

16 July – 10 August 2018

Seminar Overview

Frankfurt Summer School 2018

Seminar Programme 1: Legal Studies

„Law in Globalized World – Fundamental, international and comparative aspects“

Topics

The role of law in the 21st Century can and actually must be characterized as ambivalent. On the one hand, law competes increasingly with other paradigms, especially with the economic one; apart from that, the subordination of politics and power to the rule of law still remains a project rather than reality in many parts of the world. On the other hand, the juridification of society (and societies) has increased immensely. More and more subject areas are becoming object of legislation, and thus of national and international jurisdiction. In this situation an intense ascertainment of the new legal topics is required as a recall of the philosophical, historical and comparative fundamentals of Law.

Seminar Programme 2: Psychology

„Social Psychology and Organizational Behavior“

Topics

Module 1:

Social Psychology (week 1 and 2)

Humans are social beings; hence, social psychology affects all of us. We constantly think, feel and act not only as individuals but also – and sometimes primarily – as members of social groupings. Social psychology studies human interaction – its forms, causes, consequences and psychological processes. In this course, we will study how human behavior and thinking is influenced by the actual or imagined presence of others. Students will get an overview of social psychological theories and will learn to apply these theories to everyday problems and situations. We will provide a full range overview of social psychology and we will discuss topics such as attribution processes, influence and obedience, attitudes and persuasion, prejudice, aggression and violence, intergroup behavior, prosocial behavior, social rituals as well as attraction and love. The course will comprise lectures, group work, self-assessments and exercises.

Module 2:

Organizational Behavior (week 3 and 4)

Organizations consist of the people who work within them. This course therefore attempts to build the students' understanding and skill in leading and managing people and organizations.

The objectives of this course are (1) to raise the student's awareness of the centrality of organizational behavior to understanding organizational functioning and effectiveness;

(2) to show how an understanding of human behavior via the disciplinary basis of psychology

profoundly deepens our analysis of organizations, and (3) to demonstrate the core value of an understanding of organizational behavior to a manager's ability to achieve organizational goals. We will provide an overview of organizational behavior and we will discuss topics such as perception and personality, motivation, leadership and decision making, groups and teams, organizational culture and change, and gender and diversity in organizations. The course will comprise lectures, group work, self-assessments and exercises.

Seminar Program 3: Natural and Life Sciences

“Biodiversity and Global Change”

Topics

Biologists and Geoscientists at the Goethe-University Frankfurt and the Senckenberg Biodiversity and Climate Research Centre aim to understand the dynamics of current and past changes in eco-systems and environments, focusing on a diverse range of organism groups. For many abundant organisms (marine algae, fungi, vertebrates, etc.), surprisingly little is understood about their ecological interactions and ecosystem functions within the context of global change. The aim of this course is to train a new generation of scientists in the interdisciplinary skills needed to investigate fundamental questions about biodiversity, macroecology, evolutionary trends, and their role in quantitative paleoenvironmental reconstructions across large spatial scales and geological time.

During the Frankfurt Summer school students will be trained in techniques across a variety of subjects including:

- Macroevolution - evolutionary change of species in fossils and molecular phylogenies
- Animal Movements in Human Modified Landscapes
- How fungi are ecosystem service providers! Integrative research on diversity, systematics and applied aspects of fungi
- Mankind and the biosphere in the past and the present
- How micro-organisms are used for reconstructing environments! Introduction into marine biodiversity, paleoceanography and paleoclimatology

The lectures will be held in English in the Biosciences and Geosciences Buildings - Campus Ried-berg. The Coordinator of the Natural and Life Sciences program is Prof. Dr. Jens O. Herrle.