Social Work and Pedagogy in International Comparison

current discourses – challenges – perspectives for discipline and profession

Spring 2017

We offer you the opportunity to take part in a study course in English for one semester – from March 13, 2017 till June 9, 2017 – gaining practical experiences in different fields of social work in Germany as well as attending academic courses relevant to the social work profession. The course takes place in the Department of Social Work in Paderborn as one of the locations of the Catholic University of Applied Sciences North Rhine Westphalia.

Paderborn is a young city with 1200 years of history. It merges High-Tec with the Middle Ages. It is also a green city and offers a rich variety of tranquillity, recovery and sports activities. Nevertheless, Paderborn is also a genuine student-city with many things to do for young people: in the city centre there are numerous bars and party locations where you can go out on weekends.

The campus is located directly next to the city centre. It comprises a large, historical building surrounded by a huge park and garden. Just as at the Paderwiesen (a recreational area in the city centre) the KatHO campus is a favourite place for students to meet friends and relax.

During your study course you will be living in Paderborn. But moreover, as you are enrolled as a guest student at our university, you have the possibility to travel for free all around North Rhine Westphalia which is an attractive German federal country because of lively and historical cities as Cologne, Düsseldorf, Aachen, Essen, Bonn or Münster, areas as the Ruhr region with interesting industrial heritage and high density of different cultures as well as landscape for sport activities and recreation.

You find more information: http://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/Germany/nordrhein-westfalen.htm

Moreover, North Rhine Westphalia ends at the Dutch and Belgium border which offers possibilities for short weekend trips to places as Amsterdam or Bruxelles.

Incoming students will

⇒ study with fellow students from Germany as well as from all over Europe,
⇒ meet lecturers with various professional backgrounds, such as social work, sociology, psychology, social medicine, education, pedagogy and social policy,
⇒ get in contact with social workers in various institutions,
⇒ be supported in finding accommodation and services
The course consists of

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Goals and aims

Students

- get basic and deeper knowledge how to compare welfare systems in the frame of social policy and social work
- get knowledge and competences in different areas of social work
- will combine theoretical knowledge with practical explorations within these areas and will practice special methods
- will be coached by tutors generally and especially during the practice explorations and get adequate knowledge in empirical research, methods and techniques
- will analyze living spaces and social circumstances of special target groups
- should be able to present their results, compare them with their home countries and in connection therewith reflect different professional approaches based on theory and practice
(Possible) timing and content structure of the course
The whole program starts in week 11 /2017 (March 13th) with the course “Politics and society in Germany – current challenges for social work”. The end is week 23 /2017 (June 10th) with a trip to Berlin. This trip is part of the course mentioned above. A precise time table will follow.

To be admitted to the program:
- home university should be a partner university of KatHO (Erasmus)
- students should have completed at least two years of social work studies at home university
- they should be nominated by home university

Course Descriptions

1.1. Politics and society in Germany: current challenges for social work
Prof. Dr. Monika Többe-Schukalla / Karl-Heinz Martinß, Diplom Sozialarbeiter / Sozialpädagoge
This seminar gives a frame for comparative policy. It offers a general introduction to German society under historical and current political conditions. These conditions should be reflected within a broader context of European policy and respective influences on social problems. They are a basis for comparing social challenges in different countries. A trip to Berlin with its special political and social roots is an obligatory part of the seminar.

1.2. Welfare systems and social work in comparison
Prof. Dr. Monika Többe-Schukalla / Magnus Frampton, MA (Cantab), Dipl.-Soz.-Päd. / Soz.-Arb.
Welfare stands for a variety of different systems and can be seen as the overarching and crucial topic for the way social policy strategies and social work is organized. This seminar focuses on the following issues. On the basis of a comprehensive overview of different European welfare systems in their distinctive features, historical developments and current challenges, students will be provided with deeper knowledge on how to compare different welfare models on theoretical and practical levels. Various fields within the social policy and social work sectors as family policy, health care, educational system etc. will be explained in detail in order to find similarities and differences between countries and to discuss the meaning of a future European social model. Lecturers from partner universities are included by video conferences.

1.3. Human rights and ethnic minorities – a field for politics and social work
Prof. Dr. Monika Többe-Schukalla / Magnus Frampton, MA (Cantab), Dipl.-Soz.-Päd. / Soz.-Arb.
Ethnic minorities and their special life situations are recurrent topics for social work. The way human rights are realized for different minorities is of utmost importance for Social Work as a human rights profession. Both – Social Work and Politics – are based on international human rights and minorities declarations, conventions and their fundamental values which must be respected with regard to equality, worth, social justice and dignity for all people. Within the course students will get a deeper insight into human rights and minority conventions, learn about human rights instruments and guiding rules in their special and distinct meaning for politics and social work. An International Week (17/2017) with lecturers from partner universities is part of this seminar.
1.4. Migration – sociological theories and concepts for social work  
Prof. Dr. Marc Breuer / Karl-Heinz Martinß, Diplom Sozialarbeiter / Sozialpädagoge  
Migration is a complex phenomenon and reality in all European societies. The seminar deals with the question of how this phenomenon is perceived and discussed in society. In connection therewith we will find out what sociological theories provide for understanding migration as a complex process in terms of national and personal identity. Based on this theoretical approach we will discuss and develop concepts of social work in an immigration society.

1.5. Child protection and early childhood education: selected aspects of historical development and current challenges  
Prof. Dr. Michael Böwer / Prof. Dr. Patrick Isele  
Social professionals have been working in difficult life situations for more than one hundred years – resulting in increasingly specialized and institutionalized child care, children’s services, school social work, and early childhood education facilities. However, social work, social pedagogy and childhood education share common visions and approaches. Since nearly a decade early childhood education, as a new academic profession has focused on child care and the conditions of growing up between family, day care and preschool. Under today’s requirements, a systemic perspective of networking, cooperation and the common task for a successful life understanding are more important than ever – for a childhood and life situations of children and young people in our western societies.  
Starting from current challenges which arise in practice, together with previous findings, this course sets a focus on elementary aspects of the historical development of care, child protection and child raising. This focus is based on recent studies, current concepts and fundamental issues. The aim is a deeper reflection on key questions in child care and childhood education in Germany.

1.6. Health promotion, drug dependency and prevention  
(Prof. Dr. Dr. Martin Höming / Rita Hansjürgens, M.A. Social Work)  
Description will follow

1.7. Intercultural learning and anti-discriminatory practice: theoretical and practical approaches  
(Michal Rölver, M.A. Social Work)  
Intercultural learning and anti-discriminatory practice are of utmost importance for successful social work in a globalized world. Besides theoretical considerations, this course is based on training and interactive methodological approaches.

2.1. Empirical research: methods and techniques for practical exploration  
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This course will provide students with an introduction to research methods used in social science. It deals with the question about which methods are appropriate for answering particular questions. It gives an introduction into developing questionnaires, interview guidelines and category systems for behavioral observation. It includes first insights into analyzing and interpreting data. Students will develop, conduct and analyze their own small research projects.

2.2. The seminar described under 2.1 is the basis for practical explorations. Students will get in contact with selected social institutions and learn about the way they are organized and work with different target groups.
Costs
The Catholic University of Applied Sciences has no tuition fees, but a registration fee about 185,-€ for one semester. This enables free travelling all around North Rhine Westphalia and moreover reductions for lots of services and cultural events.
Moreover, you can take part in a course German as a Foreign Language which is offered in different institutions and in the language department of the state run university in Paderborn. Such a course can be reimbursed by a KatHO-program called LinCA (Linguistic Competence Abroad). LinCA refinances a language course up to a maximum of 250,-€ (see added flyer).

Lecturers
(preliminary list)

Prof. Dr. Michael Böwer
Prof. Dr. Marc Breuer
Prof. Dr. Sabine Engel
Magnus Frampton, M.A.(Cantab), Dipl. Sozialarbeiter / Sozialpädagoge
Rita Hansjürgens M.A. Diplomsozialarbeiterin
Prof. Dr. Dr. Martin Hörning
Prof. Dr. Patrick Isele
Karl-Heinz Martinß, Dipl. Sozialarbeiter / Sozialpädagoge
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⇒ Course fee and materials to a maximum of 250,00 €!

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Please note: Applications must be handed in before a course starts!

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