

New interdisciplinary courses

Spring semester 2018

Where and when?

Environmental Justice: multi-dimensional and multi-scale perspectives:

Date: 22.2-31.5.2018

Time: Thu 16:00-18:00 (weekly)

ECTS: 5 Room: Raum 310, BFH, Soz. Arbeit

The science of organization development (OD):

Date: 22.02-31.05.2018 Time: Thu 08:15-12:00
(Every second week)

ECTS: 5 Room: tbd

Algorithms and Law – A course on Legal Tech:

Date: 22.02-31.05.2018

Time: Thu 12:15-13:45 (weekly)

ECTS: 5 Room: UniS, A027

All courses will be held in English, further information on KSL: www.ksl.unibe.ch

Environmental Justice: multi-dimensional and multi-scale perspectives

Lecturers: Dr. Sébastien Boillat,
Faculty of Science / Institute of Geography
Faculty of Humanities / Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern

This interdisciplinary course has the main objective to explore conceptual developments and practical applications of notions of justice in environmental governance. In particular, this course will introduce and discuss the concept of environmental justice (EJ) and will link theoretical considerations of EJ to practical experiences and case studies involving EJ. Course participants will learn about social and ecological justice issues in relation with different environmental problems. They will learn to recognize subjects, dimensions and principles of justice and apply them to situations of environmental governance.

The science of organization development (OD)

Lecturer: Dr. Simone Grebner, Faculty of Human Sciences, University of Bern

This course introduces BA and MA students to the science and current practice of organization development (OD) that aims at successful planned change managed from the top. Students will discover crucial behavioral sciences concepts, necessary consulting skills, and successful interventions that are based on alignment of strategy, culture, managerial style, people, rewards and metrics. Students will also explore the evaluation of interventions using an interdisciplinary perspective that includes industrial/organizational psychology and economics.

Algorithms and Law – A course on Legal Tech

Lecturer: Dr. Phillip Hanke, Institute for Public Law, University of Bern

The use of advanced technology in legal practice is currently taking off around the world. Many tasks are automated and commoditized, while a new ecosystem of law firms, tech entrepreneurs, academics and other professionals is emerging. It is therefore of importance that prospective lawyers and policy experts develop some knowledge of the different data-driven or rule-based tools used in the industry. Students from neighboring disciplines are welcome. Prior IT and statistics knowledge is not required to participate. More info: www.philiphanke.com/teaching.html

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Indian Christian Theologies: Concerns and Methods:

Date: 28.02-30.05.2018

Time: Wed 10:15-14:00 (Every second week, starting from 28.02.2018)

ECTS: 4

Room: Länggassstrasse 51, Raum A206

Seminar geodata analysis and modellin:

Date: 23.02-01.06.2018

Time: Fri 13:15-16:00 (Every week)

ECTS: 5

Room: Poolraum Uni S A101,
Schanzeneckstrasse 1, Bern

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Multi-Religious India and Indian Theologies Responses

Lecturers: Dr. George Pothen
Institute of Christian Catholic Theology
University of Bern

India is a land of many religions – Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism were born here. Christianity has been present since 52CE, with later Catholic, then Anglican missions further contributing to religious diversity. In modern times some Hindu religious leaders were deeply attracted by the humanity of Jesus Christ and an emphasis on the human emerged in Indian theological thinking, which M.M. Thomas termed as the 'Humanisation' of the society. This course will review the context of cultural and religious diversity in India and explore some of the key Indian theological reflections and responses.

Seminar geodata analysis and modelling

Lecturers: Dr. Andreas Paul Zischg, Dr. Pascal Horton, Dr. Jorge Ramirez
Faculty of Science, Institute of Geography,
University of Bern

The analysis of data and modelling of natural processes are gaining importance in research and practice. Models that simulate can help to identify, study and describe connections and interrelations of factors influencing natural and human systems in an increasingly complex environment. In this seminar, the students will learn the basic theoretical and practical principles in geodata manipulation for analysis and model development with the focus on Python.

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