

Winter Semester 2023/24

Courses in English at the Faculty of Social Sciences

for Incoming Master Students

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An overview of all courses (German and English) is available via the regular course catalogue¹. At the Faculty of Social Sciences, all courses are generally open for ERASMUS students (with some exceptions, e.g. the second part of a course from the last term). Bachelor students should register for courses on a B.A. level and Master students for courses on a M.A. level. However, advanced Bachelor students have the opportunity to register for seminars on a M.A. level as well.

Credit points

At the Faculty of Social Sciences students can achieve: 3 ECTS for attendance and participation (e.g. attendance and presentation) and additional 4 (or 5) ECTS for an exam/paper. Accordingly, you will get a maximum of 7 ECTS credit points for a course on Bachelor level (**Proseminar mit Seminar**) and 8 ECTS for a course on Master level (**Seminar**).

It is highly recommended to clarify with the lecturer at the beginning of each course which requirements are needed to accomplish 3 or 7 (8) ECTS. If you do not want to take an exam/paper, you will not get a grade for this class (only a certificate of attendance).

	Course title	Course instructor/s	Course programme	Seminar type
1	Bioeconomies - Elements of a Political Economy of Life	Prof. Dr. Thomas Lemke	Political Science, Sociology, Gender Studies, Political Theory, Economic Sociology, Science and Technology Studies (STS) ² , Social Ecology	Seminar
2	Colloquium: Biographical Research and Cultural Analysis	Prof. Dr. Ursula Apitzsch; Prof. Dr. Lena Inowlocki	Sociology, Gender Studies	Kolloquium ³
3	Concepts and Contemporary Themes of Work and Organizational Sociology	Prof. Heather Hofmeister Ph.D.	Sociology, Economic Sociology	Seminar
4	Concepts of Democracy: Past, Present and Future	Dr. Rikki Dean	Political Science, Comparative Democracy	Seminar
5	Corona and Politics	Prof. Dr. Sigrid Roßteutscher	Political Science, Sociology, Comparative Democracy	Seminar
6	Critical Romani Perspectives from/on European Roma	Dr. Andreea Racles	Sociology	Blockseminar ⁴
7	Democracies, Autocracies, and In-Betweens: Comparing State-Society Relations in East Asia	Prof. Dr. Heike Holbig	Political Science, Economic Sociology, Comparative Democracy, Modern East Asian Studies ⁵	Seminar
8	Economic elites, business power, and democracy in Latin America	Prof. Dr. Jonas Wolff	Political Science, Sociology, Political Theory, Economic Sociology, International Studies/Peace and Conflict	Seminar

			Research (ISFK) ⁶ , Comparative Democracy	
9	Engaging with Material Semiotics	Rudolfi Markus, M.A.	Sociology, STS	Seminar
10	Ethics and Politics in the Digital Era	Prof. Dr. Luigi Caranti	Political Science, Political Theory	Seminar
11	European Integration in Historical and Contemporary Political Theory	Dr. Alec Dinnin	Political Science, Political Theory, Comparative Democracy, ISFK	Seminar
12	Focus EU –An ever-closer union? Historische und aktuelle Herausforderungen des EU-Integrationsprozesses	Mario Niklas Schäfer	Political Science, ISFK	Seminar
13	Forschungs- und Examenskolloquium - Lemke /Barla - Biotechnologie, Natur und Gesellschaft	Dr. Josef Barla Prof. Dr. Thomas Lemke	Sociology	Kolloquium DE/EN (a) ⁷
14	Geopolitics in the 21st century: states, markets and power in a fractured world	Dr. Johannes Petry	Comparative Democracy, Sociology, Economic Sociology, Political Science, Political Theory, ISFK	Seminar
15	Global International Relations	Dr. Deniz Kuru	Political Science, Political Theory, ISFK	Seminar
16	Government Formation and Termination in Parliamentary Systems	Dr. Roni Lehrer	Political Science, Comparative Democracy	Seminar
17	Growth, Scarcity, Abundance - Sociology of Economic and Ecological Knowledge	Vicky Kluzik, M.A.	Sociology, STS, Social Ecology, Economic Sociology	Seminar
18	Growth strategy in Europe's periphery: Between Neoliberalism and Developmentalism	Max Nagel, M.A.	Political Science, Sociology, Economic Sociology, Political Theory, Comparative Democracy, ISFK	Seminar
19	Hope in Political Theory/Philosophy	Prof. Dr. Darrel Moellendorf	Political Science, Political Theory	Seminar
20	Introduction to Comparative Democracy	Prof. Dr. Julian Garritzmann	Comparative Democracy	Seminar
21	Kolloquium des Arbeitsbereiches Globaler Süden	Prof. Dr. Uta Ruppert	Sociology, Political Theory, ISFK, Political Science	Kolloquium DE/EN (a)
22	Kolloquium für Abschluss- und Forschungsarbeiten im Bereich Arbeitssoziologie (Prof. Heather Hofmeister)	Prof. Dr. Heather Hofmeister	Sociology, Economic Sociology	Kolloquium
23	Kolloquium für Examenskandidatinnen und Examenskandidaten in Vergleichender Politikwissenschaft	Dr. Roni Lehrer	Political Science, Comparative Democracy	Kolloquium DE/EN (a)
24	Kolonialität der Migration	Prof. Dr. Encarnación Gutiérrez-Rodríguez	Sociology, ISFK, Political Theory	Blockseminar DE/EN (a)
25	Lektüreseminar: Conceptualizing Epistemic Injustice	Lukas Sparenborg, M.A.	Political Science, Political Theory, Sociology, ISFK, Gender Studies	Seminar

26	Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights	Prof. Dr. Luigi Caranti	Political Science, Political Theory, ISFK	Seminar
27	Political Economy in China	Dr. Christina Maags	Political Science, Political Theory, Economic Sociology, Comparative Democracy, ISFK	Seminar
28	Political Theory Colloquium Prof. Forst/ Prof. Moellendorf	Prof. Dr. Rainer Forst; Prof. Dr. Darrel Moellendorf	Political Science, Political Theory, ISFK	Kolloquium DE/EN (a)
29	Political Violence in Russian Politics	Dr. Jonas Driedger	Political Science, Political Theory, ISFK	Seminar
30	Redistribution, Recognition and Beyond? Rethinking contemporary political philosophy's paradigms	Prof. Dr. Luigi Caranti	Political Science, Political Theory	Kolloquium
31	Research Design: Comparative Case Studies	Prof. Dr. Claudius Wagemann	Political Science, ISFK, Comparative Democracy, Sociology, Economic Sociology, MEAS	Seminar
32	Research Training Part 1 & 2: Negotiation and International Mediation	Isabel Kleitsch, M.A.	Political Science, ISFK	Seminar
33	Research Training Part 1 & 2: Understanding Public Perceptions of Democracy	Dr. Rikki Dean	Political Science, Sociology, ISFK, Comparative Democracy	Seminar
34	Science in Democracy	Dr. Maria Paola Ferretti	Political Science, Political Theory, ISFK, Sociology, Comparative Democracy	Seminar
35	Social Integration and Solidarity	Prof. Dr. Daniela Grunow	Gender Studies, Political Theory, Sociology, Comparative Democracy, Economic Sociology	Seminar
36	Sociology of Climate Change. Concepts-Cases-Potentials	Prof. Dr. Thomas Scheffer	Sociology, STS, Economic Sociology	Seminar
37	Sociology of Culture and Work (MA)	Constance Hsiung, Ph.D.	Sociology, Economic Sociology	Seminar
38	Standards of Governance and the Problem of Resilience in Times of Multiple Crises	Prof. Dr. Alexander Ebner	Political Economy, Economic Sociology	Blockseminar
39	The Anthropogenic: Situating the Human in the Natural Sciences	Markus Rudolphi, M.A.	Sociology, STS, Social Ecology	Seminar
40	The Frankfurt School in Flux	Kämper, Felix, M.A.	Political Theory	Seminar, DE/EN
41	Theory of Economic Sociology I: Classical Contributions	Prof. Dr. Alexander Ebner	Sociology, Political Theory, Political Science, Economic Sociology, ISFK	Seminar
42	Team Gutiérrez Rodríguez – Professor Kultur und Migration	Prof. Dr. Encarnación Gutiérrez-Rodríguez	Sociology, Political Theory, ISFK	Kolloquium, DE/EN (a)
43	Welfare States, Inequality, and Redistribution	Prof. Dr. Julian Garritzmann	Political Science, Comparative Democracy, Sociology, Economic Sociology	Seminar
44	Zwischen Hammer und Amboss: Was sagen uns die Kriege in der Ukraine und um Bergkarabach	Mikhail Polianskii, M.A.; Dr. Hans-Joachim Spanger	Political Science, ISFK	Seminar DE/EN (b) ⁸

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¹ **Note:** Please note that the course catalogue is still subject to change. We recommend having a look at the final [course offer](#) shortly before the beginning of the semester.

² Instead of Science and Technology Studies the German abbreviation “**STS**” is used.

³ **Kolloquium:** A seminar where (advanced) students present and discuss their B.A. or M.A. proposals, research questions and/or findings (3 ECTS).

⁴ **Blockseminar:** A short intensive seminar that takes place in a continuous period of a few days, more rarely for a few weeks. Often, a certain weekday or a half a day as a block time is also offered for several months. Blockseminars may include e.g. laboratory and field exercises, subject-related excursions, post-graduate courses. The examinations are often taken directly at the end of the time block, sometimes they are divided into thematic examination blocks.

⁵ Instead of Modern East Asian Studies subsequently the German abbreviation “**MEAS**” is used.

⁶ Instead of International Studies/Peace and Conflict Research subsequently the German abbreviation “**ISFK**” is used.

⁷ **DE/EN (a):** The research outline can be submitted in either German or English.

⁸ **DE/EN (b):** The seminar is held in German, but most of the literature is in English.