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Courses in English at the Institute of Social Sciences

Bachelor & Master

Summer Term 2022 and Winter Term 2022/2023

Summer Term 2022
Bachelor Courses

Media and Communication Studies

Public opinion and political discourse

Term	Summer Term 2022
Department	Media and Communication Studies, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Unterberg, Thomas
Level	intermediate bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	Wednesdays, 2.30 pm - 4 pm

With a focus on the upcoming 2018 midterm elections in the USA this course will show how political campaigns are conceptualized as competitions among political actors seeking to gain influence on the public sphere. Since in modern societies the mass media are the most important channel by which the public sphere is constituted, the competing political parties and candidates try to influence the content of the media in a way that is favorable to their communication goals. Media content can therefore be understood as the result of an interaction between political actors and the mass media.

Artificial Intelligence and Society_ Public Communication and the Common Good

Term	Summer Term 2022
Department	Media and Communication Studies, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Lünich, Marco
Level	advanced bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	Thursdays, 12.30 pm - 2 pm

In recent years, Artificial Intelligence (AI) – an umbrella term for a collection of computer techniques that can recognize systematic patterns and trends from data (i.e., machine learning) and automate decision-making – has received heightened public interest. With its possible applications in society, AI is expected to transform many economic and everyday life areas. However, research on AI and its application is nothing new as its theoretical and technical development has spanned the past decades ever since the widespread adoption of computers. What explains the recent heightened interest in AI? Who and what narratives and imaginaries drive public discourse? How does the public discourse connect AI to other notions regarding the interactions of science, technology, and society? This seminar will focus on public communication concerning AI, ensuing public perceptions and attitudes, and media effects, focusing on visions of AI's impact on the Common Good. Students will learn what lies behind AI and the theoretical construct of the Common Good and what expectations and demands exist for the developers and users of AI to consider in developing and deploying AI systems. Such questions will be addressed in the reading-intensive seminar. With the successful completion of this seminar, students will be well-equipped to understand and critique theoretical and empirical social science research approaches that tackle the social ramifications of AI in society. Students will also learn to develop research questions and empirical research designs.

Political Science

Gender, War and Terrorism

Term	Summer Term 2022
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Rüter, Svenja; Dr. Zons, Gregor
Level	intermediate bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	Full day meeting on May 13, 14, 20 and 21

In the studies on war and terrorism, gender is often approached as a difference between the sexes rather than a social construct signifying a relationship of power. The former approach does not tell us how gender impacts the relationships occurring in the background. In this seminar, we will use the perspective of gender as a construction to analyze power relations in war and conflict as well as inside the military and terrorist groups by unpacking its application to different social and cultural contexts and the conception of assigned gender roles.

This applies especially to conflict settings where gender is experienced differently across time, space, and cultures, depending on the discourse it operates within. Hence, experiencing gender construction differs from person to person, based on the encountered experiences, sociocultural expectations towards one's biological sex, and one's positionality towards the discourse. In this seminar, we will see that gender power relations are not only applying to men exerting power over women but also within each of the categories (women-women, men-men, women-men).

In the seminar we will discuss questions, such as: Is war inherently masculine? Can women be the perpetrators? How does military masculinity affect the understanding of citizenship? We will attempt to find answers to those and more questions by surveying existing literature and debating the current topics in the field. Students will be introduced to the feminist theories and concepts on gender, war, and terrorism and shown how to incorporate them within the field of Political Science.

The seminar is separated into three main blocks. In the first block, we will discuss the theoretical and conceptual background on gender and war. The second block is devoted to sexual violence and war crimes. The third block deals with the variety of women's roles in terrorist groups.

Bachelor Courses

Summer Term 2022

The populist radical Right in Western Europe

Term	Summer Term 2022
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Ciccolini, Guiseppe; Dr. Zons Gregor
Level	intermediate bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	Full day meeting on June 24, 25 and on July 1,

Populist radical right (PRR) parties need little introduction. After their emergence in the 80s, they have firmly established themselves in the Western European public sphere. They have occasionally participated in government, too. As a political phenomenon, they represent the most prominent novelty of the last decades across borders. The reasons for their success (and failure) are very much debated among the public opinion and policy-makers. This course aims at introducing students to academic knowledge on radical right populism. Scholars have gathered important evidence on this phenomenon, although blind spots are still present. The course is divided into two blocks. To begin with, students will get a comprehensive overview of the key features of the populist radical right under several aspects: its history, its ideology, its voters. Subsequently, we will clarify the position of the PRR within the European political space and how other parties have responded to its emergence. The first block ends with a discussion of the consequences of this phenomenon for Western politics. In the second block, we will turn to the causes of the emergence of the populist radical right. These will be discussed from a multidisciplinary perspective, drawing on studies from political science, sociology, economics, and – to a lesser extent – psychology and communication science.

European Environmental Policy

Term	Summer Term 2022
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Waldmann, Jörg
Level	advanced bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 8 CP (with final exam)
Times	Di 10.30 a.m. – 12 noon

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 processes. 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.

Students are required to regularly attend classes, to regularly read the assigned texts for the classes, and to introduce one of the assigned readings in a group presentation.

Sociology

Microsociology of Violence

Term	Summer Term 2022
Department	Sociology, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Tranow, Ulf
Level	advanced bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	Wednesdays, 4.30 pm - 6 pm

In public discussions violence is seen as a social pathology and a serious threat to social order. Although most people would agree that violence is an anthropological constant of social life, the demand for containment of violence is a popular request and political promise. This raises the question of what the reasons for violence are and how violent behavior is triggered. Only if we understand violence properly, we can gauge its potential threat and develop effective counter-strategies. The subject of the seminar is Randall Collins' micro-sociological theory of violence, which is one of the most important and discussed theories in this field. By drawing on video recordings, ethnography, and news reports, Collins gives a comprehensive explanation of violence and its dynamics. His insights and conclusions are quite surprising from an everyday perspective as well as from the standard sociological view. First, Collins argues against a popular misconception fostered by movies, public discourse, and standard sociology that violence evolves easily under certain conditions like poverty or the dominance of hate ideologies. Collins shows that violence is always challenging and to a certain degree goes against human physiological hardwiring. Second, Collins demonstrates that violence is primarily triggered by specific situations, which is why we do not understand violence correctly if we focus on violent individual characteristics as the crucial explanatory factor for violent confrontations. </p><p>The seminar is a reading course. In each lesson, we will intensively discuss chapters of Collins' book "Violence: A Microsociological Theory" (Collins 2009).

Bachelor Courses

Summer Term 2022

Sociology of the body: social constructions of human bodies and embodiments of social structures

Term	Summer Term 2022
Department	Sociology, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Beckers, Tilo
Level	advanced bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	Tuesdays, 8.30 am - 10 am

This advanced course on the "Sociology of the Body" addresses a social category which has been overlooked in many early sociological theories although bodies are everywhere in society and "serve as the substratum for social life" (E. Bernstein). Yet, multiple approaches to theorizing and researching the body have emerged in recent decades. We will read studies from scholars of the 20th century until today and examine the processes by which individual bodies are shaped by social structures, ways in which bodies are socially constructed, represented and used - and, in turn, shape social life. We will understand bodies as situated within particular social and historical contexts and address a range of contemporary issues to illustrate this perspective. The body will be addressed not as a pre-social physical objective fact, but as something interpreted through the lens of society and culture.

You will learn how individual bodies and the body is shaped by social expectations and symbolic exchange, how meanings are attached to bodies and different body parts, and how these interpretations in turn shape social relations, how bodies are used as capital, how inequality affects our bodies, and how our bodies and embodied experiences are constituted by complex social forces, including relationships of power that stratify society, e.g., how bodies become gendered, 'raced', classed, and sexualized in ways that create and reinforce social institutions and relations of power.

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Master Courses

Political Science

Democracy: Cross-border challenges

Term	Summer Term 2022
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Winzen, Thomas
Level	Master course
ECTS	3 CP (without final exam), 9 CP (with final exam)
Times	Thursdays 2.30 pm - 4 pm

This seminar engages with academic debates around contemporary challenges for democratic politics. Amongst others, it covers the question of whether a new “wave of autocratization” can be observed around the world. Most importantly, the seminar emphasizes discussion of the manifold challenges, opportunities, and political choices that democracy faces in the context of the (relatively) open national borders.

European integration and domestic politics

Term	Summer Term 2022
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Winzen, Thomas
Level	Master course
ECTS	3 CP (without final exam), 9 CP (with final exam)
Times	Tuesdays 2.30 pm - 4 pm

This seminar introduces academic and political debates about European integration. The focus will be on whether and how domestic politics influences the institutional development and policymaking process of the European Union. Amongst others, the seminar will examine the role of public opinion, national and European Parliament elections, and political parties.

How to Deal with Populists: The Populists Challenge and Party Systems in Europe

Term	Summer Term 2022
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Poguntke, Thomas
Level	Master course
ECTS	3 CP (without final exam), 9 CP (with final exam)
Times	Thursdays 10.30 am -12 noon

The events in Thuringia, when a FDP politician was elected Prime Minister with the votes of the right-wing Populist AfD highlighted the pitfalls of dealing with Populist challenger parties. While many politicians, particularly in Germany, readily assert that there can only be one proper way of dealing with these parties, the empirical reality is, as always, a lot more complex and multifaceted.

This begins with the widespread misperception that Populism is a rather recent phenomenon. In fact, it is as old as democracy. Also, Populist parties are by no means new. One of the first successful Populist parties dates from 1973, when it came from nowhere to upset the hitherto orderly configuration of the Danish party system. Furthermore, we have seen several approaches by mainstream parties vis-à-vis Populists ranging from strict demarcation to formal coalition. Similarly, the outcome of such strategies seems quite unpredictable: It is by no means empirically certain that strict demarcation is the most promising strategies to weaken Populists; yet, the same is true for cooperation.

This seminar intends to clarify the origin(s) and the substantive meaning of Populism before it takes a closer look at the concepts of Populist and mainstream parties. It will then investigate the interaction between Populists and mainstream parties in Europe by looking at a range of individual countries and comparative studies.

The respective configurations of national party systems will be discussed with reference to the institutional conditions in individual countries including the possibilities to govern with minority cabinets and the ease to call early elections. In sum, this seminar will not only familiarize students with Populism, parties and party system change across Europe but also with the considerable variation of constitutional arrangements that set the institutional boundaries of party competition.

Business and European Integration

Term	Summer Term 2022
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Hummel. Hartwig
Level	Master course
ECTS	3 CP (without final exam), 9 CP (with final exam)
Times	Tuesdays, 10.30 am -12 noon

Access to this course is limited, participation cannot be guaranteed

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 starting this course, including ERASMUS students, need to have a basic knowledge of political and economic institutions and decision-making processes of the European Union and of integration theories.

The Evolution of a European Public Sphere

Term	Summer Term 2022
Department	Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Waldmann, Jörg
Level	Master course
ECTS	3 CP (without final exam), 9 CP (with final exam)
Times	Thursdays 10.30 am -12 noon

Access to this course is limited, participation cannot be guaranteed

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.

Certificates of attendance require participation in group presentations or minor research projects. The module is assessed by oral examinations. A detailed course outline, further information and relevant literature will be provided via course website.



Winter Term 2022/2023
Bachelor Courses

Media and Communication Studies

“Social Media, Digitisation and the Everyday: An Introduction to Digital Ethics”

Term	Winter Term 2022/2023
Department	Media and Communication Studies, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Oliver Zöllner
Level	Advanced bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	Half-day meeting (8:30 a.m. – 12 noon) on October 21, November 4 and 18, December 2 and 16, January 13 and 27

Digitisation and especially the use of social networking sites have changed the lifestyles and daily routines of a great number of people. The most fundamental changes, however, may not even be quite so easily visible to most people, and that is the reworking of how we live together: what kind of society we are, and the economic backbone of society, namely capitalism. In addition, humans start to conceptualise themselves in new forms and fashions: no longer first and foremost as autonomous individual beings, but increasingly as entities oriented towards new forms of collectivity. This is striking since, paradoxically, a classic promise of capitalism is to reach out to each and everyone on highly individualistic terms (think Amazon, think Facebook et al.).

How do we as members of digitising society, as inhabitants of Digitality (with a capital D), cope with these new quotidian patterns, concepts, and paradoxes? What are our new values, and emerging norms, for living in this new society? How do we tackle challenges like permanent data exploitation (a.k.a. "people-farming"), the increasing struggle for privacy, the utopian promises and dystopian threats of artificial intelligence (AI), or a far-reaching surveillance capitalism? Quite simply put: what does it mean to be human in the digital age? What do we do with those digital devices, platforms, and applications - or they to us? In what ways does the digital infrastructure form our worldview? Are we happy about our new kind of existence? Or just too lazy to care? We will explore the classic idea of ethics, will apply new approaches from the sub-discipline of digital ethics to our everyday life, and will try to develop concepts for living a flourishing life under the conditions set by digitisation (or by whom, really?). We'll need to start to think about these processes.

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Winter Term 2022/2023

“Uses and effects of social media”

Term	Winter Term 2022/2023
Department	Media and Communication Studies, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Merja Mahrt
Level	Advanced bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Social media, especially social network sites (Facebook, Instagram, TikTok) and video platforms (YouTube, twitch), are among the most popular types of offerings visited on the Internet. They offer unique features that involve a mixture of interpersonal, group, and mass communication and can be used for a multitude of purposes. In recent years, a number of issues have arisen that put into question if these are actually beneficial and how social media affect individuals as well as societies in the end.

We will look at the current literature on different types of social media in order to discuss selected uses and effects of social media on the micro, meso, and macro level. This includes questions such as: How do social media affect the development and well-being of young users? (micro) What role do social media play for fake news? (meso) How do social media “platforms” and their business models work?

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“Artificial Intelligence and Society: Public Communication and the Common Good”

Term	Winter Term 2022/2023
Department	Media and Communication Studies, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Marco Lünich
Level	Advanced bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	t.b.a.

In recent years, Artificial Intelligence (AI) – an umbrella term for a collection of computer techniques that can recognize systematic patterns and trends from data (i.e., machine learning) and automate decision-making – has received heightened public interest. With its possible applications in society, AI is expected to transform many economic and everyday life areas. However, research on AI and its application is nothing new as its theoretical and technical development has spanned the past decades ever since the widespread adoption of computers. What explains the recent heightened interest in AI? Who and what narratives and imaginaries drive public discourse? How does the public discourse connect AI to other notions regarding the interactions of science, technology, and society? This seminar will focus on public communication concerning AI, ensuing public perceptions and attitudes, and media effects, focusing on visions of AI’s impact on the Common Good. Students will learn what lies behind AI and the theoretical construct of the Common Good and what expectations and demands exist for the developers and users of AI to consider in developing and deploying AI systems. Such questions will be addressed in the reading-intensive seminar. With the successful completion of this seminar, students will be well-equipped to understand and critique theoretical and empirical social science research approaches that tackle the social ramifications of AI in society. Students will also learn to develop research questions and empirical research designs.

“Political Marketing American Style”

Term	Winter Term 2022/2023
Department	Media and Communication Studies, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Thomas Underberg
Level	Intermediate bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	Mondays, 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

With a focus on the presidential elections 2016 in the USA this course will show how political marketing is used in the competition among political actors seeking to gain influence on the public sphere. Increasingly, voters choose parties and candidates like consumers choose products. The competing political parties and candidates therefore try to use political marketing to influence the public and the content of the media in a way that is favorable to their communication goals. Political marketing can therefore be understood as a tool designed to influence the public about political candidates and issues.

Political Science

“Security and Securitization”

Term	Winter Term 2022/2023
Department	Political Sciences, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Witold Mucha
Level	Advanced bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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“Simulation of EU Asylum Policy”

Term	Winter Term 2022/2023
Department	Political Sciences, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Rolf
Level	Advanced bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	t.b.a.

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Bachelor Courses

Winter Term 2022/2023

“Transitional Justice”

Term	Winter Term 2022/2023
Department	Political Sciences, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Witold Mucha
Level	Advanced bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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“Comparative Welfare State Analysis: Origins and Challenges”

Term	Winter Term 2022/2023
Department	Political Sciences, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Johanna Plenter
Level	Advanced bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	Mondays, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Social protection of the population against risks such as illness, unemployment and age is one of the core tasks of the state. For this reason, social spending accounts for a large share of the budget in most developed countries. However, international comparisons reveal significant differences in the nature and level of expenditure as well as in the content of welfare state policies. Why did welfare states develop so differently? In recent decades, however, the traditional welfare state has come under increasing pressure. From an (economic) liberal perspective, it is considered bloated, cumbersome and creating false incentives. At the same time, social inequality is growing in most democracies and existing systems do not have adequate responses to new social risks. Do globalisation and post-industrialisation threaten the welfare state?

This seminar introduces the extensive literature on the emergence, establishment and current developments of the welfare state as a political-economic system of risk protection and redistribution. Therefore, we will read and discuss both fundamental texts of comparative welfare state analysis and recent theories. The aim of this seminar is to introduce participants to a central research field of political economy and to enable them to critically examine policy reforms in the field of social policy.

Bachelor Courses

Winter Term 2022/2023

“Election Fraud and Electoral Integrity”

Term	Winter Term 2022/2023
Department	Political Sciences, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Maike Rump
Level	Advanced bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
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Bachelor Courses

Winter Term 2022/2023

Sociology

“German Social Structure in Comparative Perspective”

Term	Winter Term 2021/2022
Department	Sociology, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Peter Hartmann
Level	advanced bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	Monday, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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. In order to overcome initial difficulties in understanding complex analytical and statistical issues, the first meetings will be dedicated to a short introduction to the methodological background of modern social structure analysis.

“Educational Inequality”

Term	Winter Term 2021/2022
Department	Sociology, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Pamina Noack
Level	advanced bachelor course
ECTS	2 CP (without final exam), 6 CP (with final exam)
Times	Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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Master Courses
Winter Term 2022/2023

Political Science

„Civilizing Impacts of European Integration“

Term	Winter Term 2022/2023
Department	Political Sciences, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Jörg Waldmann
Level	Master course
ECTS	3 CP (without final exam), 9 CP (with final exam)
Times	Thursdays, 10:30 p.m. – 12:00 noon

Access to this course is limited, participation cannot be guaranteed

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.

A detailed course outline, further information and relevant literature will be provided via course website.

„Democracy in the European Union“

Term	Winter Term 2022/2023
Department	Political Sciences, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Prof Dr. Thomas Winzen
Level	Master course
ECTS	3 CP (without final exam), 9 CP (with final exam)
Times	Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Access to this course is limited, participation cannot be guaranteed

This seminar introduces academic and political debates about democracy in the European Union. Does the European Union suffer from a democratic deficit or even an autocratic surplus? Do democratic institutions and procedures, such as direct elections to the European Parliament, improve democratic quality in the European Union? This seminar will examine whether the European Union has a positive or negative effect on democracy in the member states and countries in its neighborhood.

„EU Foreign Policy In A Changing World”

Term	Winter Term 2022/2023
Department	Political Sciences, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Jörg Waldmann
Level	Master course
ECTS	3 CP (without final exam), 9 CP (with final exam)
Times	Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Access to this course is limited, participation cannot be guaranteed

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 policy, politics 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.

Active participation requires a full set of reading notes for all assigned texts and the presentation of one of the assigned texts for class discussion. A detailed course outline, further information and relevant literature will be provided via the course website at ILIAS.

„Hannah Arendt's The Origins of Totalitarianism"

Term	Winter Term 2022/2023
Department	Political Sciences, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Heiko Beyer
Level	Master course
ECTS	3 CP (without final exam), 9 CP (with final exam)
Times	Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

The *Origins of Totalitarianism* is the first major work of political thinker Hannah Arendt, and probably her most famous one. The book was first published in English in 1951 and later translated by Arendt herself into German. It deals with the rise of Nazism and Stalinism and not only simply traces, as the title suggests, the historic roots of totalitarianism but also reveals the social mechanisms responsible for the success of those movements. Considering the rise of the Populist Right in America and Europe and of nationalist Neo-Imperialism in Russia you can expect an immensely timely read. Arendt combines political, philosophical, historical and sociological perspectives in her analysis making “Origins” an interdisciplinary endeavor par excellence, and thus the perfect book for each and every student of an interdisciplinary social science program. The course will have the character of a reading seminar, so be prepared to read a lot. (Yes, we will read the whole book.) The seminar will however guide you during your reading experience, offering focus questions, possible interpretations, discussions and regular synthesis elements.

„Political Parties and the Crisis of Democracy"

Term	Winter Term 2022/2023
Department	Political Sciences, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Thomas Poguntke
Level	Master course
ECTS	3 CP (without final exam), 9 CP (with final exam)
Times	Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon

t.b.a.

„The EU as An Actor in Global Governance“

Term	Winter Term 2022/2023
Department	Political Sciences, Institute of Social Sciences, HHU
Lecturer	Dr. Jörg Waldmann
Level	Master course
ECTS	3 CP (without final exam), 9 CP (with final exam)
Times	Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Access to this course is limited, participation cannot be guaranteed

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.

A detailed course outline, further information and relevant literature will be provided via course website.

We are looking forward to welcoming you
at Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf!

The team for internationalization, Institute of Social Sciences

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

Please note: All information given is subject to change!

For additional information see:

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