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Dear Incoming Master Students,

On behalf of the faculty and staff at the Institute of Sociology, we would like to welcome you to our Master's program "Sociology – European Societies" at Freie Universität Berlin. With this letter, we would like to call your attention to our orientation activities and other general information about the program.

Orientation event

The orientation event will provide you with a detailed overview of the Master of Arts "Sociology – European Societies". In particular, we will introduce you to the structure and the different modules of the program. During the event, you will also have the opportunity to get to know your lecturers and meet advanced students. The orientation event will take place on **Wednesday, 21 October 2020** and will be hosted as an **online WEBEX event**, from **10:00 until 15:00** (with breaks in between, see detailed program). Please save the date!

Program:

10:00 – 11:15	Welcome remarks and information on the structure of the Master program
11:15 – 12:00	Meeting the lecturers
13:30 – 15:00	Introduction to academic work in Germany with student assistants (workshop in groups)

To join the event, please send an email to ma-sociology@polsoz.fu-berlin.de

Campus tour

We will also offer a **campus tour on Friday, 23 October 2020**. Please save the date. The tour is supposed to be a walk around Dahlem to get to know the area and meet some of your fellow peers in small groups and according to the hygiene regulations of FU Berlin (<https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/coronavirus/index.html>).

Please register [here](#) so that we have an estimate of how many people plan to come.

Semester Start

All courses at the institute start on **Monday, 02 November 2020**.

General information

The syllabus, information about the faculty, and general guidelines regarding the study program can be found on our [website](#). [Here](#), you can find the program information for the upcoming winter semester with all relevant information.

There are also two mailing lists through which we will communicate with you:

fu-sociology-internal@lists.fu-berlin.de

This 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. With this list, you get regularly informed about teaching, research, and job offers at the Institute and its affiliated research centers.

We suggest you subscribe to this 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 here if you are a student of or interested in our MA program "Sociology - European Societies.

You can subscribe to this list [here](#). You can also use this mailing list to inform your fellow students about events, job advertisements, etc. The mailing list is moderated, and only relevant content will be forwarded.

We urge you to also attend as many departmental events as you can, both the early ones welcoming you to Freie Universität, but also other lectures, colloquia and discussion forums as the year progresses. Such events will not only give you the opportunity to get to know us, but we also feel that they are an essential part of your professional development. Contact us if you have last minute questions or concerns.

We look forward to meeting and welcoming you in person!

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the Institute)

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