

New interdisciplinary courses



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Where and when?

Enhancing a Sustainable Approach to Labour Migration

Date: Start date 08/03/2023

Time: Wednesday, 14 to 16:00 (Every week)

ECTS: 5

Registrations via KSL

Registration Period: 20/12/2022 – 05/03/2023

From Perestroika to the Russia-Ukraine war: Understanding violent conflicts in the former Soviet space:

Date: Start date: 24/02/2023

Time: Friday, 12:15 – 14:00 (Every week)

ECTS: 5 - 7

Registrations via KSL

Deadline Period: 21/12/2022 - 01/02/2023

Individual differences and their impact in the cyberworld:

Date: Start date: 23/02/2023

Time: Thursday, 14:15 – 16:00 (Every week)

ECTS: 5

Registrations via KSL

Registration Period: 6/2/2023 - 10/2/2023

Enhancing a Sustainable Approach to Labour Migration (KSL Number 481355)

Lecturer: Elisa Fornalé, World Trade Institute

Coming to deal with the health crisis and the recovery phase, the digital transformation, the integration of people fleeing Russia's invasion in the long term, is not surprisingly that we assist to a reinvigorated interest in the role of labour migration. Switzerland certainly doesn't ignore the relevance of these dynamics. In a context of growing international competition, as rather a small landlocked country, labour migration is crucial to contribute to the economic dynamism of the country and to reply to demographic change. However the developments of migration programmes into Switzerland has resulted to be significantly complex and politically sensitive, in particular since the entry into force of the free movement agreement with the EU/EFTA countries. Under these circumstances, the overall aim of this course is to study migration law at the interface of economics and labor market needs by exploring how framing a sustainable and responsive approach.

From Perestroika to the Russia-Ukraine war: Understanding violent conflicts in the former Soviet space (KSL Number 482086)

Lecturer: Cécile Elisabeth Druey Schwab, Oksana Myshlovska, Elena Natenadze, Institute of History

The Russian attack on Ukraine has fundamentally transformed the global order with yet unknown long-term consequences. This course examines violent conflicts in the former Soviet space from the late 1980s until the Russia-Ukraine war escalating in February 2022 with a focus on the role of memories, histories, myths and other discursive practices. Beyond the focus on conflict dynamics, the course will aim to examine key trends of the last decades such as the evolving role of Russia as a global and regional player, the shift towards the "authoritarian conflict management" and shrinking spaces for civil society peacebuilding. In terms of theoretical and conceptual approaches, the course is interdisciplinary, drawing on the concepts from history, memory studies, social psychology, conflict studies and critical geopolitics studies.

Individual differences and their impact in the cyberworld (KSL Number 482059)

Lecturer: Nicola Jacobshagen, Institute of Psychology

This seminar is about different personality traits and their impact on the use of different technologies in the online world and vice versa, i.e. the influence of technologies on our personality. The main personality traits addressed are the Big Five, self-esteem and self-efficacy, but also shyness, loneliness, narcissism, and trait anxiety. The use of smartphones, tablets, chats and of course the internet as well as first experiences from the metaverse (especially gamification) are discussed as digital media. The following aspects of the connection between individual differences and the work context in cyberpsychology are also addressed: Social media, dealing with evaluations and likes, suitability diagnostics, typical behavior and its challenges as well as promoting creativity.