

This is the semester program for the summer semester 2025. It is divided into the following sections:

1. General events that take place every semester,
2. Colloquia,
3. Events specific to this semester, and
4. Committee.

Please review the program and register for the events in a timely manner. **Participation in the research days is mandatory for all doctoral candidates.** Attending one of the colloquia is strongly recommended for everyone.

Participation in the program is mandatory according to the doctoral regulations, as it serves the purpose of further qualification.

General Events

Title	Open Door for PhD Students
Description	This open door is space in which you are welcome to address any question regarding your PhD studies, thematic issues, or problems as well as legal or formal aspects.
Language	English/German
Date	Wednesdays between 11am and 12pm (upon appointment)
Place	In presence or Webex
Contact Person	Norina Fischer (norina-eliane.fischer@sk.hs-fulda.de) and Sebastian Garbe (sebastian.garbe@sk.hs-fulda.de)

Title	Welcome Session
Description	The FGCS aims to warmly welcome new PhD students and provide them with essential information. Additionally, it serves as a platform for addressing any questions they may have. Following the welcome session, the research days will take place.
Language	English/German
Date	May 14 th , 12am
Place	Building 34, 5 th floor (FGCS)
Contact Person	Norina Fischer (norina-eliane.fischer@sk.hs-fulda.de)

Title	Lectures at the Department SK
Description	It is possible to take part in seminars and lectures at the department. Simply check the course catalog (Vorlesungsverzeichnis) and register with the respective professors for participation. Link: https://horstl.hs-fulda.de/qisserver/pages/cm/exa/coursecatalog/showCourseCatalog.xhtml?_flowId=showCourseCatalog-flow&_flowExecutionKey=e1s1
Language	English/German
Date	TBA
Place	In presence or Webex
Contact Person	--

PhD Colloquia

Title	PhD Colloquium: Transnational Gender & Diversity Studies
Description	The doctoral colloquium "Gender & Diversity Studies" is aimed at doctoral students and - by personal arrangement - also at those who plan to pursue to do a PhD in the future. In the colloquium, all questions concerning the planning, implementation and completion of the doctoral project are addressed and the theoretical and methodological approaches to the research work are presented and discussed. The doctoral candidates regularly present the progress of their work within the framework of the colloquium and are in a collegial exchange with other doctoral candidates through the colloquium.
Language	English/German
Date	by previous arrangement
Place	by previous arrangement
Contact Person	Prof. Dr. Carola Bauschke-Urban (Carola.Bauschke-Urban@sk.hs-fulda.de)

Title	PhD Colloquium: Globalisation and Development Studies
Description	In this colloquium, we will discuss the ongoing research of the doctoral students with a focus on social, economic and political processes mainly in the Global South. Based on the individual projects, we will discuss the different stages of the PhD project, including state of the art and preparation of field work, the challenges occurring during empirical research, data analysis and interpretation. We will also talk about how to structure the thesis, how to write up data and how to manage time constraints.
Language	English/German
Date	May 16 th (in Fulda) and June 6 th (in Bochum)
Place	by previous arrangement
Contact Person	Prof. Dr. Eva Gerharz (eva.gerharz@sk.hs-fulda.de)

Title	PhD Colloquium: Intercultural Communication
Description	The colloquium supports the ongoing theoretical and empirical PhD projects with research topics regarding culture(s), and intercultural or culture-reflexive communication. It offers time to present research steps or to discuss related topics and methods. The choice of topics will be selected by the participants.
Language	English/German
Date	April 16 th , 12am June 4 th , 4.30-6pm July 9 th , 4.30-6pm
Place	by previous arrangement
Contact Person	Prof. Dr. Kirsten Nazarkiewicz (kirsten.nazarkiewicz@sk.hs-fulda.de)

Title	Interpretation Workshop for Developing Empirically Grounded Theories
Description	<p>The workshop will bring together graduate students for joint data sessions. Aside from the interpretation work, a specific focus lies on epistemological principles and the development of general theories. It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) difficult field experiences and how to include them in knowledge production, b) logics of inferences (induction, deduction, abduction) and how to make conclusions, and c) the range, significance and representativeness of qualitative-empirical findings <p>Please email rixta.wundrak@sk.hs-fulda.de to register and submit data material.</p>
Language	English/German
Date	Dates by arrangement after registration
Place	The workshop will be on-site (hybrid if needed)
Contact Person	Prof. Dr. Rixta Wundrak (rixta.wundrak@sk.hs-fulda.de)

Title	Researching Democracy in/and Europe
Description	<p>One-day research colloquium</p> <p>Interested doctoral candidates are cordially invited - please register in advance with Prof. Dr. Wiesner.</p>
Language	English/German
Date	by previous arrangement
Place	by previous arrangement
Contact Person	Prof. Dr. Claudia Wiesner (claudia.wiesner@sk.hs-fulda.de)

Program for the semester

Title	ESSA Conference
Description	<p>Shaping ‘Youthful Futures’ in the Global South. Sociological Perspectives</p> <p>Spring Conference of the Section Development Sociology/Social Anthropology (ESSA) of the German Sociological Association (DGS) in cooperation with the Fulda Graduate Centre in Social Sciences (FGCSS) and the Research Cluster “Shaping Future Societies” (SaFe)</p> <p>This conference seeks to explore the nexus between youth and the future through theoretically and empirically grounded insights into youth projects and experiences in the Global South.</p>
Language	English
Date	May, 8-9 th
Place	Fulda
Contact	ESSA-conference@hs-fulda.de

Title	Publishing in the Field of Human Rights and Social Justice
Description	<p>Publishing in peer-reviewed journals is among the most important ways to make your research known in the scientific community. This is true in the field of human rights and social justice as well as in other topic areas. Though, many steps have to be taken until an article is finally published. The online workshop is designed to exchange experiences, share skills and talk about appropriate strategies for successful publication processes. Materials from an actual publication including drafts, reviews and the final article will serve as a practical example.</p> <p>10 places available on a first come, first served-basis. Register by email to malte.luehmann@sk.hs-fulda.de until May 9th.</p>
Language	English
Date	May 13 th , 10-12 am
Place	Online (Link will be sent to registered participants)
Contact Person	Dr. Malte Lühmann (malte.luehmann@sk.hs-fulda.de)

Title	Research Days
Description	The research days are intended for all members of the FGCSS, including doctoral candidates and professorial members, to come together. On one hand, space will be provided to present various dissertation projects. At the same time, there will be the members' assembly where various topics will be discussed and votes will be taken. Lastly, the research days are meant to facilitate networking among all FGCSS members. This year, the research days will take place exclusively on-site in Fulda. Therefore, we kindly ask all members to keep the dates free and make arrangements to travel to Fulda. The program will be officially announced later in the semester.
Language	English
Date	May, 14-15 th
Place	22.302
Contact Person	Norina Fischer (norina-eliane.fischer@sk.hs-fulda.de)

Title	Writing Retreat
Description	The Writing Retreat is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together for a week to work intensively on our projects, share ideas and simply have community. There will be daily writing sessions, space for discussion of our projects, and time for relaxation and socializing. We hope that this time of focused writing and collaboration will not only be productive, but also have a positive impact on our research work.
Language	English
Date	May 2025
Place	TBA
Contact Person	Norina Fischer (norina-eliane.fischer@sk.hs-fulda.de)

Title	Peer Forum: Discussion & Reflection
Description	We are planning a few sessions during the summer semester where we can present and discuss our work in an open learning environment. The goal is to practice defending our projects, receive constructive feedback, and get to know each other's research. Additionally, we want to create a space for sharing experiences on various topics, such as guest stays abroad, useful AI tools, and more. To kick things off, we have created a scheduling poll for an initial online meeting, where we will set further dates based on everyone's availability and needs. Here is the link: https://nuudel.digitalcourage.de/QwqbJQGpHQUW14fY
Language	English
Date	TBA
Place	Online
Contact Person	Thivita Himmen (thivita.himmen@posteo.de) and Norina Fischer (norina-eliane.fischer@sk.hs-fulda.de)

Title	Gestaltung von Grafiken - Mit ansprechenden Visualisierungen mehr Aufmerksamkeit und Verständlichkeit für Deine Promotion
Description	<p>Workshop mit Jessica Rietze (M.A. Produktgestaltung): Der Workshop vermittelt Gestaltungsgrundlagen aus den Bereichen Wahrnehmung, Gestaltgesetze, Typografie, Farbwirkung, Formen und Komposition, um die Inhalte Deiner Promotion überzeugend, verständlich und professionell zu visualisieren. Darauf aufbauend diskutieren und bewerten wir anhand von Fallbeispielen den Mehrwert und Einsatz von (Info-)Grafiken für wissenschaftliche Publikationen. Ihr erhaltet Argumentationshilfen zur Beurteilung von Entwürfen sowie Praxistipps zur Erstellung von eigenen Grafiken.</p> <p>Die Veranstaltung ist ein Kooperationsworkshop der Promotionszentren Soziale Arbeit und Sozialwissenschaften. Anmeldung ist bis zum 31. Mai an Norina Fischer möglich: norina-eliane.fischer@sk.hs-fulda.de (Begrenzte Teilnehmerzahl; first come, first served)</p> <p>Bitte sendet mit der Anmeldung konkrete Fragestellungen zum Thema „Gestaltung von Grafiken“, die Euch im Rahmen Eurer Promotion interessieren.</p>
Language	Deutsch
Date	June 16 th , 9am – 4pm
Place	Zugangslink wird nach Anmeldung bekannt gegeben
Contact Person	Norina Fischer (norina-eliane.fischer@sk.hs-fulda.de)

Title	ISA Congress 2025 Rabat
Description	<p>Doctoral students of FGCS are invited to visit the 2025 congress of the International Sociological Association ISA 2025, which is taking place in Rabat / Morocco. Participants are requested to conduct booking of conference registration and fees as well as accommodation and flight individually. Please use the available funding opportunities as for example are provided by DAAD!</p> <p>There is an existing group of PhD students from FGCS who are presenting their ongoing doctoral research projects at ISA 2025 and some joint FGCS activities can be joined. Please register for joint FGCS activities during ISA 25 via e-Mail with carola.bauschke-urban@sk.hs-fulda.de until April 15th 2025.</p> <p>For more information about the ISA Conference https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/rabat-2025</p>
Language	English
Date	July, 7 th – 11 th
Place	Rabat, Morocco
Contact Person	Prof. Dr. Carola Bauschke-Urban (carola.bauschke-urban@sk.hs-fulda.de)

Title	Lecture Series Europe in the World
Description	Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence “Europe in the World” The lecture series will bring together and create exchange around invited lectures of academics, policy-makers, EU and national politicians, civil servants, and civil society representatives. The audience will consist of academics, students and citizens. The goal is to engage in dialogues on current and relevant topics related to “Europe in the World”, such as the EU’s values in a changing world, its geopolitical position, Common Foreign and Defence Policy, migration and immigration, climate change, development policy, democracy and legitimacy.
Language	English
Date	TBA
Place	TBA
Contact Person	Prof. Dr. Claudia Wiesner (claudia.wiesner@sk.hs-fulda.de)

Title	SaFe Lectures Series
Description	Lectures Series: Researching Community For more information, see flyer.
Language	English/German
Date	May 13 th , May 20 th , June 17 th , July 1 st , and July 15 th - 4.30 – 6pm
Place	On-Site
Contact Person	David Joshua Schröder (david-joshua.schroeder@sk.hs-fulda.de)

Title	PhD Colloquium: Human Rights & Social Justice
Description	In the research colloquium of the interdisciplinary doctoral program "Human Rights & Social Justice", the doctoral students of the program present insights and problems from their ongoing research work. The doctoral students provide chapters or other materials, which are work-in-progress as a basis, for discussion. The contributions are commented on by colleagues and then discussed together. The aim is to exchange experiences and discuss strategies for dealing with frequently occurring challenges based on specific questions from the participants’ research process.
Language	English/German
Date	July 16th, 2025, exact time TBA
Place	TBA
Contact Person	Malte Lühmann (malte.luehmann@sk.hs-fulda.de)

Committee

Title	Doctoral Committee/Promotionsausschuss (for members only)
Description	The committee is responsible for the acceptance and the doctoral procedures (Promotionsverfahren) and meets on the following dates. If you are planning to submit your dissertation in the upcoming semester, please make sure to submit all relevant documents at least <u>one week before</u> the doctoral committee meets.
Language	German
Date	April 30 th , May 21 st and June 18 th , 3-5pm
Place	22.219 (hybrid)
Contact Person	Norina Fischer (norina-eliane.fischer@sk.hs-fulda.de) and Sebastian Garbe (sebastian.garbe@sk.hs-fulda.de)

May 14th

- 12 am - 1 pm **Welcome Session**
All PhDs welcome
- 1 -2 pm **Lunch Break**
- 2-4 pm **Research Lab**
Discussion of projects
- 4.30 - 6.30 pm **World Café**
Topic: Supervision
- 7 pm **FGCSS Dinner**
Self-pay

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- Where? **Building 22, room 302**
- Who? **All FGCSS members**
Professors and PhD students
- Contact: norina-eliane.fischer@sk.hs-fulda.de

May 15th

- 10-12 am **Keynote**
Prof. Dr. Tonia Ruppenthal
- 12 am -1. 30 pm **Lunch Break**
- 1.30 - 4.30 pm **Parallel Workshops**
Option 1:
Ethnographic
Constellations
Option 2:
How to survive a PhD?
Option 3:
Qualitative Research
Methods
- 5 - 6.30 pm **General Assembly**