

Course Announcement IGS North-South

Autumn Semester 2015

Time: various dates and courses

Title: Transferable Skills - Überfachliche Kompetenzen

Module: CPM

ECTS: may vary

Institution: various, University of Basel

Content: The University of Basel offers its PhD students and PostDocs several courses on technical skills, scientific writing, social skills, self-competence and career planning. Members of the IGS North-South are also warmly welcome in these courses. For more information, go to this site: www.unibas.ch/doktorat/uek

Place: Basel, according to course announcements

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Time: starting 14 September 2015, takes place every Monday 12:15-14:00

Title: The Politics of Post Conflict Justice in Comparative Perspective

Module: DTM

ECTS: 3

Institution: swisspeace & Europainstitut, University of Basel

Lecturers: Dr. Briony Jones

Content: Transitional justice is a relatively new field of practice and academia, emerging in the 1980s in response to transitions from authoritarian rule to democracy in Latin America and Eastern Europe. Following the end of the Cold War we have seen an increase in intra-state conflicts and transitional justice measures are increasingly applied in such contexts. Understood by some as a narrow legal response to human rights abuses and by others as a thicker concept which includes forgiveness, reconciliation and memorialisation, transitional justice has come to be accepted as an important part of peacebuilding and dealing with the past. Recent scholarship on transitional justice highlights its nature as an inherently contested process over which actors will disagree and within which choices and compromises are made. These dynamics are influenced by relative agency and power and are underpinned by assumptions and normative positions. This course will first provide an

overview of transitional justice as a field/s including key assumptions, discourses and mechanisms. It will then go on to look at questions of epistemology, actors and agency, impact and assessment, and of contestation and hybridity. Concepts such as liberal peace, reconciliation, citizenship and justice will be covered along with cases and empirical insights from Uganda, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Rwanda and others.

The participants in the module have knowledge of an overview of the most important mechanisms and literatures of transitional justice. They are able to critically analyse discourses and practices of transitional justice. They understand the political nature of such discourses and practices in terms of actors, agency and power and can use empirical examples in order to interrogate theoretical and conceptual debates.

Place: Kollegienhaus, Seminarraum 105 , Petersplatz 1 Basel

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Registration: Students of the University of Basel register via MOnA. All other students register via e-mail to Dr. Sara Hellmüller (sara.hellmueller@swisspeace.ch) with copy (cc) to IGS North-South (igs-north-south@cde.unibe.ch)

Time: 14 September 2015; every two weeks on Mondays 16:15-18:00

Title: PhD Seminar I

Module: DTM

ECTS: 1

Institution: Development Study Group, University of Zurich

Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Ross Purves and Dr. Isabelle Roer

Content: PhD Seminar I is a 7 week course taught in the autumn semester, which aims to provide, firstly an opportunity for new cohorts of doctoral students to form informal cross-disciplinary networks and secondly to provide a basic set of knowledge of both the regulations and the process of obtaining a PhD within the University of Zurich.

Place: Dept. Of Geography, Winterthurerstr. 190, 8057 Zurich

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Time: starting 15 September 2015, takes place every Tuesday 10:15-12:00

Title: Businesses in Conflict Contexts: Roles, Responsibilities and Risks

Module: DTM

ECTS: 3

Institution: swisspeace & Europainstitut, University of Basel

Lecturer: Dr. des. Rina Malagayo Alluri

Content: In order to understand political processes, peacebuilding and conflict resolution, it is no longer enough to look at the 'usual suspects' such as the state and civil society. Business actors are an important part of a socio-political analysis of society and it is relevant to explore the different roles they play and how they can have both positive and negative impacts in conflict-affected contexts. However, the subject of business, conflict and peace remains a rather novel field in both practice and academia. This course will provide an overview of some of the relevant theoretical literature related to businesses in conflict zones. It will explore concepts such as war economies, governance and corporate social responsibility while using empirical case studies such as Syria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Sri Lanka and Myanmar to illustrate the complex roles, responsibilities and risks of businesses operating in conflict contexts.

The participants of the course have understand the different (complex) roles, responsibilities and risks that businesses face when carrying out operations in conflict-affected contexts. The participants are able to critically analyze the key discourses related to businesses in conflict zones such as the role of non-state armed actors, company-community relations and opportunities for more responsible business practices.

Place: Kollegienhaus, Seminarraum 104, Petersplatz 1, Basel

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Time: starting 17 September 2015, takes place every Tuesday 10:15-12:00

Title: Contradictions and Sustainability of Governance

Module: DTM

ECTS: 3

Institution: swisspeace & Europainstitut, University of Basel

Lecturers: Claudia Baez-Camargo and Lucy Koechlin

Content: This course will address current pertinent governance problems in the South. These problems are characterised by complex interrelationships, heterogenous actors, process-dependent outcomes, and multi-level normative frameworks. The seminar will build on a case-based, practice-oriented approach, engaging with current governance problems and seeking to identify both the challenges of governance arrangements as well as dimensions of their sustainability.

Learning objectives:

- Familiarization with the different definitions and understandings of the concept of governance as utilized across both the academic and practitioners' communities
- Critical engagement with contemporary governance problems
- Case-based understanding of actors and regimes of governance
- Development of assessment skills to compare and contrast different approaches to governance, their different assumptions and implications

Place: Bernoullistrasse 14/16, Basel, Seminarraum 02.004

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Time: starting 22 September 2015; takes place every Tuesday 10:15-12:00

Title: The Anthropology of Space

Module: CPM

ECTS: 3

Institutions: swisspeace & Europainstitut, University of Basel

Lecturers: Lucy Koechlin

Content: The notion of space has always been key to the constitution of anthropology. However, the engagement with and understanding of space has changed dramatically since the so-called "spatial turn" of the Eighties. Space is not an empty vessel, but is socially produced; space is not a given anymore, space is a product of social practices and interactions. This destabilised understanding of space leads to a more engaged approach to key concepts such as culture, place or identity. How do social practices produce and structure space? Who has the power to "make" spaces and how? How is culture spatialised, through which processes and dynamics? We shall discuss key contributions to the anthropology of space, but the main focus will be on a critical exploration of contemporary sites of engagement, such as the state or the city, as well as for instance public spaces, "non-spaces", or globalised spaces.

Learning objectives:

- Understanding key arguments of the spatial turn in anthropology
- Overview over current debate
- Critical exploration of pertinent issues, sites and processes.
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Place: Ethnologie, grosser Seminarraum, Münsterplatz 19, Basel

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Time: Thursdays: 17 September, 1 October, 15 October, 29 October, 5 November, 19 November, 3 December, 17 December, 10:30-13:45

Title: Writing for an Academic Audience. The Rules of Scientific Articles.

Module: CPM

ECTS: 3

Institution: Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), University of Bern

Lecturer: Dr. Anne Zimmermann

Content: "Writing articles for peer-reviewed journals is a must for researchers, as this is the prime means of communicating exciting new results to the scientific community; moreover, an academic career is often evaluated on the basis of the number of peer-reviewed articles one has been able to publish in journals (if possible journals with high "impact factors"). It is therefore worth learning the rules of writing such articles at an early stage. This e-learning course is designed to introduce researchers to the rules and context of writing scientific articles and to provide researchers with opportunities to advance and improve their own writing. Nine webinars will lead participants through the essential rules, tools, and context of scientific writing, and provide time for questions and answers. Students will also have an opportunity to practice their skills in individual exercises, work on their scientific texts, and act as peers in group assignments. In addition, individual Skype coaching sessions will be offered in January-February 2015. Topics will include understanding who one's audience is, working on key messages, structuring an article (IMRAD), doing" the different parts of an article efficiently, writing concisely and precisely, using paragraph structure and other language tricks, how to refer to relevant literature, doing tables and figures, submitting an article and suggesting reviewers, etc.

Completion of assignments is compulsory to pass the course. Students may miss no more than one webinar. A headset and installation of Adobe Flash Player are required to participate in the webinars.

Learning objectives:

Participants have a structured knowledge of, and the necessary skills for, planning scientific articles and writing them effectively; in particular, they know how to:

- Identify their audience and tailor their key messages accordingly;
- Structure a scientific paper according to acknowledged rules ("IMRAD");
- Write and revise their work for clarity and effectiveness;
- Find help and tools when they work on their theses and prepare their articles for publication in reputed scientific journals.

Place: online

Contact: Dr. Anne Zimmermann: anne.zimmermann@cde.unibe.ch

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Time: Thursdays: 17 September, 1 October, 15 October, 29 October, 5 November, 19 November, 3 December, 17 December; always 14:00-15:30

Title: Doing Transdisciplinarity. How to Increase the Relevance of Research for Society.

Module: CPM

ECTS: 3

Institutions: Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), University of Bern

Lecturers: Dr. Flurina Schneider

Content: In the face of increasingly severe problems of global change, science is requested to produce knowledge that can help society to advance sustainable and just development. Scientists and development experts generally agree that transdisciplinary research approaches are needed for achieving this goal. However, bringing research results to fruition and achieving societal impact is not an easy task. It involves adapting research strategies and collaborating with stakeholders from the very beginning. The aim of this course is to acquaint the participants with approaches, methods, and tools for planning, conducting, and assessing impact-oriented transdisciplinary research. We will introduce these approaches, methods, and tools, explain step-by-step how to implement them, and assist the participants in applying them to their own research projects. Moreover, the participants will be encouraged to critically reflect on their own resources for conducting that kind of research, and about potentials and limitations of the explored approaches.

Learning objectives:

Students know approaches for increasing the relevance of their research for society and are able to apply it to their PhD projects. Students are aware of their own resources and critically position themselves in the debate on science practice interactions.

Place: online

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When applying, please answer very briefly the following questions:

1) What is the (working) title of your PhD?

2) Are you planning (or have you already conducted) transdisciplinary research for your PhD? If yes, in which country and which thematic context?"

Time: 9 November 2015

Title: Zurich Colloquium in Human Geography

Module: DTM

ECTS: 1

Institutions: Development Study Group, University of Zurich

Lecturers: Tania Li

Content: For the colloquium we invite an internationally renowned scholar for a public talk, a one day workshop and for individual talks with PhD students. In fall semester 2014, Ananya Roy from UC Berkeley will visit us. (Workshop, public lecture and individual talks).

Place: Zurich (ZHKG)

Contact: Norman Backhaus (norman.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch)

Registration: Register via e-Mail to Prof. Dr. Norman Backhaus (norman.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch). Please include also a brief description of your research topic and affiliation. After registration, we will then provide you with more details.

Time: 9-11 November 2015

Title: Surveys - The Perils of Field Research: Practical Problems, Practical Solutions.

Module: DTM

ECTS: 1.5

Institutions: Centre for Development and Environment, University of Bern

Lecturers: Prof. emerit. John Sender (Economics, SOAS, University of London), Prof. Dr. Ulf Liebe (Institute of Sociology, University of Bern), Dr. Sabin Bieri (CDE, University of Bern)

Content: Surveys are a popular instrument in social science research, and it is increasingly being used in studies for sustainable development. However, students feel insecure about how these surveys should be designed, how to translate research questions into survey questions, what proxies to choose, etc. Not least, in research for sustainable development in a North-South context, implementation, translation across cultures and according questions of language and meaning are at stake. In this methodological course of the IGS North-South we examine what it takes to design a survey that produces sound and meaningful data suitable to answer the given research questions. The block seminar will be structured in three units:

1. Surveys and data collection methods: overview, survey types and common problems.
2. Survey design: basic methodology, elaborating questionnaires, formulation of questions and adequate answering formats; tools and instruments for conducting surveys.
3. Survey applications: Surveys in development research, challenges of field work and translation processes from and into academia.

Learning objectives: Participants have a structured knowledge of, and the necessary skills for, organizing, designing and conducting a survey suitable for their research project contributing to sustainable development. They share their experience from the field and develop strategies to translate between the field and the academic work they are committed to do.

Place: UniS, Schanzeneckstrasse 1, 3012 Bern, rooms B -102 (Mon) and B -105 (Tue+Wed)

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When applying, please answer very briefly the following questions:

- 1) What is the (working) title of your PhD?
- 2) Are you planning (or have you already conducted) a survey for your PhD research? If yes, in which country and which thematic context?
- 3) List one major challenge you expect/experienced while collecting data in the field.

Time: 26 November 2015

Title: Graduate School Retreat Seminar, Geography Zurich

Module: DTM

ECTS: 0.5

Institutions: Development Study Group, University of Zurich

Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Ross Purves and Dr. Isabelle Roer

Content: A key aim of the graduate programme is to build strong networks between doctoral students. 2nd and 3rd year doctoral students will be invited to attend a weekend retreat and present their research. These retreats will also feature a well-known international guest speaker, and all supervisors will be invited to attend at least once every three years.

Place: extramuros

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Further Courses of Graduate School of Social Sciences (G3S)

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For a description of the school please visit this site: <https://dgw.philhist.unibas.ch/en/dep-gesell-wissensch/graduate-school-of-social-sciences/g3s-home/>

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