

Globalization and Diversity

Veranstalter Göttingen Diversity Research Institute

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Summer School at the University of Göttingen

Social diversity has always been an integral feature of public and private life worlds. This has become even more relevant due to the spiraling globalization that connects remote people and places into a global system. In the last decades, the recognition and following politicization of differences developed in manifold ways and spheres. Activism, politics and academia alike became committed to the task of creating more equal conditions on local and global scales. However, at this point of history this commitment is being openly questioned by reactionary forces. All over the world we recognize a surge of populism and nationalism questioning the critical commitment to equal opportunities, participation and inclusion. New and known -isms (racism, ethnocentrism, sexism, classism, ageism, ableism...) are deployed to draw or revive local as well as global (b)orders between nations, 'cultures', groups and individuals - between 'them' and 'us'.

In academia, the Social Sciences are especially well-equipped to critically accompany and to analyze the current two-fold dynamics: As students and scholars we are not only responsible for identifying, analyzing and evaluating the impact of such social, economic and political dynamics that foster inequality. Furthermore, our scientific expertise gained through analysis and research puts us in the responsible position to raise our voice and counter such harmful nostalgic arguments. Diversity sensitive expertise does not only in itself creates counterstrategies but also supports those (still) invested and committed in the endorsement of local and global inclusion, Human Rights, ethics, social justice, intergroup and intercultural dialogues, participation and empathetic community-building.

By sharing knowledge and research from diverse interdisciplinary perspectives on local as well as global issues connected to the dynamics of Globalization and Diversity, we aim to equip students from different cultural and disciplinary

communities with new insights, modes of inquiry and methodological approaches to complex social challenges. Moreover, we want to disseminate practical findings, facilitate new ways of thinking, foster intercultural understanding and sensitivity as well as collective appreciation of diversity itself

Confirmed speakers

Dr. Kristin Aune, Coventry University (Gender, Religion, Higher Education)

Acting professor Dr. Astrid Biele Mefebue, University of Göttingen (Sociology of Work, Diversity in Organizations)

Dr. Yvonne Franke, University of Göttingen (Globalization, Global Social Inequality)

Prof. Dr. Sabine Grenz, University of Vienna (Gender and Sexual Difference)

Prof. Dr. Shinji Kajitani, University of Tokyo (Philosophy, Comparative Culture, Medical History)

Katharina Kreissl, Technical University of Munich (Inequalities in Organizations, Neoliberal Governance and Subjectivation)

Dr. Akasemi Newsome, UC Berkeley (Comparative Political Economy, Race, Ethnicity and Immigration)

Program

This Summer School is organized in two modules:

Module I (6 ECTS): The students will be introduced to different perspectives on diversity in the context of globalization through six lectures, seminars and student led seminars. Thus, different didactic strategies will be used to

Prepare discussions with key note speakers and/or

Clarify specific views on globalization and diversity and/or

Reflect on individual research proposals

Reflect differences of academic cultures

The Summer School also includes preparation of literature and a mandatory short presentation of each participant in front of the class about her/his work. For earning credit points a concluding essay has to be written.

Module II (3 ECTS): Students will use excursions to experience and discuss further diversity-related topics, approaching specifically Germany-related topics and perspectives dealing with aspects to diversity in the past and present.

Mittelbau-Dora, concentration camp site memorial of the Third Reich (one day excursion)

Friedland Transit Camp - Perspectives on Migration, the Transit Camp from 1945 to today (one day excursion)

Guided City Tour: Science with Charme - historical women of the city and in the university

To gain the 3 credit points within Module 2 students have to reflect on the intercultural communication of the excursions and within the group-setting in a written form.

Credits in ECTS can only be obtained after successful completion of the work load required.

International participants who wish to receive credits for attending short term programs should check transfer policies with their academic advisor or the international office at their home institution.

Fees & Funding

Participation is free of charge for the selected candidates.

Due to funding by the University of Göttingen the Summer School will be able to offer co-funding for travel (paid as fixed country-specific travel allowance) and provide free organized accommodation in double rooms for the selected international participants.

All other individual incurred costs related to the participation in the summer school (food, visa fees, adequate insurance etc.) have to be covered by the participants themselves (or by their respective home institutions).

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