

**Graduate Seminar/Hauptseminar: The Regional and Structural Policy of the European Union Part I: Introduction to the Policy Area and Role Game Simulation of Agenda Setting and Decision-Making. Seminar in cooperation with the Faculty of European Studies, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj- Napoca. Block Seminar, Franz-Hitze-Haus Münster, December 2 – 8, 2006. Language of Instruction: English throughout 3 SWS, 8 ECTS
Prof. Dr. Dr.h.c. Reinhard Meyers & RO Colleagues**

**Graduate Seminar/Hauptseminar: Human Factors Analysis of Individual, Group, and Organizational Decision Making Processes. Methodological Introduction and Participant Observation in a Role Game. Block Seminar, Franz-Hitze-Haus Münster, December 2 – 8, 2006 Language of Instruction: English throughout 3SWS, 8 ECTS
Prof. Dr. Dr.h.c. Reinhard Meyers, Dr. Markus Bresinsky**

**Graduate Seminar/Hauptseminar: The Regional and Structural Policy of the European Union, Part II: Practical Program Applications in the Münsterland and the Province of Twente. Block Seminar, December 9 – 16, 2006. Language of Instruction: English & German 3 SWS, 8 ECTS
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This group of seminars forms a common project block. Subject-wise, we deal with the development and execution of the Structural and Regional Policy of the European Union. The intention is to show our Romanian colleagues, after a general introduction into the field and a special role-game approach to agenda setting and decision-making in Regional Policy, what they can expect in the future on the basis of a number of examples from the Münsterland, the Province of Twente, and the Euregio (extra DAAD finance for the project assumed). The Block I seminar is combined with a Methods Seminar using the preparation for and the actual execution of the role game as its study material. Both seminars run concurrently: participants in the one cannot therefore participate in the other. The more theoretical orientation of the first week is augmented by a practical orientation in the second: we shall arrange for a number of visits to recipients of Regional and Structural aid in order to find out what their experiences with this EU policy instrument are.

The methods seminar addresses the sophisticated research task of analyzing decision making and problem solving in a complex scenario. In order to understand and explain the outcome of political processes determined by individual action regulation, team collaboration and organizational structures a specific method of field observation, categorization, and case-based analysis is needed. The aim of the seminar is to elaborate and demonstrate the method, the special requirements, and skills needed for that kind of analysis. Elements of the methods are e.g. communication analysis, observation of work performance and team effectiveness, interviews with role game participants concerning their evaluation of communication and team performance, etc. The empirical input for the analytic exercise will be provided by the role game in the Part I seminar. Therefore, students have to make a firm commitment to one of the two seminars: they cannot take part in both at the same time. Additional information on the methods seminar supplied by Dr. Bresinsky under bresinsky@iabg.de

Please consult the Double Diploma website for further information nearer the actual events.

**The provisional structures of the regional and structural policy seminars is as follows:
(cf. special announcement for the Human Factors Analysis block)**

Saturday, December 2, 2006

Arrival of the RO participants, check-in of Non-RO participants during the afternoon at the Franz-Hitze-Haus, Kardinal-v.Galen-Ring 50, 48149 Münster

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Road map: http://www.franz-hitze-haus.de/index.php?cat_id=10797

18.30 Evening meal

19.30 Brief welcome and introduction into the first week's program

(Prof.Dr.Dr.h.c.R.Meyers, WWU Münster; Dr. Markus Bresinsky, IABG Munich)

N.B. - Meals throughout the week:

Breakfast between 08.00 a.m. and 09.00 a.m.

Lunch 12.30 a.m.

Supper 18.30 p.m.

Coffee breaks ca.11.00 a.m. and ca. 16.00 p.m.

Sunday, December 3, 2006

09.30 From Regional (and Structural) Development to Cohesion: A short history of the development of the premises, boundary conditions, aims, and characteristics of Regional, Structural, and Cohesion Policy in the EU

(Prof.Dr.R.Meyers, WWU Münster)

Coffee Break

Questions to the speaker, brief student contributions, plenary debate

12.30 Lunch Break

14.30 Cohesion Policy after the Eastern Enlargement of the EU – what it is and how it works (Lic.Laura Trofin, Expert, Managing Authority for the Community Support Framework, Ministry of Public Finances, Bucharest, & PhD candidate, WWU Münster)

Coffee break

Questions to the Speaker, student contributions, plenary debate

18.30 Supper

Evening open for participants' own arrangements

Monday, December 4, 2006

09.30 Cohesion Policy Decision-Making – Actors, Processes, Structures (Prof.Dr.R.Meyers, WWU Münster)

Coffee Break

Questions to the Speaker, Student Contributions, Plenary

12.30 Lunch break

14.30 Regional and Structural Policies – A critical perspective on package deals and Pork Barrel politics. What can we learn from the past ? An East-West comparison (Prof. Dr. Reinhard Meyers, WWU Münster; Lic.Laura Trofin, Bucharest, Ramona Chiriac M.A., Bacau; Dipl.Soz.Wiss. Katharina Lampe, Rouse; Dr. E. Kolarov, Rouse)
Coffee Break
Student Contributions, Plenary Discussion

18.30 Supper

19.30 Plenary Session: What sort of cohesion assistance do we expect from Brussels ? Eastern European Expectations, Western European Largesse. Conflict of Perceptions or Conflict of Interests ?
(Short statements by Prof.Dr.Reinhard Meyers, Münster, Lic.Laura Trofin, Bucharest; Ramona Chiriac M.A., Bacau; Dipl.Soz.Wiss.Katharina Lampe, Rouse; Dr.E.Kolarov, Rouse)
Session open to the floor after statements

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

09.30 Cohesion Policy in Romania I: A Central Government Perspective from Bucharest (Lic. Laura Trofin)
Coffee Break
Questions to the Speaker, Student Contributions, Plenary Debate

12.30 Lunch Break

14.00 Cohesion Policy in Romania II: The Regional and Local Levels
a) **The North-West Development Region: An Empty Shell ? An analysis of the Romanian regionalisation process from a local perspective (Dipl.Soz.Wiss. Katharina Lampe, Bosch Lecturer, Angel Kantchev University & BRIE, Rouse, BG)**
b) **Reforming Romanian Administration: from home-grown institutional cabbage to Brussels sprouts ? (Ramona Chiriac M.A., Director Cancelaria Prefectului, Bacau & PhD candidate, WWU Münster)**

18.30 Supper

19.30 Evening Plenary: After the Enlargement – Will S.E.Europe face a massive policy of Europeanization and Regionalization ??
(Short intro. Prof. Dr.R.Meyers, WWU Münster; statements by Lic. Laura Trofin, Ramona Chiriac M.A., Dipl.Soz.Wiss.Katharina Lampe, Dr. E. Kolarov)
Student contributions – session open to the floor

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

09.30 Europeanization and Reforms: the regional administrative level in Bulgaria (Dr. Emanuil Kolarov, Angel Kantchev University, Rouse, BG)

Coffee Break
Questions to the Speaker
Student Contributions, Plenary Debate

12.30 Lunch Break

14.00 **Student Participants: Guided Reading & Study Afternoon: Getting Acquainted with Cohesion Policy Product Cycle Management (Texts and other material will be provided, but cf. also the links given below !!)**
Experts available for consultation and small-group tutoring: Lic. Laura Trofin, Ramona Chiriac M.A., Dipl.Soz.Wiss. Katharina Lampe; Dr.E.Kolarov)

Useful introductory information can be had on the following website:

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/ns_en.htm

while the University of Strathclyde offers more specialized stuff:

http://www.eprc.strath.ac.uk/eprc/publications_Y_links.cfm

specific material on the PCM complex of procedures under:

http://ec.europa.eu/comm/europeaid/qsm/project_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/comm/europeaid/qsm/documents/pcm_manual_2004_en.pdf

14.00 **Academic staff: Defence of Double Diploma Diploma theses**
Joint Chair: Prof.Dr.N.Paun, BBU Cluj-Napoca, Prof.Dr.R.Meyers, WWU Münster
Defences at 14.00, 15.15, 16.30 – if needs be also at 17.45 and 19.00

Thursday, December 7

09.30 **Preparing a project application for the Cohesion Fund – lessons from the exposition of the Project Cycle Management method**
(Introduction: Lic. Laura Trofin)

Seminar participants will be split into two groups which will each have to write a project application for Cohesion Fund support; the better/more original application will win...

Duration: all day with usual meal and coffee breaks

Friday, December 8

09.30 **Role Game: Improving the Infrastructure or Cleaning up the environment in Slavonia ? How to make the best of Cohesion flesh pots in Brussels...**

Slavonia is the most recent EU member state, and one of the poorest too – with an ancient heavy industry dating back to the days of Franz Joseph I of Austria, an infrastructure

worked beyond its limits by the former COMECON, and an environment which – though beautiful in parts – is spoilt and decrepit by industrial over-use, while large parts of the arable land in the vicinity of the former Soviet border have been put to tank training range purposes by the Warsaw Pact armies. In order to improve its situation, the Government of Slavonia would like to formulate and start an infrastructural investment plan on the one hand, in order to bring its productive industries up to scratch with that of its EU neighbours, and provide better transport, power generation, and vocational training facilities; on the other hand, investment in environmental clearance and protection would considerably improve the tourist trade and also open a niche for “green” agricultural exports to the richer consumers of Western Europe. Unfortunately, the European Commission is under pressure from the net contributing member states not to spend too much of the Cohesion Funds on the new entrants; thus, it has to tell the Government of Slavonia that they have only enough money to finance one of the two programs under discussion....

Saturday, December 9, 2006 & Sunday, December 10, 2006

No official seminar sessions. Optional visit to the Münster Christmas Market on Saturday; cultural evening event(s) according to tastes and ticket availability. Optional visit to Zeche Zollverein at Essen on Sunday

Info cf. http://www.zollverein.de/agenda.php?SP_CatId=31&f_month=12

Monday, December 11 thru Thursday, December 14

Practical implications of regional and structural policies on the regional level: a tour of visits, talks, and interviews in the Münsterland and the Province of Twente.

Working visits to:

Regierungspräsidium/Bezirksplanungsrat in Münster

Äquivalent Province Twente

Industrie- und Handelskammer Münster

Äquivalent Province Twente/Enschede

Wirtschaftsministerium Düsseldorf

Euregio Gronau

A number of private firms profiting from Regional policy subsidies

Detailed program at present under construction ! Cf. our website for further information:
<http://www.uni-muenster.de/Politikwissenschaft/Doppeldiplom/aktuelles.html>

Friday, December 15, 2006

Münsterland Highlights: A tour of Moats and Castles in the Münster Area

Saturday, December 16, 2006

Farewell to Münster – RO participants leave for Cluj-Napoca

Participants from Münster and Enschede universities: please note that for these seminars two separate registrations are necessary: one departmental one under meversr@uni-muenster.de, one to the Franz Hitze-Haus under zahn@bistum-muenster.de. The Franz-Hitze-Haus will ask you for a fee to cover the cost of meals (lunch, supper) during the first week of the seminar. We have negotiated a special student tariff of € 70; the full price of participation is € 155.- Without registration with the Franz Hitze – Haus you cannot take part in the seminar series.

During the second week of the seminar, we will be away from Münster following a tour of visits and talks. No meals will be provided for non-RO participants during that time. Also, we shall give participants a list of addresses where to go to and a timetable for the visits during the first week of the seminar; please organise your own transport (preferably by car-sharing), as hiring a bus is far beyond our budgetary means.

Credit point requirements:

- a) Seminar part I (first week) – short statement on one of the seminar subjects, accompanied preferably by a PPT file or a discussion paper of 1 – 2 pages PLUS a written graduate seminar paper on one of the seminar subjects according to your choice; papers to be handed in by the end of the winter semester (30.03.2007). A seminar certificate worth 8 ECTS credits is awarded upon completion of all the requirements.**
- b) Seminar part II (second week) – a Teilnahmeschein worth 2 ECTS credits is awarded upon production of a one- to two-page minute of one of the visits undertaken.**
- c) Methods seminar – cf. special announcement by Dr. Bresinsky regarding the requirements for this; students taking part in the methods seminar cannot at the same time acquire a seminar certificate for the cohesion policy seminar Part I**