

Module 14		Social and Political Philosophy of Europe: Current Topics and Debates				
		Module type		Compulsory Elective		
		Module number		952007140		
		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>At the end of this module, students can evaluate and apply to individual research projects, both, core concepts and theories of political and social philosophy and estimate their relevance regarding the European social and political sphere. They understand the relevance of normative political reflection on foundational structures as well as urgent political disputes in current European politics and society. Furthermore, students are able to put philosophical and political theoretical argument to work in discussing and researching the reality and future developments of the European Union and European politics more in general. The course adopts a philosophical, conceptual and argumentative approach to the analysis and evaluation of current social debates concerning Europe and the EU in relation to values like e.g. solidarity, equality, justice and non-discrimination based on which the students develop and defend an individual research project.</p>		
Expertise		<p>Students can criticize and analyse core topics, concepts and questions in political and social philosophy: the concepts of the individual person, society, community, questions of power, freedom, autonomy as well as topics of action theory, ideas of labour, reification and alienation as well as issues in democratic theory, the theory of justice, transnational cooperation, equality, and responsibility. Students can critically evaluate and discuss questions of recognition, redistribution, ideology, social change and European crises. They can distinguish between cognitive and affective social reactions to these crises and contribute to the analysis of social movements and protest in Europe. They can interpret and compare the strengths and weaknesses of these positions both with regard to normative presuppositions and with regard to empirical adequacy.</p>				
Methodological competence		<p>Students can identify and defend normative philosophical arguments in political and social debates and form reasoned judgements on proposals for diagnosis and reform. They are able to judge and compare positions within philosophical debates about European political institutions and processes. They can apply philosophical reasoning to the reflection on problems of e.g. justice and democracy, injustice and democratic deficits and they are able to argue for and defend assessments regarding current European social and political aspects by drawing on the relevant literature and data. They can identify and create exemplary ethical questions regarding individual or collective actions, decisions and European institutions. Students can hypothesize, develop research questions and defend individual research project based on the concepts and theories as well as research methods covered in the second semester and systematized in this module.</p>				

Continuation of Module 14:

Social and personal skills	Students are able to participate in normative discussions about the political structure of the European Union and international political issues. They can cooperate in groups in developing diagnoses and assessments of recent social and political developments in Europe. They can reflect on, criticize and defend the fundamental questions and the main arguments regarding e.g. justice and democracy with a view to their applicability in political discourse. Students can criticize opinions and proposals within the social and cultural field based upon normative criteria. Students can defend their arguments in oral presentations formulate constructive feedback.
Course and study format	Seminar, Group-Discussions, Presentations, Panel-Discussions
Module coordinator	Professorship in Philosophy (Prof. Dr. Anne Reichold)
Prerequisites	None
Applicable degree program	M.A. European Studies
Comments/Other	This module belongs to area 3 (Humanities and Cultural Science) of the 3rd semester compulsory electives.

M 14: Sub-module 1	Social Philosophy of Europe				
	Sub-module ID number	952007141	Course type		Seminar
	SWS	2 SWS	Workload (sub-module)		60 h
	Type of sub-module	Required	of which	Classroom hours	30 h
	Planned group size	30		Self-study	30 h
M 14: Sub-module 2	Political Philosophy of Europe				
	Sub-module ID number	952007142	Course type		Seminar
	SWS	2 SWS	Workload (sub-module)		60 h
	Type of sub-module	Required	of which	Classroom hours	30 h
	Planned group size	30		Self-study	30 h
M 14: Module examination	Module Examination				
	<i>Modulprüfung</i>				
	Examination number	952007145	Scope of the exam		See comments
	Examination type	Paper with presentation or portfolio	Exam preparation and examination time		60 h (sub-module 2) + 120 h
	Graded exam?	Yes			
	Comments on the module examination	Paper (10-15 pages) with presentation (20 minutes) or Portfolio			
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