Syllabus
Course description

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Specific educational objectives

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...
social work in specific regions, such as Germany, Italy, and South Tyrol.
10. Develop the ability to apply historical insights to contemporary social work challenges and opportunities in diverse settings, from local to international contexts.

Module 1: Inter- and transnational Social Work

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**List of topics covered**

1. International Social Work Organizations and Cooperations:
   - 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

2. Global Social Problems:
   - 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

3. Regional Practice and International Comparisons:
   - 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

4. Interconnectivity of Global Social Issues:
   - 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

5. Roles of Social Work and Social Workers in an International Perspective:
   - 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

6. Sensitivity and Cultural Awareness:
   - Developing cultural competence and awareness in social
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.

### Teaching format
- Frontal lectures, exercises, discussions

### 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
- 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

### Unterrichtsform
- Vorlesungen, Übungen, Projekte

### Gesamtanzahl
- 30

### Vorlesungsstunden/Laboratoriumsstunden
- 30

### Kreditpunkte
- 5

### Learning outcomes

Upon completing this course, students will be able to demonstrate the following learning outcomes:

1. **Knowledge and Understanding:**
   - 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.
- Recognize the impact of societal and social policy developments at the local, national, European, and international levels on the field of social work.

2. Application of Knowledge and Understanding:
- 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.

3. Judgment:
- 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.

4. Communication:
- 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.

5. Learning Strategies:
- Apply effective strategies for independent learning, research, and knowledge acquisition, particularly in relation to the historical, transnational, and international dimensions of social work.

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.

| Assessment | Written partial exam, presentation, or seminar paper for each module. Additional performance requirements for the course will be agreed upon with the students. Integrated oral final examination. |
| Assessment language | Deutsch, English |
| Evaluation criteria and criteria for awarding marks | Engagement with the conveyed content as well as its understanding and applicability to current issues and problem areas. 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. |
In the oral examination, emphasis will be placed on communication and reflection skills.

Another criterion relates to active participation in the course.

Module weighting: 1:1

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