New interdisciplinary courses

Spring semester 2022

Where and when?

Introduction to Psychology of Religion:
Date: Start date 25/02/2022
Time: Friday, 10:15 to 12:00 (Every week)
ECTS: 4
Registrations via KSL
Registration Period: 11/01/2022 - 11/03/2022

Cyberpsycholgy 4.0 - And the Dark Side of the Internet:
Date: Start date: 22/02/2022
Time: (Every week)
ECTS: 4
Registrations via KSL
Deadline Period: 04.02.2022 - 10.02.2022

Minorities at Risk: A Global Discourse on the 'Politics of Othering':
Date: Start date: 23/02/2022
Time: Wednesday, 16:15 – 18:00 (Every week)
ECTS: 4
Registrations via KSL
Registration Period: 01/12/2021 - 12/03/2022

Introduction to Psychology of Religion (KSL Number 476506)

Lecturer: Michael Ackert, Institute for Empirical Study on Religion

William James, Gordon Allport, Stanley Hall, Sigmund Freud, Carl G. Jung. What do these scholars have in common despite being wide known as psychologist who greatly contributed to the development of the young scientific discipline at their time? One particular aspect of their research interest was the Psychology of Religion. In contrary, many modern thinkers (e.g., Robert Emmons, Kenneth Pargament, Ralph Hood Jr., Pehr Granqvist) in Psychology of Religion (and Spirituality) are not known or are not recognised even thought their works contribute to the scientific approach to phenomena as fundamentalism, secularisation, mental health, coping, positive psychology etc. The seminar takes on the different topics of Psychology of Religion by introducing, elaborating and integrating classical and modern works into the discussion of phenomena related to religion and spirituality.

Cyberpsycholgy 4.0 - And the Dark Side of the Internet (KSL Number 476219)

Lecturer: Nicola Jacobshagen, Personality, differential psychology and diagnostics

As the world keeps changing with the fourth industrial revolution and, therefore, digitalization 4.0, cyberpsychology became a new focus in psychology. In this seminar two major aspects will be analyzed and discussed: 1) Cyberpsychology and digitalization with regard to economic (e.g., Big Data) and psychological (e.g., Digital Natives) developments. 2) The Dark Side of the Internet. A lot of new behaviors have developed over time like trolling, flaming, stereotyping, ostracism, griefing, cybergrooming, and cybermobbing. These behaviors influenced by certain personality and environmental factors. This seminar offers an in-depth understanding of both aspects as well explores avenues to limit these dangerous behaviors.
The main topics are:
- Digitalization, digital change and cyberactivism
- The self and groups in cyberspace
- User behavior and usage behavior
- Social media
- Big data and artificial intelligence

Minorities at Risk: A Global Discourse on the 'Politics of Othering' (KSL Number 476199)

Lecturer: Kaholi Zhimomi, UTC Bangalor

Minority questions have never been more crucial than today, as many regional, national and international conflicts break out from the power dynamics between minority and majority embroiled in the 'politics of othering.' Minority Studies analyse the social histories and socio-economic and ethno-religious conditions of minority groups and the challenges confronting various racial, ethnic, sexual, gender, and other minority groups in the world. For multidisciplinary analysis, an approach is needed which takes serious account of the ethnic experiences of those groups of individuals by identifying the impact of race/ethnicity, migration and nationalism, sexual and gender identitites, and religiosities in relation to any society, in order to understand how their experiences have re-shaped and changed the society.