

Master of Arts

Sociology – European Societies

Program Information / Syllabus
SUMMER TERM 2021

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Information concerning the Master's program:

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

Course Registration & Online Teaching

- **Courses will start in the week beginning Monday, April 12, 2021.**
 - Course registration on [Campus Management](#) will start on **April 1, 2021**.
 - 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 **April 9, 2021**.
 - Final changes in course enrollment can be made until **April 30, 2021** 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 summer term **courses will still be taught online** due to the coronavirus restrictions.
 - 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 [introductory statistics course](#)** in module 3 or as an additional course. The course 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 or your MA Thesis.
- 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.
- Raphaël Létourneau (raphael91@zedat.fu-berlin.de) and Annelies Monique Romy Haegdorens (haegdorea90@zedat.fu-berlin.de) **are the current student representatives.**
- 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:**
 - Sebastian Büttner will continue to hold the position of interim Professor of Macrosociology for the Winter term.
 - Jan Paul Heisig is joining the institute from April 1 as a professor for sociology with a focus on health and social inequality.
 - Jannes Jacobsen has joined the institute as part of the BUA research project “Social Cohesion and Civil Society”.
 - Gesine Höltmann has joined the Research Group Political Sociology.
 - Julia Tuppat, Maria Keil and Tim Sawert have left the institute to assume other positions. Hannah Zagel has completed her guest-professorship at the institute.
 - Christian von Scheve is on sabbatical leave and will not be teaching in the summer 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](#).

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.

April '21

1 st	Begin of course enrollment
9 th	Deadline for course enrollment in Campus Management for courses with limited number of participants.
12 th	First day of courses
27 th	Registration date 1 for Master Theses
30 th	Last day on which changes on Campus Management can be made.

May '21

1 st	International Worker's Day (public holiday)
2 nd	First day of courses
13 th	Ascension Day (public holiday)
17 th	MA thesis registration deadline
24 th	Whit Monday (public holiday)

July '21

17 th	Last day of courses
16 th	Deadline for re-enrollment for the winter term

September '21

7 th	Registration date 2 for Master Theses
30 st	End of summer term; Deadline for seminar papers (unless specified otherwise by lecturer)

2. Semester

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri				
10-12	30210 Büttner LECTURE Cultural Differences and Similarities between the Member States of the European Union	30212 Hutter The rise of the populist radical right	30200 Heisig LECTURE Social Structure of European Societies	31304a Töpfer Societal Structure, Political Rule, and Religion in (Eastern) Europe	32611 Wenzel The Crisis of Rural America	30204 Plehwe / Neujeffski EU strategies dealing with social and regional inequality			
12-14		30215 Büttner Nationalism and regional movements in Europe: Historical traits and current developments	30213 Ohr Religiosity in European Societies	30216 Aruqaj Building civic identity in Europe	30205 Kahl Health Care Systems in European Comparison (7 meetings)				
14-16	30211 Kanol Islamist radicalization and extremism	30214 Büttner European society and film analysis: Sociological explorations of the series Chernobyl	30224 Costa LECTURE Global and Regional Transformations: Asymmetrical Entanglements	33873a Santos Sociology and Memory: Global Perspectives	30222 Büttner Globalization and Cultural Sociology: Theories, concepts, topics	30223 Meyer-Renschhausen Who feeds whom? - Internationale Agrarpolitiken: Folgen und Reaktionen	30207 Kröger Social Origins Inequality: Skills and Personality	30206 Finger / Fitzner Family-related determinants and their impact on education and labour market outcomes	
16-18	30221 Gerhards Globalisation and Social Inequality	30220 Aruqaj Theories of Development	30203 Hutter / Nguyen The Politics of Social Inequality	30202 Lim / Wetter Social Stratification in Comparative Perspective					

Asynchronous (Online, without fixed date / time):	30250 (Module 3 or as additional course) Ohr Introduction to Data Analysis using STATA
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4. Semester

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
10-12		31303b Varga Social contracts and moral economies	31301a Varga Civil Society and Social Movements		33604 Motta / Costa Forschungskolloquium Soziologie Lateinamerikas
12-14			30231 Hepp Wissenschaft-Kunst, Die Boheme/ die Intellektuellen: Zur Konstitution neuer sozialer Gruppen in der modernen Gesellschaft	30230 Gorges Ein internationaler Vergleich der Themen und Methoden der empirischen Sozialforschung	15531e Beier / Ahrens (GEND) Corona and Social Inequality. Intersectional Perspectives on the Biopolitics of the Pandemic
14-16		31302b Glathe Biographies in Transition	30251 Büttner Research Designs and Research Strategies (7 meetings)		
16-18	30241 Hutter MA Colloquium				
18-20	30240 Gerhards MA Colloquium	32614 Wenzel MA Colloquium	30242 Ohr MA Colloquium		