

Course Announcement IGS North-South

Autumn Semester 2013

Disciplinary and thematic modules

University of Basel

swisspeace

Interdisciplinary perspectives on North-South research

The interdisciplinary seminar of the Doctoral programme on North-South research serves as a platform for exchange and discussion for PhD students and their supervisors as well as Master students. On the basis of the PhD and Master students' work, epistemological, theoretical and methodological issues related to North-South research will be addressed.

The interdisciplinary research seminar will take place on 22 and 23 November 2013
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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](#).

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Swiss TPH

To be announced

University of Bern

Centre for Development and Environment

Reducing poverty - increasing disparities?

Questions of inequality and justice in globalisation and development

With the MDG-era drawing to a close in 2015, the world has witnessed a reduction of the share of people living in extreme poverty. Nevertheless, not only does the absolute number of the poor remain fairly unchanged at 800 mio since the 1970s, but also, the most deprived seem to be excluded from the majority of the development achievements of the last decade. In terms of the distribution of social welfare, the gap between the haves and the have-nots has increased.

In this course, we will

- a. map out selected dynamics of disparities in today's world, particularly in the global South
- b. identify important concepts and indicators of uneven development
- c. address different dimensions of inequality
- d. work with tools and instruments to measure unequal development
- e. discuss questions of development and justice
- f. frame these questions in the context of the post-2015 development debate

ECTS: 1.5

13-15 November 2013 (3 days), room 310, Hallerstrasse 10, 3012 Bern

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Please register latest by 31 October 2013 via igs-north-south@cde.unibe.ch and inform us about the following:

- IGS or IGS-associated PhD candidate (yes/no)
 - PhD candidate at other graduate school (yes/no)
 - Master student (yes/no)
 - Working title of your thesis
 - 3 Keywords describing your main research interests
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University of Zurich

Development Study Group

Graduate School Retreat Seminar

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.

Skills and competences developed: networking (++), disciplinary knowledge (+), presentation skills (++)

ECTS: 1+1

13-14 November 2013

PhD Seminar

PhD Seminar ("Promotionsseminar 1") 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.

Skills and competences developed: networking (+), presentation skills (+), transferable skills (+), career development (+)

ECTS: 1

First meeting of "Promotionsseminar 1": Monday, 24 September 2013, 1600-1800.

New PhDs should contact the Graduate School director, Prof. Dr. Ross Purves:

ross.purves@geo.uzh.ch

Colloquium

Colloquium of the Human Geography Department (in collaboration with IGS) Workshop, public lecture, and individual talks with Ben Rogaly

[Details](#)

16-18 December 2013

Spring 2014: Ananya Roy was asked to conduct the same kind of workshop

[Details](#)

Further information: <http://www.geo.uzh.ch/en/graduate-school/courses>

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Communication and publication module

University of Bern

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Writing for an Academic Audience: The rules of scientific articles

This e-learning course was designed to introduce researchers to the rules and context of scientific article writing and to provide researchers with opportunities to advance and improve their own writing. Indeed, 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”). The course consisted of nine webinars, individual and group exercises, and Skype coaching sessions.

ECTS: 3

Contact: Dr. Anne Zimmermann, CDE

Doing transdisciplinarity. How to maximize the impact of science on society

Transdisciplinary research - research that engages non-academic audiences - has an intrinsic interest in bringing results to fruition and in achieving impact. While many courses about transdisciplinarity are about theories and approaches, this online course explained step by step how to do it, in nine webinars.

Background: interest is growing in the impact that science can have on reducing poverty in the global South. If we understand impact as the “demonstrable contribution that excellent research makes to society and the economy” as noted by the British Councils, the concept encompasses a variety of contributions of research-related knowledge and skills that benefit people and the environment. Research can indeed influence policymakers’ views, policy development, funding patterns, and implementation or practice. The course was designed to introduce an approach for planning and assessing impact and use specific tools for applying the approach to PhD work in progress.

ECTS: 3

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