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# Bachelor Courses

Summer Term 2017

## ► Political Science

### Democracy in the European Union

Term	summer term 2017
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	intermediate bachelor course
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Stefan Marschall
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)

The seminar focuses on the democratic quality of the European Union. As policy-making has shifted to a remarkable extent to the EU-level, the question of democratic legitimacy of the processes and the output of the decision-making in these supranational structures has emerged within the last decades. Many scholars of political science have addressed the issue, however they could agree neither on a common diagnosis nor on an endeavour to effectively democratize the political system of the European Union. On the basis of the academic discussion, the seminar will intensively look at the arguments in the debate which support or question the alleged existence of a democratic deficit in the European Union. Furthermore we will address proposed remedies to solve the democratic problem e.g. by parliamentarization, by deliberative democracy or by direct participation of the citizens. One central finding of our discussions might be that the concept as well as the operationalization of democracy beyond nation state has to be reviewed.

### Civilians in Internal Armed Conflicts

Term	summer term 2017
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	intermediate bachelor course
Lecturer	Dr. Stephan Thierse, Juan Masullo
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)

Students will learn about how internal armed conflicts operate on the ground by studying the behavior of those living in warzones. The course sets to answers questions that are crucial to understanding how armed conflicts operate and how we can move towards a more effective regime of civilian protection.

Theoretically, students will learn the fundamentals of some of the major theories of violence and civilian agency in conflict settings. Empirically, students will learn about a

wide array of armed conflicts, past and present, in different regions of the world. In addition, students will be exposed to a variety of research methods and designs to studying political violence in particular and political science in general. With this, they will begin to acquire the tools needed to assess what makes a theory sound, what makes an answer more or less reliable, and what are the pros and cons of alternative research designs.

The course is divided into four major blocks. Each block corresponds to a 6-hour workday. The first block, after a short introduction to the course, deals with the concept of "civilians" and the general social and institutional context of civilian-combatant relations. The second and third blocks take on the different choices civilians make in the midst of war: joining, collaborating, displacing, and resisting. The last block focuses on the issue of civilian protection, with an especial emphasis on civilian-self-protection strategies.

## Gender and Sexuality in the European Union: From Traditional Approaches to New Research Agendas

Term	summer term 2017
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	intermediate bachelor course
Lecturer	Dr. Stephan Thierse, Lucrecia Rubio Grundell
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)

This seminar offers a comprehensive outline of the main themes and debates in the study of the European Union from the perspective of gender and sexuality studies, while also addressing new avenues for research.

The European Union is often said to offer one of the most progressive gender equality and sexual diversity regimes of the world. Gender equality policies date back to the 1970s, covering a wide range of issues and including instruments of non-discrimination, positive action and gender mainstreaming. Policies aimed at guaranteeing the rights of sexual minorities, though developed later, are now following a similar path. Moreover, both women and sexual minorities participate prominently in the policy-making process of the Union, whether directly in its institutions or through civil society organizations, lobby groups and social movements. As a result, gender equality and sexual diversity feature prominently among the Union's defining values, rendering it a central actor in their promotion not only in Europe, but worldwide.

Despite the significance of these developments, however, they have not received the academic attention they merit. Studies of European integration tend to ignore issues of gender and sexuality, and academics in the field of gender and sexuality studies, while addressing matters of European integration since the 1990s, have focused mainly on the Union's institutional politics and have tended to address gender and sexuality separately. Only recently have they incorporated the notion of intersectionality in their analyses, while the consequences of associating the Union's political identity and international role to the promotion of gender equality and sexual diversity have been largely unaddressed. By drawing on the work already done on European integration from the perspective of

gender and sexuality studies, this seminar aims to bridge the gap between the latter and these new research agendas.

## Radical Right Parties and Social Movements - Insights from Comparative Politics

Term	summer term 2017
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	intermediate bachelor course
Lecturer	Dr. Stephan Thierse, Manès Weisskircher
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)

This seminar provides an introduction to the latest comparative politics research on the radical right in Europe and the United States. The sessions focus on both political parties and social movements. Such a broad approach corresponds to the recent empirical manifestations of the phenomenon: Not only have radical right political parties changed the political landscapes of many countries, also radical right street mobilization has been of growing relevance, for example in countries such as Germany (PEGIDA) and the United States (the Tea Party movement).

The course deals with four key issues: (1) basic concepts in the study of the radical right, (2) the case of Germany, (3) radical right players in Europe and the US, and (4) the impact of the radical right. The case studies presented and discussed include the FPÖ in Austria, AfD and PEGIDA in Germany, Fidesz and Jobbik in Hungary, UKIP and the English Defence League in the United Kingdom, Donald Trump and the Tea Party movement in the US, and others. Conceptual questions that participants will discuss and gain in-depth knowledge about include: How to define the radical right, what is the extreme right? What is "populism"? Who votes for radical right parties? Why is there a stark difference between radical right strength in parliaments and the relative weakness in street mobilization? And, perhaps most importantly, what is the impact of the radical right? Getting an overview of the latest research on the radical right will help the participants to connect their own research questions to theoretical arguments in the literature. Ultimately, they will be able to produce a seminar paper – or even a bachelor thesis – on radical right political players.

The key book for the seminar is Cas Mudde's (2017) "The Populist Radical Right. A Reader". This brand-new publication collects classical texts by many key authors in the field. The literature list below refers to the original publications – however, most of these articles are included in Mudde's reader. Apart from diving into the scientific literature, the seminar participants will also study party manifestos (especially the AfD Grundsatzprogramm) and the online platforms of radical right players.

## Understanding World Politics

Term	summer term 2017
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	intermediate bachelor course
Lecturer	Pekka Korhonen
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)

"Understanding World Politics" deals with the declining US world hegemony, which allows the EU, Russia, China, and Japan to start playing their own games, which further opens up a lot of space for smaller states from Britain, Hungary and Turkey to the Philippines and North Korea to engage in their own games in the space between the bigger actors. Germany is also moving there somewhere, but it has become difficult to define; it can be a nation-state, but it may also be emerging as the EU foreign policy core. Receding globalization, return of the ugly nation-state, collapse of the nuclear weapons non-proliferation regime, strange new presidents, etc. make the world scene rather mysterious. During the course we try to make some sense of the situation with the help of hegemony and geopolitical theories. We also try to understand it not only from the usual European and American perspectives, but also from Chinese, Japanese and Russian perspectives.

## European Environmental Policy

Term	summer term 2017
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	advanced bachelor course
Lecturer	Dr. Jörg Waldmann
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 8 CP (with final exam)

The European Union claims having some of the world's highest environmental standards greening Europe and many European policies. Environmental Policy on EU level developed incrementally throughout the last four decades and in this seminar we aim to trace back these process. The seminar will address changing modes of environmental governance, means to integrate environmental thinking into other policies, EU's understanding of sustainability as well as EU's efforts to mitigate climate change.

## Political Participation and Voting Behavior

Term	summer term 2017
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	advanced bachelor course
Lecturer	Dr. Till Heinsohn
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 8 CP (with final exam)

To enhance understanding of the concepts of representation and democracy, this seminar aims to familiarize the students with the study of political participation in general and voting behavior in particular, both in a comparative perspective. Mainly based on the textbook "Citizen Politics" (6th edition) by Russell J. Dalton, we deal with political activity, political values, voting, and public images of government within a cross-national context. Moreover, we explore new forms of political activity, such as Internet-based activism and new forms of political consumerism. In this way, Citizen Politics will advance our understanding how people drive the democratic process. We complement the comparative study of political attitudes and behavior by new empirical research findings.



## ► Sociology

### Introduction to the Sociology of Science

Term	summer term 2017
Department	Sociology, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	intermediate bachelor course
Lecturer	Fabian Anicker
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)

Modern societies have delegated the production and authorization of knowledge to an extraordinary degree to processes of scientific inquiry. Contemporary publics seem to be quite prepared to leave many questions open to 'whatever science may come up with'; the very notion of truth has in many respects become dynamic and open to adaptation to the scientific results of the day.

Yet, while the mass media typically present scientists as fact-finders and their results as answers of nature to our questions, from a sociological point of view a quite different picture emerges. Far from faithfully reporting mother nature's messages to humanity, science as a 'social phenomenon' seems more like a bazaar of competing views, where the production of truth seems to be inextricably bound up with social dynamics like status seeking, intellectual fashions, opportunism and continuous revisions of the standards of scientific merit.

The course gives a critical introduction to this sociological perspective and may cover among others the following topics:

- The interconnection of science with social processes.
- The way scientific knowledge is socially 'constructed' and what that means for the authority of scientific knowledge.
- The role of implicit knowledge in science.
- The internal structure of science, its organizational form, the scientific community and theoretical means to describe science as a whole in terms of 'field' or 'system'.
- The Interaction of science with politics, mass media, the economy and other social fields.

## ► Media and Communication Studies

### International audience research in challenging markets

Term	summer term 2017
Department	Media and Communication Studies, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	intermediate bachelor course
Lecturer	N. N.
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)

The seminar will give insights about the sphere of international broadcasters, their target markets and the challenges that come with measuring the reach and impact of their programs as well as their output.

Within the four weekends of the seminar, we will look at the different qualitative and quantitative methods that are currently used in international audience research. A special focus will be on challenging and restrictive media markets.

The students will do lectures on different aspects of the discussed topics.

## Political Journalism in the USA

Term	summer term 2017
Department	Media and Communication Studies, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	intermediate bachelor course
Lecturer	Dr. Thomas Unterberg
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)

News media have a deep impact on many aspects of our daily lives. They structure experience for the public, filtering out many of the complexities of the environment and offering a polished version. In particular, political journalism provides a background and setting in which a few objects and selected attributes are highlighted. The class will analyse political coverage focussing on the role of the journalists, the newsmakers and crucial aspects of the media market. The course is designed to improve understanding of contemporary politics and the media in the United States. It will also briefly look at relevant theoretical aspects.



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# Bachelor Courses

## Winter Term 2017/2018

### ► Political Science

#### The Role of National Parliaments in European Union Governance

Term	winter term 2017/18
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	advanced bachelor course
Lecturer	Lucy Kinski
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 8 CP (with final exam)

#### Conflict, Refugees, and Forced Migration

Term	winter term 2017/18
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	advanced bachelor course
Lecturer	Dr. Witold Mucha
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 8 CP (with final exam)

### ► Sociology

#### German Social Structure in Comparative Perspective

Term	winter term 2017/18
Department	Sociology, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	advanced bachelor course
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Peter H. Hartmann
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 8 CP (with final exam)

The purpose of this class is to discuss selected readings in German demographic and socioeconomic structures. Topics include fertility, life transitions, family structure, home ownership, the welfare state, social mobility, migration and acculturation, as well as cultural styles. Obviously, the majority of books and papers on German demography and social structure are written in German. This class, however, is intended to allow an English language discussion of matters peculiar to Germany. Most readings treat Germany as one

case within wider comparative studies. Readings were selected with the intention of presenting a picture of recent high-end comparative research on social structure.

### Sociology of Sexuality

Term	winter term 2017/18
Department	Sociology, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	advanced bachelor course
Lecturer	Dr. Tilo Beckers
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 8 CP (with final exam)

### Theories of Gender

Term	winter term 2017/18
Department	Sociology, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	advanced bachelor course
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Annette Schnabel
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 8 CP (with final exam)

## ► Media and Communication Studies

### International Online Audience Research

Term	winter term 2017/18
Department	Media and Communication Studies, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	advanced bachelor course
Lecturer	Bettina Binder
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 8 CP (with final exam)

### International Communication

Term	winter term 2017/18
Department	Media and Communication Studies, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	advanced bachelor course
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Oliver Zöllner
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 8 CP (with final exam)

# Master Courses

## Summer Term 2017

### ► Political Science

#### Business and European Integration

Term	summer term 2017
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	master course
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Hartwig Hummel
ECTS	3 ECTS (without final exam), 9 ECTS (with final exam)

The course addresses the specific role of business benefiting from, and thus advancing, European integration. Topics include issues and actors relating to agricultural, manufacturing, and services industries and financial markets. We will discuss, among other topics, the free movement of goods, capital, services, and people; industrial policy and state subsidies; competition policy; supervision of financial markets; and corporate social responsibility.

Classes will be based on assigned readings and presentations. Students are expected to already have a basic knowledge of political and economic institutions and decision-making processes in the European Union and of integration theories.

#### The Europeanization of Political Parties

Term	summer term 2017
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	master course
Lecturer	Dr. Jörg Waldmann
ECTS	3 ECTS (without final exam), 9 ECTS (with final exam)

Political parties are the centre-piece of democracy in Europe. In how far have they been affected by European integration? How can we understand the rise of populism in this regard? What role do parties play on the European level? The course attempts to provide an answer to these questions by, first, clarifying the role of political parties in theory and, second, move on to specific case studies. By examining the party systems in France, Germany, Britain, Spain, Italy, Poland, Denmark and the Netherlands common features and country-specific observations will be discussed.

The course is delivered through a combination of assigned readings, group presentations and panel discussions. Students will form 'member states groups' which acquire specific

knowledge on their chosen country, thus serving as "country experts" in class and representing their country in panel discussions. Certificates of attendance require participation in group presentations.

## The Evolution of a European Public Sphere

Term	summer term 2017
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	master course
Lecturer	Dr. Jörg Waldmann
ECTS	3 ECTS (without final exam), 9 ECTS (with final exam)

There are many barriers to a real European public sphere. Should they be overcome, and if yes, how? In which sectors of society we are already living in a European public sphere? The course starts with elaborating on the theoretical implications of public spheres. Yet the main part of the seminar is devoted to case studies which touch upon very different aspects of society (culture, economy, sports, media, habits etc.).

The course is delivered through a combination of assigned readings, group research and presentations. With the help of groups, students will explore the Europeanization of the public sphere in a variety of fields.



# Master Courses

## Winter Term 2017/18

### ► Political Science

#### Civilizing Impacts of European Integration

Term	winter term 2017/18
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	master course
Lecturer	Dr. Jörg Waldmann
ECTS	3 ECTS (without final exam), 9 ECTS (with final exam)

The multi-layered processes of European cooperation and integration constituted an area of peace and security. The use of violence between European states participating in these integration projects seems to be unthinkable today. How does political theory explain this phenomenon? What is crucial about the functionalistic idea of a 'working peace'? And - can Europe serve as a role model for other regions in the world?

The class aims to provide students with appropriate scientific expertise to answer these questions, or, at least, to come close to a suitable and satisfying answer. Based on Dieter Senghaas' Civilisational Hexagon different aspects of integration will be analysed in order to understand how Europeanization changed conflict management and generated new normative standards.

#### The EU as an Actor in Global Governance

Term	winter term 2017/18
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	master course
Lecturer	Dr. Jörg Waldmann
ECTS	3 ECTS (without final exam), 9 ECTS (with final exam)

Beyond its policies covered by the CFSP umbrella the European Union is a major actor in different fora of global governance. How can we sketch EU's actorness in global politics? What is formative on Europe's democratic agenda? Beside these introducing questions the class intends to investigate and assess more civilian external policies of the EU. Special emphasis will be put on the Union's contribution to global environmental governance and climate change regimes or EU's development policy.

## EU Foreign Policy In A Changing World

Term	winter term 2017/18
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	master course
Lecturer	Dr. Jörg Waldmann
ECTS	3 ECTS (without final exam), 9 ECTS (with final exam)

The European Union, representing more than 500 million citizens and the world's largest internal market, is acknowledged as an economic superpower. European Institutions conduct a tremendous number of external policies and assemble a large range of competencies to do so. However, the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), incorporated into the integration process by the Maastricht Treaty in 1992, has to be perceived as a latecomer. Since most CFSP provisions are related to intergovernmental decision-making, many scholars doubt that a coherent foreign policy will ever be possible.

This class, though, will put particular emphasis on CFSP and the accompanying Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP). The historic developments and achievements have to be addressed as well as current problems and shortcomings in this policy area. After analysing and assessing CFSP polity, policy and politics we will explore how Europeanization affected and affects Member States. Selected national foreign policies and their contribution to CFSP have to be compared in this second block.

## ► Sociology

### The Transnational Civil Sphere: Solidarity in World Society

Term	winter term 2017/18
Department	Sociology, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Level	master course
Lecturer	Dr. Heiko Beyer
ECTS	3 CP (without final exam), 9 CP (with final exam)

#### The Transnational Civil Sphere: Solidarity in a 'World Society'

The emergence of a transnational civil sphere has recently become one of the main topics in the Social Sciences. Critically monitoring economic and political globalization processes, social movements and non-governmental organizations in the last two decades increasingly called for boundary-crossing alliances that have the power to take measures against the globalized risks world society is facing (such as climate change, poverty, human rights violations). The course will clarify the definition and meaning of concepts such as "transnational civil sphere", "transnational solidarity", and "world society" and reveal the underlying theoretical assumptions of those concepts. In the second part of the course empirical studies describing the tendencies and counter-tendencies of a transnationalization of civil society are reviewed and discussed.

► Erasmus-Nomination for winter term 2017/18 until May 31<sup>st</sup>

All courses listed are taught in English. They are open to regular as well as to ERASMUS and other international students.

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