

Master of Arts European Studies							Rules and Regulations 2019			
Module title		Transformation of European Economies								
Module 8 Compulsory module 952006080	Credit points	Weekly semester hours	Student workload (total)	Required classroom hours	Required self- study hours	Period	Frequency of course offering	Stage of study		
	5	2 SWS	150 h	30 h	120 h	1 semester	Every spring semester	2nd semester		
Learning objective	Students get acquainted with theories concerning the transformation of European economies. The aim of this module is to qualify students for institutional analysis, enabling them to transfer theoretical knowledge to empirical cases and further their skills in assessing comparative advantages and disadvantages of national and regional economies. Students will analyse the way in which these economies meet the challenges of recent transformation processes. Moreover, the module furthers the students' methodological understanding, in particular their ability to apply mixed methods designs.									
Professional competence	Building on the knowledge the students gained in Module 4, this module further introduces to the literature in the field of comparative political economy with a specific focus on recent transformation processes in European economies. The lecture addresses the fundamental changes associated with the emergence of the knowledge economy, new labour market structures, technological development, increasing financialization, international migration, ecological damage etc.. Both, theoretical perspectives and empirical findings will be discussed. Courses for this module offer insights into the functioning of the multilevel governance system of the European Union and its consequences for economic performance. However, a dynamic perspective will be applied. It will be discussed how European economies have started with different models of capitalism in the process of European integration, while they later needed to adapt to new rules of the European Single Market as well as external challenges, in particular to the disruptive force of the emerging knowledge economy. While this leads to a deeper understanding of the cultural particularities of the member states, it also sheds light on the question how different systems need to adapt differently to the challenges of modern capitalism. At the same time, it will be analysed, how, despite these differences, European economies are successfully integrated into a Single Market.									
Methodological competence	Students are able to do their own research project by using data from data sources such as the OECD, Eurostat etc. to assess the evidence related to these problems empirically in the context of the multilevel governance system of the European Union. They are further discovering quantitative and qualitative methods and apply them to large-n studies and/ or select cases and carry out comparative case studies.									
Interpersonal competence	Students derive hypotheses from theories and apply them to contemporary problems related to labour markets, education or corporate governance systems in order to determine their causes and consequences. The module is designed to teach students on the institutional diversity in which firms and markets are embedded and enable them to analyse problems related to the challenges of transformation, such as youth unemployment, socio-economic inequality, innovation gaps, early school leaving etc. Students are able to work independently as well as in groups.									
Teaching and learning formats	Methods of instruction include, but are not limited to, ex-cathedra teaching, classroom discussions, different forms of student group work and self-study.									
Module coordinator	Professorship in Comparative Institutional Analysis (Prof. Dr. Ulrich Glassmann)									
Module prerequisites	None									
Module transferability	M.A. European Studies									
Sub-modules										
Nr.	Title	Teaching method	Weekly semester hours	Compulsory- / compulsory elective	Examination type	Graded?	Planned group size	Student workload		
								Classroom hours	Class preparation and review	Exam preparation and review
1.	952006081 Transformation of European Economies	Lecture	2	Compulsory			42	30	30	
x	952006085 Module examination				Written exam OR Paper with Presentation OR oral examination	Yes				90
Notes on the module examination:		Written exam (60 minutes) OR research paper (10-12 pages) with presentation (10-15 minutes) OR oral examination (20 minutes).								
Comments/ Other:										

