	Tue.: 08:00–10:00 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>		
2.02.232 a, b, c, d, e, f, g	Tutorial: Tutorium Corporate Finance (BA Level)	lecturer: tba	date, time, loca- tion: tba 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: Mon.: 08:00–10:00 A01 0-009 2.02.232 b: Wed.: 12:00–14:00 A05 0-054 2.02.232 c: Wed.: 16:00–18:00 A05 0-055 2.02.232 d: Mon.: 16:00–18:00 A05 0-056 2.02.232 e: Wed.: 10:00–12:00 A14 1-112 2.02.232 f: Tue.: 16:00–18:00 A05 0-055 2.02.232 g: Tue.: 08:00–10:00 V03 0-E005 2.02.232 h: Fri.: 14:00–16:00 Online Exercise Course</p>		

wir250 – International Economics			
2.02.350	Lecture: International Economics (BA Level)	Prof. Dr. Hans- Michael Trautwein; Dr. Anelise Rahmeier Seyffarth	Mon.: 14:00–16:00 A05 0-054 ECTS: 3 CP
2.02.351	Seminar: International Economics (BA Level)	Prof. Dr. Hans- Michael Trautwein; Dr. Anelise Rahmeier Seyffarth	Tue., 9 Apr.: 18:00–20:00 V03 0-D001; Fri., 28 Jun.: 09:00–18:00 V03 0-D001; Thu. 4 Jul.: 09:00–18:00 V03 0-C001 ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Please note: The lecture (2.02.350) and the seminar (2.02.351) must be taken at the same time.</p>			

wir821 – International Trade, Production and Change			
2.02.821	Lecture: International Trade and Transnational Production (MA Level)	Prof. Dr. Hans- Michael Trautwein	Tue.: 12:00–14:00 A05 0-055 ECTS: 3 CP
2.02.822	Seminar: Economic Transformation and Integration (MA Level)	Prof. Dr. Hans- Michael Trautwein; Nils Vitu	Tue., 9 Apr.: 18:00–20:00 V03 0-D001; Thu., 27 Jun.: 09:00–18:00 V03 0-C003; Fri. 5 Jul.: 09:00–18:00 JJW 1-112 ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Please note: The lecture (2.02.821) and the seminar (2.02.822) must be at the same time. In order to study this module, you have to have knowledge in economics.</p>			

wir843 – Financial Risk Management			
2.02.993	Lecture: Financial Risk Management (MA Level)	Prof. Dr. Jörg Prokop; Dr. Christoph Lippert	Wed.: 08:00–10:00 A05 0-056 ECTS: 3 CP
<p>Contents: The course provides insights into the theory and practice of modern financial business risk management, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the concept of risk, types of financial risks, and approaches to risk measurement; • the mechanics of financial markets, including derivatives markets; • the properties of selected financial instruments, including financial derivatives such as forwards, futures, options, and swaps; • tools and techniques for managing financial risks. 			
2.02.994	Exercise: Financial Risk Management (MA Level)	Prof. Dr. Jörg Prokop ; Wiebke Clausing	Tue.: 10:00–12:00 A05 0-054 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.: 16:00–18:00 A05 1-159 ECTS: 3 CP
2.02.833	Seminar: Marine Law (MA Level)	Angeline Asangire Oprong	Mon.: 14:00–16:00 A05 1-159 ECTS: 3 CP

wir883 – Transnational Biodiversity and Genetic Resources Law			
2.02.752a	Seminar: Transnational Biodiversity and Genetic Resources Law I (MA Level)	Dr. Evanson Chege Kamau	Thu.: 14:00–16:00 A05 0-055 ECTS: 3 CP
2.02.752b	Seminar: Transnational Biodiversity and Genetic Resources Law II (MA Level)	Dr. Evanson Chege Kamau	Thu.: 16:00–18:00 A05 0-055 ECTS: 3 CP

wir911 - Advanced Topics in Sustainability Economics

2.02.030	Lecture: Energy Markets and Policy	Prof. Dr. Emmanuel Asane-Otoo; Laura Schürer	Tue.: 10:00–12:00 A05 0-055 and Thu.: 10:00–12:00 V03 0-E003 ECTS: 6 CP
<p>Contents:</p> <p>This is a 6 ECTS course designed to provide students with an introduction to the principles of energy economics and related policy applications. Energy is the lifeblood of industrial economies, and also a key factor in environmental and national security problems. Because of the extensive externalities associated with energy use, and the uneven distribution of energy resources around the globe, balancing the benefits and costs of energy use is one of the major challenges facing humanity.</p> <p>This balancing act involves blending markets and public policy in such a way as to align the incentives of businesses and individuals with the greater good of people and the planet. In several jurisdictions, the marketplace plays the predominant role in determining what energy sources are used, and how. But government policy – at the local, national, regional, and international levels – plays an extremely important role in molding aspects of energy policy.</p> <p>This course covers the economic tools for analyzing institutions and driving forces of energy markets, including coal, crude oil, gasoline/diesel, natural gas, and electricity with a focus on understanding supply and demand changes as well as the motives and consequences of policy or regulatory 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 pollution and climate change, and the distributive consequences of energy and 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 in developing 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>[... continue reading on the next page]</p>			

wir911 - Advanced Topics in Sustainability Economics

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Learning Outcome: Upon completion of this course, it is expected that students are able to:

1. Analyze the fundamentals of energy markets, including demand and supply, market structure, and pricing mechanisms
2. Understand the rationales and instruments for policy intervention in energy markets and be able to critically evaluate current energy policies based on sound economic principles
3. Evaluate the role of government policies in shaping energy markets, including regulatory approaches, taxes, and subsidies for renewable energy
4. Understand the environmental, economic, and geopolitical implications of energy production and consumption

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 also be guided to develop their research projects during the first half of the semester.

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. Students will present their work in a scientific conference format towards the end of the semester and submit the final term paper afterward.

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
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Course dates and locations:
 Thu. (weekly): 12:00–14:00 V03 0-E003
 Fri., 6 Sep.: 15:00–20:00 room: tba
 Sat., 7 Sep.: 10:00–20:00 room: tba
 Sun., 8 Sep.: 10:00–18:00 room: tba

Motivation and background:
 The distributive effects ('incidence') of environmental policies are becoming increasingly important for the political feasibility of environmental policies addressing e.g. climate change or biodiversity loss. The protest of the yellow vests that stopped Macrons petrol tax due to the expected distributive consequences are a prominent example. Also in Germany the incidence of environmental policies such as the coal exit, a pesticide tax or a land value tax is of high concern in public debates.
 The need for stringent environmental policies comes at a time where many countries of the world have become becoming increasingly unequal in the distribution of income and wealth. In Germany for example, the Gini index of disposable income increased from 0.25 in the 1980s to 0.293 in 2015. Therefore, the acceptance and political feasibility of environmental policies depends not only on their aggregate costs, but also on their distributive effects.
 On the global stage the trends are slightly different, but the challenge remains the same. Global income inequality has fallen over the last decades but the impact of fundamental global environmental changes caused by human action will have increasingly strong distributive effects not only within but also between countries. Therefore, also the (economic) resources for adaptation and mitigation strategies against climate change must be distributed within and between countries.
 While economics as a discipline has focused mainly on efficiency in the past, policy makers are frequently more concerned with distributive effects and justice. In this course, we aim at learning and extending state-of-the-art environmental economics methods to analyze, understand and manage the distributive implications of environmental policies and enable students to apply these to real world cases.

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Elective Modules - Cluster 1

wir911 - Advanced Topics in Sustainability Economics

Aims and scope:

In this course, we will study the multifaceted relationships between inequality and environmental policy. The course starts with a series of lectures on inequality, distribute justice and environmental policy instruments. Thereby students will be encouraged and supported to stepwise develop their own project. This could be for instance an analysis of the distributive effects of the diesel car ban in German cities, pesticide taxes, the German coal exit or energy turn, house prices in urban centers or biodiversity loss. Further topics include the distribution of risks related to climate change, macroeconomic consequences of environmental policies or multilateral action against climate change in an unequal world. Students will present sketches for their projects early on. In the following seminar weeks student have time to work on their project under the support by the lectures. Finally, in a two days block course students will present their project in a scientific conference style and mutually review their papers.



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