**Sociology of social structures and social flows**

20 hours lectures, 30 hours class instruction

6 ECTS

**Master Programme in Sociology, specialty Intercultural mediation**

Winter semester (1st)

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**The goal of the course:**

The goal of this module is to get students acquainted with the advanced social sciences theories and social research analysing and explaining the morphogenesis (structural transformation) of social order at the national, transnational and global levels in the context of intensified flows of the people and the capital at these levels. The module will also help students to develop skills and competences of applying this theoretical knowledge to the analysis of the concrete cases of transnational phenomena and processes (e.g. migration, the expansion of transnational corporations, creation and reproduction of core-periphery divisions) which have an impact on the actions and interactions of various (macro- and mega-) social actors (e.g. the nation states, transnational corporations, civilisations and sub-civilisations, transnational social movements) as well as the individuals involved.

**Methods of students’ assessment:**

Class room instruction

The final mark for the **class room instruction** will be based on the average of two marks: (1) the preparation for classroom discussions; (2) the preparation of oral presentation, with the emphasis on individual skills and competences.

The **oral presentation** (15 minutes, during the last class) should concern the subject related to the themes of the module based on individually selected data and additional readings. The presentation should be sent in **a written form** two weeks before the last class. The topic shall be chosen and discussed with the teacher till the end of November.

Lecture:

The final grade for the lecture will be based on the results of an oral exam organized during the examination period. The mark for the oral exam will be based on the evaluation of answers to two questions, of which one will be theoretical question (knowledge assessment) and the second will be a question aiming at assessing students' skills at interpreting concrete social phenomenon related to the themes of the module. The list of topics will be announced one month before the exams. All topics will be related to the themes covered by lectures and readings during the class instruction.

All readings will be available via dropbox account or sent by email at least one week in advance.

**Rules of attendance**

In general, it is expected that students will take part in all classes. It is allowed to be absent maximum two times. If students miss more than two classes, they should appear during contact hours and individually prepare to answer the questions related to obligatory readings.

In the case of lecture, participation is not obligatory but strongly recommended.

**Themes and additional readings list - lecture**

**1. Sociology beyond the boundaries of nation states. Introduction. Learning outcomes and the assessment of the module**.

Beck, U. (2007) Beyond class and nation: reframing social inequalities in a globalizing world, *British Journal of Sociology* 58(4): 679- 705.

Giddens, A. (2009) Sociology. 6th Edition, Cambridge: Polity Press, pp.5-31.

Burawoy, M. (2005) For public sociology, *American Sociological Review* 70: 4-28.

**2. Structures, flows and transnational social actors: towards new sociological imagination.**

Castels, M. (2009) *The Rise of the Network Society,* Wiley-Blackwell, pp. 440-448.

Elder-Vass, D. (2011) *The Causal Power of Social Structure,* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 64-86.

Sassen, S. (2011) The Global Inside the National, in: Sociopedia.ISA, International Sociological Association.

Sheller, M. (2011) Mobility, in: Sociopedia.ISA, International Sociological Association.

Urry, J. (2000) *Sociology beyond Societies: Mobilities for the twenty-first century.* London: Routledge, pp. 49-76.

**3. Fluid modernity and late capitalism: debating the nature of globalisation.**

Bauman, Z. (1999) *Liquid modernity.* London: Polity Press, pp. 1-15, 91-129.

Burawoy, M. (2000) Grounding globalization, in. Burawoy, M., Blum, J, George, S., Gille, Z., Thayer, M. (ed.) *Global Ethnography. Forces, Connections, and Imaginations in a Postmodern World*, Berleley: UCP, pp. 337-351.

Crane, D. (2011) Cultural globalization. in: Sociopedia.ISA, International Sociological Association.

Eisentstadt, S. (2011). Modernity. in: Sociopedia.ISA, International Sociological Association.

Giddens, A. (1991) *Modernity and Self-Identity.* Stanford, Stanford University Press, ch. 3.

Giddens, A. (1990) The consequences of modernity, in: Calhoun, C. et al. (ed.) *Contemporary sociological theory,* Blackwell, pp. 243-256.

**4. Global interdependencies and the new dimensions of global inequalities**.

Carroll, W. (2010) *The making of a transnational capitalist class. Corporate power in the 21st century,* London-New York: Zed Books, pp. 1-35.

Dicken, P. (2011) *Global Shift. Mapping the Changing Contours of the World Economy*, Los Angeles: Sage, pp. 475-511.

Ortiz, I., Cummins, M. (2011) *Global inequality: below the bottom billion.* New York: Unicef, available at: http://www.unicef.org/socialpolicy/files/Global\_Inequality.pdf

Silver, B. (2003) Forces of Labor: Workers' Movements and Globalization Since 1870. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, ch.2.

Sklair, L. (2000) *Transnational Capitalist Class,* Oxford: Blackwell, pp. 1-33 (ch.2, *Globalizing Class Theory)* .

Standing, G. (2011) *The Precariat: the New Dangerous Class*, London: Bloomsbury, pp. 1-58.

**5. Global flows of the people: migration movements in the 21st century.**

Ben-Rafael (2011) Diaspora. , in: Sociopedia.ISA, International Sociological Association.

Castles, S., Miller, R. (2009) The Age of Migration. International Population Movements in the Modern World. London: Palgrave, pp. 1-49.

Dicken, P. (2011) *Global Shift. Mapping the Changing Contours of the World Economy*, Los Angeles: Sage, pp. 511-521.

Ozkul, D. (2011) Transnational migration research, in: Sociopedia.ISA, International Sociological Association.

Williams, F., Brennan, D. (2012) Care, markets and migration in a globalising world: Introduction to the Special Issue, *Journal of European Social Policy* 22(4): 355-362.

**6. Global production networks and financial flows.**

Belanger, J., Edwards, P. (2006) Towards a Political Economy Framework: TNCs as National and Global Players, in: Ferner, A. et al. (ed.) *Multinationals, Institutions and the Construction of Transnational Practices Convergence and Diversity in the Global Economy*, Palgrave, pp. 24-52.

Crouch, C. (2011) *The Strange Non-Death of Neoliberalism,* Cambridge: Polity Press, pp. 49-70.

Dicken, P. (2011) *Global Shift. Mapping the Changing Contours of the World Economy*, Los Angeles: Sage, pp. 429-452.

Harvey, D. (2011) *The Enigma of Capital and the Crises of Capitalism*, Profile Books, pp. 140-183.

Meardi, G., Marginson, P., Fichter, M., Frybes, M., Stanojevic, M., Toth, A. (2009) Varieties of Multinationals: Adapting Employment Practices in Central Eastern Europe, *Industrial Relations,* 48(3): 489-511.

**7. Transnationalism and the controversies of postnational citizenship.**

Askola, H. (2012) Tale of Two Citizenships? Citizenship, Migration and Care in the European Union *Social & Legal Studies* 21: 341-356.

Faist, T. (2010) Diaspora and transnationalism: What kind of dance partners?, in: Baubock, R. Faist, T. (ed.) Diaspora and Transnationalism: Concepts, Theories and Methods, Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, pp.9-34.

Ong, A. (1999) *Flexible Citizenship: The Cultural Logics of Transnationality*, Duke University Press, pp. 1-28.

Peter Smith, M., Guarnizo L.E. (2009) Global mobility, shifting borders and urban citizenship, *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie* 100(5): 610–622.

Sassen, S. (2003) Towards post-national and denationalized citizenship, in: EF, Isin, B.S., Turner (eds.) *Handbook of Citizenship Studies*, New York, Sage, pp. 277-291, available online: http://www.saskiasassen.com/PDFs/publications/Towards-post-national-and-denationalized-citizenship.pdf

**8. Civilizations: the foundations of a new global order and the sites of new conflicts.**

Elias, N. ( ) The Social Constraint Towards Self-Constraint, in: Calhoun, C. et al. (ed.) *Contemporary sociological theory,* Blackwell, pp. 417-427.

Huntington, S.P., 1993, The Clash of Civilizations?, *Foreign Affairs* 72(3): 22–49.

Robertson, R. (2006) Civilization, *Theory, Culture and Society* 23: 421-436

Said, E. (1998) The Myth of the Clash of Civilizations, the transcript of a lecture available at: http://www.mediaed.org/assets/products/404/transcript\_404.pdf

Tiryakian, E. (2005) Civilizational Analysis: Renovating the Sociological Traditionin: Arjomand, S.A., Tiryakian, E. (eds.) *Rethinking Civilizational Analysis: Renovating the Sociological Tradition*, London: Sage,pp. 31-48.

**9. Global networks and counter-movements: is another globalization possible?**

Bronfenbrenner, K. (2007) Introduction, in: Bronfenbrenner, K. (ed.) Global Unions: Challenging Transnational Capital Through Cross-Border Campaigns, Cornell University Press, pp.1-25.

Della Porta, D., Kriesi, H. (2009) Social movements in a globalizing world: an introduction, in: Della Porta, D., Kriesi, H.. Rucht, D. (eds.) *Social movements in a globalizing world.* Palgrave, pp. 3-22.

Elliott, K., Freeman, R. (2003) The role global labor standards could play in addressing basic needs, in: Heymann, J. (ed.) *Global inequalities at work,* Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 299-327.

Evans, P. (2008) Is an Alternative Globalisation Possible, *Politics and Society* 36(2): 271-305.

Kalb, D. (2009) Conversations with a Polish populist: Tracing hidden histories of globalization, class, and dispossession in postsocialism (and beyond), *American Ethnologist*  36(2): 207-223.

Standing, G. (2014) A precariat charter. From denizens to citizens. London: Bloomsboory, pp. 316-328.

**10. After the crash: the (mega-)sociological imagination and global economic crisis.**

Crouch, C. (2011) *The Strange Non-Death of Neoliberalism,* Cambridge: Polity Press, pp. 162-180.

Galbraith, J. (2012) The Great Crisis and the Financial Sector: What We Might Have Learned, in: Calhoun, C., Derluguian, G. (eds.) *Aftermath: A New Global Economic Order?*, New York: New York University Press, pp. 235-242.

Harvey, D. (2011) *The Enigma of Capital and the Crises of Capitalism*, Profile Books, pp. 215-260.

Sassen, S. (2012) A Savage Sorting of Winners and Losers, and Beyond, in: Calhoun, C., Derluguian, G. (eds.) *Aftermath: A New Global Economic Order?*, New York: New York University Press, pp. 21-38.

Touraine, A. (2014) *After the crisis.* Polity Press, chapter 1. *[not available yet, to be ordered soon]*

**Themes and readings list - class instruction**

**1. Introduction. Learning outcomes and course assessment.**

 (dr Agata Krasowska, dr Olga Nowaczyk)

**2. Social sciences beyond the boundaries of nation states.**

(dr Olga Nowaczyk)

Faist, T. (2010) Towards Transnational Studies: World Theories, Transnationalisation and Changing Institutions, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 36(10): 1665-1687.

**3. Social structures and their causal powers.**

(dr Olga Nowaczyk)

Porpora, D. (1998) Four concepts of social structure, in: Archer, M., Bhaskar, R., Lawson, T., Norrie, A. (eds.) *Critical Realism: Essential Readings,* London: Routledge, pp. 339-355.

**4. Social flows and the forms of mobility.**

(dr Olga Nowaczyk)

Sheller, M. (2011) Mobility, in: Sociopedia.ISA, International Sociological Association.

Urry, J. (2000) *Sociology beyond Societies: Mobilities for the twenty-first century.* London: Routledge, pp. 1-20.

**5. Fluid modernity or late capitalism: debating the nature of globalisation.**

(dr Agata Krasowska)

Beck, U., Lau. (2005) Second modernity as a research agenda: theoretical and empirical explorations in the ‘meta-change’ of modern society, *British Journal of Sociology* 56(4): 525-557.

**6. Global dependencies: geographies of global inequalities.**

(dr Agata Krasowska)

Wallerstein, I. (2005) World-System Analysis. An Introduction, Duke University Press, pp. 23-41.

**7. Global flows of the people: migration and development in the 21st century.**

(dr Agata Krasowska)

Castles, S., Miller, R. (2009*) The Age of Migration. International Population Movements in the Modern World.* London: Palgrave, pp. 50-78 (chapter 3)

**8. Transnational encounters in multicultural global spaces.**

(dr Olga Nowaczyk)

Mirchandani, M. (2004) Practices of global capital: gaps, cracks and ironies in transnational call centres in India, *Global Networks* 4: 355-373.

**9. Global production networks and financial flows.**

(dr Agata Krasowska)

Castels, M. (2009) *The Rise of the Network Society,* Wiley-Blackwell, pp. 407-417.

Harvey, D. (2011) *The Enigma of Capital and the Crises of Capitalism*, Profile Books, pp. 40-58.

**10. Transnational classes? The rise of transnational capitalist class.**

(dr Agata Krasowska)

Sklair, L. (2000) *Transnational Capitalist Class,* Oxford: Blackwell, pp. 1-33

**11. Transnationality and the controversies of post-national citizenship.**

(dr Agata Krasowska)

Sassen, S. (2003) Towards post-national and denationalized citizenship, in: EF, Isin, B.S., Turner (eds.) *Handbook of Citizenship Studies*, New York, Sage, pp. 277-291, available online: http://www.saskiasassen.com/PDFs/publications/Towards-post-national-and-denationalized-citizenship.pdf

**12. Civilizations: the foundations of a new order and the sites of new conflicts.**

(dr Olga Nowaczyk)

Inglis, D. (2010) Civilizations or Globalization(s)? Intellectual Rapprochements and Historical World-Visions, *European Journal of Social Theory* 2010(13): 135.

Robertson, R. (2006) Civilization, *Theory, Culture and Society* 23: 421-436.

**13. Counter-movements: is another globalisation possible?**

(dr Olga Nowaczyk)

Evans, P. (2008) Is an Alternative Globalisation Possible, *Politics and Society* 36(2): 271-305

**14. After the crash: sociological imagination and global economic crisis.**

(dr Olga Nowaczyk)

Crouch, C. (2011) *The Strange Non-Death of Neoliberalism,* Cambridge: Polity Press, pp. 162-180.

Harvey, D. (2010) *The enigma of capital and the crisis this time,* paper prepared for the American Sociological Association Meetings in Atlanta, August 16th, 2010, available at:

http://davidharvey.org/2010/08/the-enigma-of-capital-and-the-crisis-this-time/

 **15. Brief presentations of students’ work. Evaluation of the classes.**

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