

Course Announcement IGS North-South

Spring Semester 2014

Disciplinary and thematic modules

University of Basel

swisspeace

PhD seminar: The Politics of Post Conflict Justice in Comparative Perspective

Lecturer: Briony Jones

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 PhD seminar will take place on several Mondays and Fridays 12:30 – 16:30: FR 21.2.14, MO 24.2.14, FR, 28.2.14, MO, 3.3.14, FR, 7.3.14, MO 17.3.14.

Place: Kollegienhaus, Seminarraum 106.

Contact: Sandra Pfluger (sandra.pfluger@swisspeace.ch) and Briony Jones (briony.jones@unibas.ch)

ECTS: 3

[Details](#)

PhD seminar: Ressource conflicts. Causes, symptoms and solutions

Lecturer: Andrea Iff

Access, distribution and management of natural resources have been at the core of many intrastate conflicts during the last 60 years. Improved natural resource governance offers opportunities for more effective conflict prevention and peacebuilding. The course provides an introduction into specific resource conflicts and their scales. Apart from underlying causes of these conflicts, different initiatives and tools for conflict mitigation and prevention will be discussed and assessed.

The PhD seminar will take place on Tuesdays 8:15 – 10:00. Start: 18.02.2014.

Place: Kollegienhaus, Seminarraum 209.

Contact: Andrea Iff (andrea.iff@unibes.ch)

ECTS: 3

[Details](#)

Graduate School of Social Sciences (G3S)

The courses offered by Swisspeace are part of the Graduate School of Social Sciences. Further courses are published [here](#).

For a description of the school please visit this [link](#).

Contact: Dr. Günter Schmidt-Gess, guenter.schmidt@unibas.ch

Swiss TPH

To be announced

University of Bern

Centre for Development and Environment

Political economy & political ecology: Concepts, applications and contemporary debates

Lecturers: Mike Dwyer and Andrea Iff

This course provides an intensive introduction to political economy and political ecology, two fields that offer a range of conceptual and methodological tools for analyzing topics like global production and trade, environmental politics and regulation, and the social distribution of risk and benefit. The course follows a broadly historical progression, from key foundational concepts to discipline-forming applications to contemporary concerns and debates; material will be drawn from the liberal, Marxian and post-structural traditions to show the strengths and weaknesses of each approach, and to illustrate the possibilities and tensions of combining approaches from multiple disciplines. The course will be discussion-intensive, will

require a moderate amount of preparation, and is designed for students interested in debates about sustainable development politics, transnational accountability of corporations and states, and the respective roles of civil society and the private sector in creating a better world.

3-5 June 2014 (3 days block course)

Place: CDE, Room 310, Hallerstrasse 10, 3012 Bern

ECTS: 1.5

Contact: Mike Dwyer (dwyerdwyer@gmail.com) & Andrea Iff (andrea.iff@swisspeace.ch); please contact both lecturers together.

Please register before May 2, 2014, via igs-north-south@cde.unibe.ch.

WOCAT methods for the documentation and assessment of Sustainable Land Management (SLM)

Lecturers: Dr. Gudrun Schwilch and Julie Zähringer with support of Dr. Hanspeter Liniger, Dr. Isabelle Providoli and Dr. Rima Mekdaschi Studer.

WOCAT (www.wocat.net) has developed comprehensive methods to compile and evaluate the biophysical and socio-economic knowledge available on SLM at the local, regional and global scale. The tools allow SLM specialists to share their knowledge of SLM implementation in-country and around the world.

Objectives:

1. To learn about WOCAT and other methods for documenting, evaluating and monitoring SLM practices
2. To contribute to the WOCAT database by applying the WOCAT method in the researchers' own countries
3. To compare SLM practices and prepare a joint publication

Course content:

The course will enable the students to get to know the WOCAT questionnaires and related databases, and also provide an insight into other WOCAT methods. It will not be a formal training course, but rather self-learning within a group of students and under the supervision of WOCAT staff. It is planned to have a half-day field visit near Bern for practical application of the questionnaires in the field.

This block course will take place from 7 to 11 April 2014 (5 days).

Place: CDE, Room 310, Hallerstrasse 10, 3012 Bern

ECTS: 2

Contact: Dr. Gudrun Schwilch (gudrun.schwilch@cde.unibe.ch)

Please register before March 7, 2014, via igs-north-south@cde.unibe.ch.

PhD colloquium

This PhD colloquium is dedicated to exchanging about difficulties encountered during research. Each PhD student will be invited to present his or her most critical problem, which the group will then discuss along with potential solutions.

The colloquium will take place in two sessions of four hours each, scheduled on two different days. The dates and further details will be communicated soon.

Place: CDE, Room 310, Hallerstrasse 10, 3012 Bern

ECTS: 0.5

Contact: igs-north-south@cde.unibe.ch

University of Zurich

Development Study Group

PhD seminar II

PhD seminar II is focused around a weekend retreat, where cohorts of doctoral students identify areas in which they feel their skills base is weak, and a set of activities and discussions are held to explore these areas. Typically, doctoral students attend this course in their second year of study.

18-19 March 2014, presumably in Einsiedeln.

ECTS: 1

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

Zurich colloquium in Human Geography

Lecturer: Ananya Roy

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 spring semester 2014, Ananya Roy from UC Berkeley will visit us.

7-9 May 2014, Zurich (ZHKG).

ECTS: 1

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

Integrative module

University of Bern

Centre for Development and Environment

Summer School on Global Change, Innovation and Sustainable Development

Summer School 2014: Regional Development and Natural Resources

In Kenya

1 – 10 September 2014

The Summer School will focus on “**Resources, Economy, and Governance**” and takes place in Nanyuki, at the foot of Mt. Kenya. The goal of the Summer School is to provide an intercultural, inter- and transdisciplinary learning and exchange platform for PhD candidates from all over the world. For more information about the programme, application process, costs and selection criteria see the flyer below.

In case of interest, please talk to your supervisor, fill in the contact information form and send all the required papers (CV, description research project and letter of interest) by e-mail (igs-north-south@cde.unibe.ch) to the Management Centre of the IGS North-South until **31 May 2014**.

[Programme \(extended outline\)](#)

[Participants and group photo](#)

Preparatory Reading: [Attachment 1](#), [Attachment 2](#), [Attachment 3](#), [Attachment 4](#)

[Conceptual Seminar](#)

Introduction to field topics: [Attachment 1](#), [Attachment 2](#), [Attachment 3](#)

[Speech of county-transition coordinator in Embu](#)

Communication and publication module

University of Bern

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The next courses on “Writing for an Academic Audience” and “Doing Transdisciplinarity” will be offered in the Autumn Semester 2014.