

Propozycje przedmiotów dla studentów Eramusa na rok akademickich 2014/2015.

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1. Poland and Germany in European Perspective.

Lecture, 30 h, Wednesday 17:30-19:00 h, Willy Brandt Centre, Room 43

The lecture introduces the comparison of societies in Europe, focusing particularly on two large countries in the centre of Europe: Poland and Germany. The lecture starts with the logic of international comparison and then takes a closer look at various sectors of society in turn, such as social inequality, economy, leisure activities, education, migration, etc. For each societal sector we conceptualize the comparison and look at empirical findings to get a better knowledge where in the European range of variety Poland and Germany can be found.

Exam: written exam (90 minutes), ECTS: 2

2. Poland and Germany in European Perspective.

Seminar/Class-work, 30 h, Tuesday 17:30-19 :00 h, Willy Brandt Centre, Room 43

The course complements the lecture on Poland and Germany in a European Perspective. In the course we read and discuss articles presenting fundamental arguments on the comparison of countries in the various societal sectors, such as social inequality, economy, leisure activities, education, migration, etc. Step by step we accumulate a sound knowledge of how societies in Europe differ and where within this range Poland and Germany can be found. Presentations add further empirical knowledge about specific aspects of the issue.

Exam: presentation in the course, ECTS: 3

3. European cultures in comparative perspective

Seminar/Class-work, 30 h, Thursday 10:15-11:45 h, Willy Brandt Centre, Room 43

In the course we read and discuss articles applying different approaches to analyze culture. On one side we look at holistic approaches (e.g. Huntington), going back on the philosophy of Herder. We discuss the strengths and weaknesses of these approaches. A counter concept is comparative value research (e.g. Inglehart, Schwartz). Starting from their empirical work we compare the approaches and discuss the potentials and shortcomings. In the seminar we read and discuss publications of fundamental importance of the respective approach. Presentations add further empirical knowledge about specific aspects of the issue or theoretical counter positions.

Exam: presentation in the course, ECTS: 3

4. Globalization and regionalization

Seminar /Class-work 30 h, Wednesday 13:45-15:15 h, Willy Brandt Centre, Room 12

Globalization has been one of the buzzwords of the 1990s. Globalization seemed to be the cause of more or less all problems and harms. After some time the public reliable knowledge accumulated while hysteria faded away. In the course we will discuss main points of the debate, consider core arguments and get to know core findings. The course will cover discussions on the terms globalization and regionalization, dimensions and causes of globalization and regionalization, global civil society etc. Furthermore we will reconsider the arguments on cultural relativism versus universalism; globalization, americanization, glocalization, and cosmopolitanism.

Exam: presentation in the course, ECTS: 3