

Fulda International Autumn School 2021

Global Inequalities and Human Rights

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Call for Contributions

Our world is divided by deep social inequalities, aggravated by contemporary challenges such as economic crises, climate change, and a global pandemic. While the unprecedented wealth of our times is under control of a few, poverty and precarity affect more and more people. While a part of the world's population enjoys social and political rights, others face institutional discrimination or persecution. While some have the freedom to move or to stay at home, others are forced to seek refuge or stay in places where they are not considered as equals. During the Autumn School, we will explore how intersecting dimensions of global inequalities shape societies and people's everyday lives and discuss ways to confront them.

The programme offers different formats of exchange. In addition to keynotes and lectures from senior scholars who will introduce key research problems, we invite doctoral and advanced MA students to present their projects. In a creative and supportive atmosphere, we will discuss your current theoretical and methodological challenges and provide new ideas and perspectives.

Perspectives and topics

- Inequalities and human rights within and beyond the European Union
- Social movements, human rights, and transformative potentials
- Postcolonial and intersectional perspectives on global inequalities
- Discrimination and social (im)mobility
- Doing research on global inequalities

How to participate?

- Send a title, keywords, and abstract (max. 300 words) by **1 October 2021** to fgcss-autumnschool@sk.hs-fulda.de
- The abstract should specify the questions and challenges you would like to get feedback on.
- Please point out which workshop you would like to contribute to (name two prioritized options).

ONLINE EVENT

15 – 19 November 2021

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The Programme

CET	14:00 – 15:30	16:00 – 18:00	19:00 – 21:00
Day 1 15.11.	<i>Keynote</i> Sufficiency, equality, and human rights	<i>Workshop 1a</i> Trade, aid and migration: EU Policies towards the Global South	<i>Workshop 1b</i> Inequalities within the EU and integration challenges
Day 2 16.11.	<i>Keynote</i> Democratic values and the creation of (in)equality: Lessons from social justice movements	<i>Workshop 2a</i> Social movements and human rights: transformative potentials	<i>Workshop 2b</i> Youth movements and political change
Day 3 17.11	<i>Keynote</i> Global entangled inequalities	<i>Workshop 3a</i> Social mobilities in racialized terrains	<i>Workshop 3b</i> Migration and the (un)making of boundaries
Day 4 18.11	<i>Keynote</i> Contentious issues in feminism: Transnational feminist debates	<i>Workshop 4a</i> Contestations over gender norms and sexual diversity	<i>Workshop 4b</i> Diversity, equity, inclusion, and the language of appeasement
Day 5 19.11	<i>Keynote</i> Researching global inequalities	<i>Workshops 5a - parallel sessions</i> How to develop a professional research design? How to publish in international peer reviewed journals?	<i>Workshop 5b</i> Decolonial reflections on inequalities in knowledge production

KEYNOTE: Sufficiency, equality, and human rights

by Samuel Moyn, Yale University

DAY 1 Monday
15/11/2021

WORKSHOP 1a: Trade, aid and migration: European Union policies towards the Global South

EU Foreign Policies tend to be highly ambivalent. On the one hand, EU representatives communicate their aims to 'promote' rights-based development, inclusive growth and shared prosperity in 'partner countries', inter alia by human rights clauses or sustainability chapters in free trade agreements. On the other hand, the potential impact of liberalisation and the rising securitization of aid, often related to 'managing migration,' may undermine these goals.

Workshop organizer: Anja Zorob, Birzeit University

WORKSHOP 1b: Inequalities within the EU and integration challenges

This workshop looks at inequalities within the European Union: How do they relate to growing nationalism, democratic deficits, Euroscepticism, and a legitimacy loss of European institutions and integration? Do these inequalities lead to a conflict between those left-behind the EU integration and those who benefit from the EU integration? What are some policies that could address these inequalities?

Workshop organizer: Alexandru Balas, SUNY Cortland

KEYNOTE: Democratic values and the creation of (in)equality: Lessons from social justice movements
by Marianne Maeckelbergh, Ghent University

DAY 2
Tuesday
16/11/2021

WORKSHOP 2a: Social movements and human rights: Transformative potentials

In this workshop, we will ask how much hope a rights-based approach offers to social movements around the globe: Is there transformative potential in collective, social, and human rights? For what kinds of struggles? How do social movements reimagine and vernacularize human rights in local contexts?

Workshop organizer: Carin Runcimen, University of Johannesburg

WORKSHOP 2b: Youth movements and political change

This workshop seeks to understand youth movements as a social phenomenon in relation to political change. We are particularly interested in youth movements around the world and their various struggles, collective identity formation, strategic alliances, (social) media usage etc. The aim is to develop an overview of youth movement research and systematize this along epistemologies, theories, methodologies and methods.

Workshop organizers: Sandrine Gukelberger, University of Konstanz, and Shewly Hosna, Fulda UAS

KEYNOTE: Global entangled inequalities
by Sergio Costa, Freie Universität Berlin

DAY 3
Wednesday
17/11/2021

WORKSHOP 3a: Social mobilities in racialized terrains

This workshop will delve into politics of boundary making, discrimination, and exclusion and reveal institutional and casual racisms, their historical and contemporary societal grounds and effects. It will contextualize prominent examples such as racialized police violence or labour markets.

Workshop organizer: Victoria Showunmi, University College London

WORKSHOP 3b: Migration and the (un)making of boundaries

Here we will discuss the chances of conviviality in plural societies and highlight examples of the unmaking of boundaries. We will discuss the contributions and limits of attempts to create intercultural understanding in contexts of (forced) migration.

Workshop organizer: n.n.

An event of the project "Transnational Governance and Human Rights"

The Autumn School is part of a project that promotes the cooperation between the Department of Social and Cultural Sciences at Fulda University of Applied Sciences and six partner universities: These include SUNY Cortland (USA), MacEwan University (Canada), German Jordanian University (Jordan), Birzeit University (Palestine), Sciences Po Toulouse (France), and the University College London (UK). It is funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Information on further goals and activities can be found [here](#).

DAY 4
Thursday
18/11/2021

KEYNOTE: Contentious issues in feminism: Transnational feminist debates in conversation
by Mechthild Nagel, SUNY Cortland

WORKSHOP 4a: Contestations over gender norms and sexual diversity

This workshop will look at contestations over gender norms and sexual diversity across time and space. It seeks to understand the simultaneity of successful struggles for social rights and tolerance at the one hand and conservative rollbacks and rising 'anti-genderism' on the other, exploring the persistence of misogyny, homo- and transphobia as well as gendered patterns of exploitation and exclusion.

With a guest lecture by Angelika Pöferl, TU Dortmund University:
"Vulnerability - Dignity - Integrity: Gender and Human Rights"

WORKSHOP 4b: Diversity, equity, inclusion, and the language of appeasement

Inadvertently, diversity interrogates the *raison d'être* of inclusion and equity. Who is at the table and who is excluded and for what reason? Institutional strategies such as Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officers have created illusions of inclusion, while research indicates that diverse inequalities persist. This workshop session will evaluate institutional appeasement strategies and will suggest transformative approaches to promote gender equity, social justice, and antiracism.

Workshop organizer: Seth Asumah, SUNY Cortland

KEYNOTE: Researching global inequalities
by Anja Weiß, University of Duisburg-Essen

DAY 5 Friday
19/11/2021

WORKSHOP 5a

→ [parallel session] **How to develop a professional research design?**

This session will support Doctoral and Master students in developing a professional research design. The research problem, critically addressing what is known and yet to be known, leads to an operationalisable research question which in turn leads to the selection of adequate samples, fields and methods.

Workshop organizer: Rixta Wundrak, Fulda University of Applied Sciences

→ [parallel session] **How to publish in international peer reviewed journals?**

This session will give hands-on for successful publication in international journals. The ISA Vicepresident for Publications and former editor of *Current Sociology* will show what is needed to prepare a suitable submission for an international journal, provide insights in the procedures of peer reviewing and common pitfalls, and reveal what referees and editors are looking for.

Workshop organizer: Eloísa Martín, International Sociological Association Vice-president for Publications

WORKSHOP 5b: Decolonial reflections on inequalities in knowledge production

This workshop will take up discussions on global inequalities in different spheres of knowledge production, namely the persistence of Eurocentric hegemonies, practices of othering, epistemic extractivism, and politics of representation. Drawing on post- and decolonizing critiques we will reflect on our respective positionalities and ways to confront epistemic inequalities.

Workshop organizer: Sebastian Garbe, Fulda University of Applied Sciences