

Module 13	Challenges to European Society				
	Module type		Compulsory Elective		
	Module number		952007130		
	Credit points (LP)		10 LP		
	Semester hours per week (SWS)		4 SWS		
	Semester	3rd semester	Workload (total)		300 h
	Term	Every fall semester	of which	Classroom hours	60 h
	Duration	1 semester		Self-study	240 h
Qualification objective		<p>This module's purpose is to make students familiar with a range of current societal challenges European societies face, related, for example, to the issue of borders, migration/mobility, social inequality, the welfare state and religious or social conflicts. Moreover, the module gives the students a chance of practically employing the concepts, theories and social science methods studied in the second semester for developing their own research project. To this end, students know selected sociological theories, concepts and research methods as well as relevant empirical studies so that they have an appropriate toolkit for understanding, analysing and critically evaluating these diverse social phenomena.</p>			
Expertise		<p>Students are able to analyse and hypothesize about selected actual societal challenges in Europe from a sociological perspective. Students deepen their ability to develop a well-founded position and to defend it argumentatively in discussions. They become sensitive to the potentials and restrictions of specific approaches in studying diverse social phenomena and can relate to public debates in an academically informed manner.</p>			
Methodological competence		<p>Students are able to work out sociological research questions and to identify suitable theoretical as well as empirical approaches to deal with a range of societal challenges. By a guided analysis of primary as well as secondary sources, students develop and defend individual research projects. They present selected topics orally and in written form.</p>			
Social and personal skills		<p>Students learn to collaborate in different ways, to present and analyse problems in the abovementioned fields, either individually, in a partner and/or group situation in a manner appropriate to the addressees. They can articulate their thoughts orally and/or in written form in an academically competent, culturally appropriate and gender-sensitive manner.</p>			
Course and study format		<p>Methods of instruction include, but are not limited to, ex-cathedra teaching, classroom discussions, student presentations and different forms of student group work and self-study. Depending on the current topic, team-teaching may be employed.</p>			
Module coordinator		Professorship in European Sociology (Prof. Dr. Monika Eigmüller)			
Prerequisites		None			
Applicable degree program		M.A. European Studies			
Comments/Other		This module belongs to area 2 (Social- und Economic Sciences) of the 3rd semester compulsory electives.			

M 13: Sub-module 1	Societal Challenges of Europe				
	Sub-module ID number	952007131	Course type		Seminar
	SWS	4 SWS	Workload (sub-module)		180 h
	Type of sub-module	Required	of which	Classroom hours	60 h
	Planned group size	30		Self-study	120 h
M 13: Module examination	Module Examination				
	<i>Modulprüfung</i>				
	Examination number	952007135	Scope of the exam		See comments
	Examination type	Paper including presentation	Exam preparation and examination time		120 h
	Graded exam?	Yes			
	Comments on the module examination	Research paper (15-20 pages) with presentation (20 minutes)			
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