Module description

Module title					Abbreviation
Equity, Environmental Justice and Sustainability B					o6-SoWiNa-NGB-212-mo1
Module coordinator				Module offered by	
holder of the Chair of Comparative Politics and German Politics				Institute for Political Science and Sociology	
ECTS	Metho	od of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)		
5	(not)	successfully completed			
Duration		Module level	Other prerequisites		
1 semester		graduate	May not be combined with o6-SoWiNa-NGA		

Contents

Aspects of sustainable development have been addressed by political theory for a long time. One focal point have been theories of justice in a national and international frame, and in both contexts distributive justice has been prioritised. Analytical political theory e.g. concentrates on procedures for action coordination which allows a sustainable use of common pool resources or commons like water, meadows, fishing resources and so on. Furthermore, the normative theory of justice has raised questions of intergenerational justice und developed proposals for a just savings principle, that present generations should observe in favour of future ones. In a non-European context the question of alternatives to the Western economic system and related living styles respectively "conceptions of the good life" arises. In addition, the question comes up if developing countries ("countries of the global south") have a right to catch up in modernisation, with the well-known negative consequences for a global sustainability, and if the Western countries are obliged to compensation payments for the damages caused by them through colonialism and environmental pollution.

Intended learning outcomes

Students acquire the ability to understand different conceptions of rational resource management and normative theories of justice. They are able to apply them to the analysis of sustainability problems in a globalised world.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language - if other than German)

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Module taught in: German and/or English and potentially other language

Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

- a) presentation (approx. 30 minutes, pass/fail) or
- b) short presentation (approx. 15 minutes, pass/fail) or
- c) essay (approx. 5 pages, pass/fail) or
- d) review (approx. 3 pages, pass/fail) or
- e) log (approx. 3 pages, pass/fail) or
- f) leading a discussion (approx. 45 minutes) on a topic specified by the lecturer as part of a course (pass/fail) or
- g) scientific poster (approx. 50 hours total, pass/fail) or
- h) portfolio (approx. 50 hours total, pass/fail)

Language of assessment: German and/or English and potentially other language

Assessment offered: In the semester in which the course is offered, no less than once a year

Allocation of places

5 places. There are no restrictions with regard to available places for students of Social Sustainability Sciences (Master's, 120 ECTS credits). The number specified is the total number of places that will be allocated to students of other degree subjects in the SFB (list of modules) of which this module is listed. Should the number of applications exceed the number of available places, places will be allocated according to the number of subject semesters. Among applicants with the same number of subject semesters, places will be allocated by lot. A waiting list will be maintained and places re-allocated by lot as they become available.

Additional information

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Workload				
150 h				
Teaching cycle				
Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)				
Module appears in				
Master's degree (1 major) Social Science Sustainability Studies (2021)				

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