

Syllabus

Course description

Course title	Social Work in historical, inter- and transnational contexts
Course code	51080
Scientific sector	SPS/07
Degree	Bachelor in Social Work
Semester	1st
Course year	2nd
Credits	10
Modular	Yes

Total lecturing hours	60
Total lab hours	
Attendance	according to the regulation
Prerequisites	

Specific educational objectives	<p>The module imparts knowledge about the historical development of social work from a comparative perspective and the challenges it faces in transnational and international contexts, in light of societal and political developments at the local, national, European, and international levels.</p> <p>The module aims to develop a professionally reflective competence that is historically, socio-politically, and culturally aware, and to utilize the knowledge conveyed in addressing current issues and problem areas in local, national, European, as well as transnational and international contexts.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gain a comprehensive understanding of the historical development of social work, including its origins, key milestones, and influential figures in the field. 2. Analyze the impact of social work within local, national, and transnational contexts, recognizing its evolving role in response to changing social and political landscapes. 3. Develop a critical awareness of the challenges and opportunities associated with international social work and its relevance in the modern world. 4. Examine the contributions of social work pioneers and their significance in shaping the profession and its methods in historical, intercultural, and global perspectives. 5. Explore the premodern roots of social work and its evolution through different historical periods, with a focus on addressing poverty, industrialization, and social issues. 6. Understand the role of organizations like the COS (Charity Organization Society) and settlements in the development of social work practices. 7. Gain insight into the process of professionalization within the field of social work and its historical context. 8. Analyze the history of social work within a European and international social work framework, considering its unique features and global relevance. 9. Acquire a detailed overview of the historical development of
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	<p>social work in specific regions, such as Germany, Italy, and South Tyrol.</p> <p>10. Develop the ability to apply historical insights to contemporary social work challenges and opportunities in diverse settings, from local to international contexts.</p>
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Module 1	Inter- and transnational Social Work
Lecturer	Nothdurfter Urban
Scientific sector of the lecturer	SPS/07
Teaching language	English
Office hours	12 (from Monday to Friday on request)
List of topics covered	<p>1. International Social Work Organizations and Cooperations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of international social work organizations (e.g., IASSW, IFSW, ICSW) - Cooperation initiatives like the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Social Platform - Understanding the structure, roles, and functions of these organizations <p>2. Global Social Problems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Examination of global issues such as poverty, migration, human trafficking - Analysis of the root causes, consequences, and impact of these global problems - The role of international social work in addressing and mitigating these issues <p>3. Regional Practice and International Comparisons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exploration of "international" issues in regional social work practice - Comparative analysis of social policies in different countries and regions - Comparative study of social work practices and approaches from various parts of the world - Understanding the challenges and successes of international social work interventions <p>4. Interconnectivity of Global Social Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emphasis on how global social issues are interconnected and interdependent - Recognizing the transnational nature of social problems and their impact on local communities - Identifying the need for international collaboration and solutions <p>5. Roles of Social Work and Social Workers in an International Perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion of the roles and responsibilities of social workers in addressing global challenges - The ethical and professional obligations of social workers in international contexts - Case studies and examples of social workers making a difference on a global scale <p>6. Sensitivity and Cultural Awareness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing cultural competence and awareness in social

	<p>work practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding diverse cultural perspectives and values - Promoting respectful and effective cross-cultural communication <p>This course covers a wide range of topics related to social work in historical, inter- and transnational contexts, aiming to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the global dimensions of social work and the skills needed to address complex international issues.</p>
Teaching format	<i>Frontal lectures, exercises, discussions</i>
Total lecturing/lab hours	30
Credits	5

Modul 2	Geschichte der Sozialarbeit
Dozent	Urban Nothdurfter
Wissenschaftlich-disziplinärer Bereich	SPS/07
Unterrichtssprache	Deutsch
Sprechstunden	12 (auf Anfrage)
Auflistung der behandelten Themen	<p>Die Veranstaltung gibt einen Überblick über die Geschichte der Sozialarbeit von ihren vormodernen Vorläufern bis zur Gegenwart. Dabei werden sowohl der lokale und nationale Kontext als auch eine europäische (und internationale) Perspektive berücksichtigt. Besondere Betonung erfährt die sozialhistorische Gewordenheit der Sozialarbeit als Profession im Kontext gesellschaftlicher und sozialpolitischer Entwicklung. Vor diesem Hintergrund wird auf das Leben und Werk ausgewählter PionierInnen der Sozialarbeit eingegangen und deren Bedeutung für die Begründung von Traditionslinien in Professions- und Methodenentwicklung aufgezeigt.</p> <p>Vorgeschichte: Der Umgang mit Armut im Wandel der Zeit Pauperismus, Industrialisierung, Soziale Frage COS & Settlements Geschichte der Professionalisierung Geschichte im Kontext einer Europäischen Sozialen Arbeit Überblick: Geschichte der Sozialen Arbeit in Deutschland Überblick: Geschichte der Sozialarbeit in Italien Überblick: Geschichte der Sozialarbeit in Südtirol</p>
Unterrichtsform	Vorlesungen, Übungen, Projekte
Gesamtanzahl Vorlesungsstunden/ Laboratoriumsstunden	30
Kreditpunkte	5

<p>Learning outcomes</p> <p>(The learning outcomes need to be arranged and defined among the lecturers of all modules. The coordinator of the modules is responsible for the provided data.)</p>	<p>Upon completing this course, students will be able to demonstrate the following learning outcomes:</p> <p>1. Knowledge and Understanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acquire a deep understanding of the historical development of social work, including its origins, milestones, and influential figures. - Comprehend the challenges that social work faces in the context of transnational and international connections.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognize the impact of societal and social policy developments at the local, national, European, and international levels on the field of social work. <p>2. Application of Knowledge and Understanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a profound professional reflexive competence that is historically, socio-politically, and culturally aware. - Apply acquired knowledge to address current issues and problem areas in various contexts, including local, transnational, and international settings. <p>3. Judgment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrate the ability to critically assess professionalization strategies and the evolution of theory and practice in social work, taking into consideration diverse contexts. - Analyze and evaluate the relevance of current societal and political developments for the practice of social work, both locally and in transnational and international settings. <p>4. Communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acquire specialized language and terminology in both teaching languages related to the subject matter of social work in historical, inter- and transnational contexts. - Develop effective communication skills for engaging in social work within transnational and international environments. <p>5. Learning Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apply effective strategies for independent learning, research, and knowledge acquisition, particularly in relation to the historical, transnational, and international dimensions of social work. <p>These learning outcomes reflect the knowledge, skills, and competencies that students will gain from the course "Social Work in Historical, Inter- and Transnational Contexts," preparing them to excel in the field of social work across various global and historical settings.</p>
Assessment	<p>Written partial exam, presentation, or seminar paper for each module.</p> <p>Additional performance requirements for the course will be agreed upon with the students.</p> <p>Integrated oral final examination.</p>
Assessment language	Deutsch, English
<p>Evaluation criteria and criteria for awarding marks</p> <p>(The evaluation criteria need to be arranged and defined among the lecturers of all modules. The coordinator of the modules is responsible for the provided data.)</p>	<p>Engagement with the conveyed content as well as its understanding and applicability to current issues and problem areas.</p> <p>In written assignments, particular attention will be given to the use of relevant academic literature, logical structure, clear argumentation, the ability for critical analysis, and formal correctness.</p>

	<p>In the oral examination, emphasis will be placed on communication and reflection skills.</p> <p>Another criterion relates to active participation in the course.</p> <p>Module weighting: 1:1</p>
<p>Required readings</p>	<p>Geschichte der Sozialarbeit</p> <p>Ausgewählte Kapitel aus folgenden Büchern:</p> <p>Lorenz, W., Havrdová, Z. & Matoušek O. (2020). <i>European Social Work After 1989: East-West Exchanges Between Universal Principles and Cultural Sensitivity</i>. New York: Springer.</p> <p>Fargion S., (2009), <i>Il servizio sociale. Storia, temi e dibattiti</i>, Laterza, Roma/Bari.</p> <p>Stefani, M. (2012). <i>Le origini del servizio sociale italiano. Tremezzo: un evento fondativo del 1946</i>.</p> <p>Müller, C. W. (2013): <i>Wie Helfen zum Beruf wurde: Eine Methodengeschichte der Sozialen Arbeit</i>. Weinheim und München: Juventa, 6. Auflage.</p> <p>Hering, S./Münchmeier, R. (2014): <i>Geschichte der Sozialen Arbeit: Eine Einführung</i>. Weinheim und München: Juventa, 5. Auflage.</p> <p>Amthor, R.-Ch. (2016) <i>Einführung in die Berufsgeschichte der Sozialen Arbeit</i>. Weinheim: Beltz Juventa, 2. Auflage.</p> <p>Weitere Kapitel oder Fachartikel werden in der Lehrveranstaltung zur Verfügung gestellt.</p> <p>International Social Work</p> <p>Selected chapters from following books (additional readings as announced in the lecture)</p> <p>Cox, D. & Pawar, M. (2013). <i>International Social Work: Issues, strategies, and programs</i>. 2nd edition. Thousand Oaks: SAGE.</p> <p>Lyons, K. et al. (2012). <i>The SAGE Handbook of International Social Work</i>. London: SAGE Publications. (online resource)</p> <p>Mapp, Susan C. <i>Human Rights and Social Justice in a Global Perspective. An Introduction to International Social Work</i>. (2nd ed.) Oxford University Press</p>
<p>Supplementary readings</p>	<p>Negi, Nalini Junko and Furman, Rich. <i>Transnational Social Work Practice</i>, New York Chichester, West Sussex: Columbia University Press, 2010. https://doi.org/10.7312/negi14448</p>