

Modules and seminars offered to MEST students in the MA Social Policy in Bremen

- Semester: 1st April - 30th September 2017
- Teaching period: 3rd April – 7th July 2017

Overview

Module	Seminar	ECTS	Lecturer	Time*
M6 Policies (European Labour Studies)	European Labour Studies and Comparative Employment Relations	3 or 6	Anna Hokema	Tue 10-12 h
	Work and social security: Labour Market Changes and Public Intervention Compared	3 or 6	Irene Dingeldey	Thu 8-10 h
	English for Labour Studies and Social Policy	6	Christof Dieterle	
M4a Governance	Global Health Politics	3 or 6	Sebastian Haunss	Mon 10-12 h
M4a Governance	Gender and the Welfare State	3 or 6	Anna Hokema	Wed 10-12 h
MA Sociology (General Studies)	Acting Socially Sustainable in Organisations from the Psychological Perspective	6	Sylke Meyerhuber	Tue 6-8 h

* Please double-check the seminar times for possible changes at the beginning of the lecture period

Module and Course descriptions

- European Labour Studies and Comparative Employment Relations
The course provides an overview of the regulation of labour markets and employment relations in an international comparative perspective. It will address the historical and theoretical foundations of industrial relations, focusing especially on the role of trade unions and employer associations. Furthermore, the transformation of employment relations against the backdrop of tertiarisation, globalised markets and the European integration process will be explored. Additionally, the influence of institutions and policies at national and international level will be discussed.
The course is organised along three topical areas: The first section will provide a review of the main understandings and concepts of employment relations and their respective theoretical foundations. The second part will focus on different national employment systems and its specific contexts. In the third section the role and impact of international organisations (in particular the European Union and the ILO) and transnational regulations and how these structure labour relations at different levels will be addressed.
- English for Students of European Labour Studies and Social Policy
This is an English for Academic Purposes (EAP) course at an advanced level focusing on the fields of European Labour Studies and Social Policy. The course has the dual aim of improving students' academic study skills, specifically in writing academic papers and making academic

presentations in English, and of preparing them for a C1 level certificate (optional) examination at the end of the course.

- Acting Socially Sustainable in Organisations from the Psychological Perspective

Sustainability research can be related to macro-, meso- or micro phenomena. While a political or sociological viewpoint focuses on macro- or meso-level, social sustainability in this course issues the meso- and micro-level of organisations and the people within. Winter terms of this General Studies targeted rising problems in the postmodern organisations, considering the strategic, interactive and individual dimensions. Basics of sustainability studies, psychology of work, occupational health management, workaholism, burnout, mobbing, work-life-balance and downshifting will be themes of the winter term.

This part during the summer term gains for a deeper understanding of specific issues identified as important for a socially sustainable organisation. Topics will be chosen by students according to own interests. Preparation in small groups will lead to an input and interaction within the course shaped as a workshop, which allows for living learning about the chosen topic for all participants. A field exploration allows for including practical experience besides theoretical knowledge in the classroom enlightenment. Therefore, methods of qualitative interview techniques are trained. Probable themes: Communication and interaction in groups, group dynamic, sensemaking and meaningfulness at work, acknowledgement and work, participation in organisations, trust and time in organisations, psychology of individual and institutional defence mechanisms, psychology of manipulation, psychology of time, conflict management, stress and relaxation techniques, organisational structures and leadership, intercultural cooperation, organisational culture and ethics, work law (7 of these topics, as selected by participants).

The seminar uses English as a lingua franca – coping with the effects of this setting is part of the reflection within the course, referring to differences between communication, comprehension and understanding within a working environment. Students are supported to express themselves, didactically and by the lecturer. The interactive learning setting combines theoretical and practical elements and allows for reflection on own experiences of the participants.

- Global Health Politics

In most countries of the Global North access to medicines is taken for granted. More or less functioning health systems usually guarantee that sick people will get the medication they need. But in large parts of the Global South access to medicines is still an unsolved problem with grave social consequences. The causes for this problem are manifold and include poverty, limited governance capabilities, lack of infrastructure, and global trade rules that create additional obstacles to the availability of affordable medication. The course will examine this problem of access to medicines in countries of the Global South. It will introduce the international organizations and institutions responsible for health governance on a global scale, as well as the most important economic and civil society actors. A special focus lies on the contentious mobilization about access to essential medicines to fight the AIDS epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa and southeast Asia. In this context the course will look especially at the role intellectual property rights play in this conflict.

- Gender and the Welfare State
no description yet

- Work and social security: Labour Market Changes and Public Intervention Compared

no description yet

- Additional seminars of the Faculty of Social Sciences in English can be found here in the upcoming weeks:

http://www.uni-bre-men.de/studium/lehrveranstaltungen/veranstaltungsverzeichnis.html?tx_hbulvp_pi1%5Bmodule%5D=54c6fd5c0b74c8c6b7f81ab2939a7196&tx_hbulvp_pi1%5Bsem%5D=26&tx_hbulvp_pi1%5Bshow%5D=en&cHash=100483ec35d3ed445b5736162cdb4543