

Master of Arts

Sociology – European Societies

Program Information / Syllabus Winter term 2020

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Information concerning the Master's program:

Please read the following information carefully, especially, since the winter term will still be affected by the measures taken against the spread of the coronavirus.

Course Registration & Online Teaching

- **Courses will start in the week beginning Monday, November 2, 2020.**
 - Course registration on [Campus Management](#) will start on **October 1, 2020**.
 - Most courses in the Master's program will only allow for a **limited number of participants**. You will be able to register for three courses per module in order of preference and will then be assigned to the course of your highest priority with vacant places. When demand for a course exceeds the available number of participants, decisions will be made randomly. You need to register your preferences for such restricted courses until **12:00 am on October 30, 2020**.
 - Final changes in course enrollment can be made until **November 20, 2020** for vacant places. However, given the special circumstances, please decide early on which courses you are taking. If you decide to drop a course, make sure to unenroll immediately to give other students the chance to take your place as soon as possible.
- Attached to this document, you can find a course schedule. Please make sure to **always check the digital [Course Catalog](#)** for important up-to-date information on all available courses!
- In the winter term, **most courses will still be taught online** due to the coronavirus restrictions. However, **courses for 1st semester students will be taught partly in seminar rooms at the FU**.
 - It will usually not be possible to fit all participants into one seminar room while adhering to the distancing rules. Accordingly, lecturers will inform you when you meet physically in smaller groups.
 - If you are not able to physically attend courses at the university, please make sure to talk to your lecturer.
 - Online courses will be marked as either "**online – zeitABhängig**" for courses that take place at a fixed time each week, or "**online – zeitUNabhängig**" in case they are taught completely asynchronous and rely on self-learning instead of video calls. However, lecturers may decide to deviate from the weekly sessions as scheduled and may, for example, include more self-study and "asynchronous" tasks in weekly online seminars.
- Lecturers will inform you about any changes using the blackboard platform. Please make sure to enroll to your courses on blackboard and check your FU e-mail account regularly!
- If you wish to attend extracurricular classes that **you cannot enroll to via [Campus Management](#)**, or if you are **lacking access to a blackboard course** for other reasons, please address the lecturer of the course by e-mail. However note that given the limited number of places, enrollment cannot be guaranteed.

Further Information

- All students without prior knowledge of statistical computing are strongly encouraged to **make use of the three introductory statistics courses** in module 3. These will introduce you to an important tool for empirical research, which you most likely need in other seminars or in your third semester Research Placement.
- You are also encouraged to make use of the **workshops offered by the Center for Academic Advising and Psychological Counseling** ([link](#)). Participation is free of charge. They offer training for specific improvements of your study skills and personal development.
- Simge Taşdemir - simge.tasdemir@fu-berlin.de and Ezgi Koc ezgi.koc@fu-berlin.de **are the current student representatives** for the 2019 cohort.
- Bujar Aruqaj continues to be your **study program advisor** (bujar.aruqaj@fu-berlin.de). For general inquiries about the study program please write an e-mail to ma-sociology@polsoz.fu-berlin.de.
- **Faculty changes:**
 - Replacing Emanuela Struffolino, Sebastian Büttner will assume the position of interim Professor of Macrosociology for the Winter term.
 - Sophia Schubert has left the institute as of October 1st to assume another position.
 - Julia Tuppatt will be on maternal leave in the Winter term.
 - With Hannah Zagel, we welcome a guest professor for Gender & Diversity for the winter term
- **Mailing Lists:** We run two mailing lists regarding the master program:
 - *fu-sociology-internal@lists.fu-berlin.de* - is our internal mailing list for important information about the MA program, advertisements, events, etc. from the Institute of Sociology for you, the students of our MA program.
 - You can subscribe to the internal mailing list [here](#).
 - *fu-sociology-external@lists.fu-berlin.de* - This is our external mailing list for external job advertisements and information on academic events that are not organized by members of the Institute but might still be relevant to you.
 - You can subscribe to the external mailing lists [here](#).
- We also invite you to visit us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) for occasional updates on workshops, conferences, and publications.
- Study and examination regulations as well as an overview of the sub-modules and their stipulated forms of examination can be found on the [Master's homepage](#).

Yours,

Christian von Scheve

(Program Coordinator)

Important dates

This list highlights some important dates of the semester, but it does not intend to be exhaustive. Please refer to the [academic calendar](#) for regularly updated information!

The dates of the upcoming examinations will be announced on the master program's website.

October '20

- 1st Begin of course enrollment
- 30th (12:00!) Deadline for course enrollment in Campus Management (for courses with limited number of participants)

November '20

- 2nd First day of courses
- 17th MA thesis registration deadline
- 20th Last day for changes in Campus Management

December '20

- 19th Start of academic holidays

January '21

- 2nd Last day of academic holidays

February '21

- 26th Deadline for re-enrollment for the summer term
- 27th Last day of courses

March '21

- 31st End of winter term; Deadline for seminar papers (unless otherwise specified by lecturer)

1. Semester

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
08-10					
10-12	<p>30215 If, when, why, what? Causality and causal inference (Brzinsky-Fay & Ohr)</p>	<p>30220 Introduction to Qualitative Methods (Antje Kahl)</p>	<p>30201 Lecture Introduction to European Integration (Sven Hutter)</p>	<p>30202 Lohn und Armut in der EU (Ralf Himmelreicher)</p>	<p>30214 Lecture Methods of Comparative Research (Dieter Ohr)</p>
12-14	<p>32610 Lecture Theories of Integration (Harald Wenzel)</p>	<p>30213 Family, diversity and social inequalities (Hannah Zagel)</p>	<p>30210 Krise und Kontrollgesellschaft (Rolf-Dieter Hepp)</p>	<p>30209 The Sociology of Emotions: Cross-Cultural Perspectives (Christian von Scheve)</p>	<p>30219 Intermediate Regression Analysis (Jan Paul Heisig)</p>
14-16		<p>30204 Regulation of intimacy and reproduction in comparative perspective (Hannah Zagel)</p>	<p>30203 Social cohesion in European Societies (Bujar Aruqaj)</p>	<p>30212 Educational Theories: Introduction to the Sociology of Education (Maria Keil)</p>	<p>30216 Introduction to Data Analysis using STATA (Tim Sawert) / 30217 Introduction to Data Analysis using STATA (Tim Sawert) / 30218 Introduction to Data Analysis using STATA (Tim Sawert)</p>
16-18	<p>32611 The Communicative Constitution of Social Reality (Harald Wenzel)</p>	<p>30205 Integration through Education. A European Perspective (Maria Keil)</p>	<p>30207 Populism in Europe (Christian von Scheve)</p>	<p>30208 Solidarity, Conflict and Emotion (Philipp Wunderlich)</p>	<p>30206 Making One's Voice Heard – Parties and Social Movements in Europe (Jochen Roose)</p>

3. Semester

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri		
08-10							
10-12	<p>30232 Globalization and Cultural Sociology: Theories, concepts, topics (Sebastian Büttner)</p>	<p>31303 Economic sociology of international organisations (Mihai Varga)</p>	<p>30221 Family policy in comparative perspective (Hannah Zagel)</p>	<p>30225 Transformations of Political Culture? Exploring current phenomena and trends (Sebastian Büttner)</p>	<p>31305 Religion, Integration, and Conflict in Eastern Europe (Jochen Töpfer)</p>	<p>30234 Bildungssoziologie und Bildungspolitik (Jutta Allmendinger)</p>	<p>33603 Forschungskolloquium Soziologie Lateinamerikas (Motta & Schmalz)</p>
12-14	<p>30222 Corona and Civil Society (Sven Hutter)</p>	<p>30223 Experimental Analysis of Social and Cultural Differences (Christian von Scheve)</p>					
14-16	<p>30224 Perceptions of Social Justice in Europe - Comparative Analyses using the ESS (Stefan Liebig)</p>		<p>30233 A new era of biopolitics? Logics of government in times of a global pandemic (Sebastian Büttner)</p>	<p>30229 An Emerging Digital Precariat? Work in the Global Platform Economy (Stefan Schmalz)</p>			
16-18		<p>30231 Basic income instead of needs-based social security payments? (Jürgen Schupp)</p>	<p>30238 Colloquium (Hutter & Büttner)</p>	<p>30226 Social Stratification across the world (Solga & Ehlert)</p>	<p>30235 Colloquium (Christian von Scheve)</p>	<p>30227 Inequalities in Educational Transitions and Outcomes (Holtmann & Protsch)</p>	
18-20	<p>32617 MA-Colloquium Sociology (Harald Wenzel)</p>	<p>30236 Colloquium (Dieter Ohr)</p>					

Additional Courses

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
08-10					
10-12					<p>30239 Single parenthood in social research: concepts, empirical findings and policy needs (Hannah Zigel)</p>
12-14					
14-16					
16-18					