

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Details					
Code	SOC 022			Academic Year	Semester
Title	The Languages of Sociological Theories			T	A
				L	ECTS
			3	0	6
Language	German				
Level	Undergraduate	X	Graduate	Postgraduate	
Department / Program	Sociology				
Forms of Teaching and Learning	Face to Face				
Course Type	Compulsory		Elective	X	
Objectives	The aim is to provide students with an understanding of the language-bound nature of social scientific thinking and theorizing.				
Content	Theories have formulated a universal claim to validity, but have done so in a partially significant national language. This tension will be studied on the basis of selected classical texts by Max Weber, Karl Marx, Georg Simmel, Mieke Bal, Jürgen Habermas and others. The focus will be on central sociological concepts that change their meaning in their respective translation into other languages.				
Prerequisites	SOZ 201 and SOZ 202				
Coordinator	-				
Lecturer(s)	-				
Assistant(s)	-				
Work Placement	None				
Recommended or Required Reading					
Books / Lecture Notes	Moebius, Stefan, Ploder, Andrea (Hrsg.) Handbuch Geschichte der deutschsprachigen Soziologie. Band 1: Geschichte der Soziologie im deutschsprachigen Raum, Wiesbaden, 2018. Borchert, Jens. 2007. „Politik als Beruf“ to „Politics as a Vocation“: The translation, transformation, and reception of Max Weber's lecture. Contributions to the History of Concepts 3(1): 42–70. Mieke Bal: Travelling Concepts in the Humanities: A Rough Guide, 2002.				
Other Sources	-				
Additional Course Material					
Documents	1				
Assignments	1				
Exams	2				
Course Composition					
Mathematics und Basic Sciences				%	
Engineering				%	

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Engineering Design		%
Social Sciences		100%
Educational Sciences		%
Natural Sciences		%
Health Sciences		%
Expert Knowledge		%

Assessment

Activity	Count	Percentage (%)
Midterm Exam	1	40
Quiz		
Assignments	1	10
Attendance		
Recitations		
Projects		
Final Exam	1	50
Total	3	100

ECTS Points and Work Load

Activity	Count	Duration	Work Load (Hours)
Lectures	13	3	39
Self-Study	12	9	108
Assignments	1	9	9
Presentation / Seminar Preparation			
Midterm Exam	1	3	3
Recitations			
Laboratory			
Projects			
Final Exam	1	3	3
		Total Work Load	162
		ECTS Points (Total Work Load / Hours)	6

Learning Outcomes

01	Students understand the language-bound and perspective-dependent nature of sociological theories.
02	Students can draw general conclusions when theories have been formulated in a specific linguistic context.
03	Students can generalize partial arguments more independently of language.
04	Students can evaluate sociological concepts with the nuances gained in different languages.

Weekly Content

1	Introduction: The basic question: What does it mean that theories have been written and translated in specific national languages? What opportunities and problems arise from this?
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2	Mieke Bal: Travelling Concepts in the Humanities: A Rough Guide, 2002.
3	Part 1: Borchert, Jens. 2007. „Politik als Beruf“ to „Politics as a Vocation“: The translation, transformation, and reception of max Weber's lecture. Contributions to the History of Concepts 3(1): 42–70.
4	Part 2: Borchert, Jens. 2007. „Politik als Beruf“ to „Politics as a Vocation“: The translation, transformation, and reception of max Weber's lecture. Contributions to the History of Concepts 3(1): 42–70.
5	Max Weber: ‘What is social action’
6	Georg Simmel: “Sociology as the science of how people relate to each other”
7	Midterm
8	Ferdinand Tönnies: “Community and Society”
9	Hans Freyer: “Sociology as a science of reality”
10	T. W. Adorno, Max Horkheimer: The Concept “Dialectic of Enlightenment”
11	Jürgen Habermas: “Communicative Action”
12	Jan Assmann: ‘Communicative and Cultural Memory’
13	Saskia Sassen: “Global Cities”
14	Summary
15	Final

Contribution of Learning Outcomes to Program Objectives (1-5)

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	P10	P11	P12
1	5		3		5	5		3				
2	4		4		5	5		4				
3	4		4		5	5		4				
4	5		5		5	5		5				

Contribution Level 1: Low 2: Low-intermediate 3: Intermediate 4: High 5: Very High

<https://obs.tau.edu.tr/oibs/bologna/progLearnoutcomes.aspx?lang=tr&curSunit=6048>

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