

REMESO Graduate School Courses for Swedish and International PhD Candidates and Master Students



Autumn 2011:

Social Capital, Stratification and Integration: A Critical Approach (7,5 ECTS)

September 12–October 7, 2011

Intensive course week in Norrköping: September 26–30, 2011

Course Directors:

PhD Alireza Behtoui, REMESO, Linköping University.

Associate Professor Anders Neergaard, REMESO, Linköping University

Guest lecturers:

Professor Beate Volker, Department of Sociology, Utrecht University

Associate Professor Ellie Vasta, Centre for Research on Social Inclusion, Macquarie University, Sydney

Senior Lecturer Suruchi Thapar-Björkert, Department of Government, Uppsala University

This course engages in critical analysis and explorations of the widely and intensely debated concept of social capital. It sets out by reviewing the major theoretical perspectives of the concept, which is subsequently brought to bear on various power relations structured around ethnicity, 'race', class and gender. Focus is put on analyses of migrants' situation and the problem of ethnification within stratification processes. The course also attends to methodological questions and provide an introduction to methodological issues linked to research influenced by theories of social capital within different aspects of social life. This is illustrated through examples from both quantitative and qualitative approaches within social capital research.

Migration and Labour in a Global Economy (7,5 ECTS)

October 17–November 18, 2011

Intensive course week in Norrköping: October 31–November 4, 2011

Course Directors:

Professor of Labour Studies Charles Woolfson, REMESO, Linköping University

Associate Professor Branka Likic-Brboric, REMESO, Linköping University and Department of Government, Uppsala University

Associate Professor Zoran Slavnic, REMESO, Linköping University

Guest lecturer:

Associate Professor in Work Science Christer Thörnqvist, University of Gothenburg

Course Summary

This course aims to provide an understanding of the barriers to decent work and protected labour standards in the global and European economy. Empirically, it examines the wider political economy of neo-liberalism, especially in the context of post-communist societies. These broader changes are in turn linked to the issue of migration, as labour from Eastern Europe has migrated to the core European Union older member states bringing different experiences and assumptions regarding labour standards and industrial relations. The course examines labour relations, standard-setting and enforcement strategies by labour market actors such as trade unions, by regulatory bodies such as labour inspectorates and by supra-national governance bodies such as the International Labour Organisation and the European Union. At a national level, the attitudes and practices of trade unions in the West towards new labour migrants are reviewed. At a theoretical level, the course poses the issue of the 'informalisation' of labour, undeclared work and the debate over 'decent work' in the contemporary world of work. It asks how policy-makers, regulators, labour market actors and other civil society actors have responded to the challenges posed by migrant workers in securing protected labour rights and standards in the increasingly insecure world of work.

General information:

- The courses are offered to postgraduate students (PhD or MA).
- Courses comprise 5 weeks of full-time work for 7,5 ECTS. Students spend one intensive week at REMESO, at Linköping University, Campus Norrköping. Courses are examined with a course paper.
- REMESO Graduate School awards a course certificate earning 7,5 ECTS upon successful completion of one of the courses.
- REMESO offers free hostel accommodation in double rooms for 5 nights.

For information and application form:

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