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Name of the course:	The Politics of Social Cohesion in Europe			
Teacher:	Prof. Dr. Martina Sproll			
University / organisation:	Berlin School of Economics and Law (HWR)			
Language of teaching:	English			
ECTS:	6.5			
Semester (S1, S2, S3 or S4):	S1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S2	S3	S4
Teaching method(s):	Lecture courses		Flipped classroom	
	Other:	Seminar		
Type(s) of evaluation:	Sitting exam		Written report	
	Oral defence		Group project	
	Other / comments:	Term paper		
Expected deadline(s) for the evaluation(s):	July/August			
Expected date of final results:	End of semester (30 September)			
Summary of the content:	<p>Students shall learn how policy concepts are developed, translated into politics and actually implemented in two major policy areas of the European Union, social cohesion and sustainable development (socio-ecological transformation). They shall learn to recognize and reflect the difference between scientifically based knowledge in these fields, the formulation of policy goals, the development and implementation of politics and their outcomes, as they are shaped by the institutional framework of the European Union. Students thereby shall be enabled to identify and understand institutional opportunities and constraints in the relationship between the EU and its member states, political options, shortcomings, social inequalities and conflicts. Furthermore, they will be enabled to develop a deeper understanding of collective action opportunities in selected areas in the process of socio-ecological transformation.</p>			
Indicative list of lectures:	<p>Introduction to the scientific discussion on social cohesion and social integration and its linkages to sustainable development in Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The institutional framework and limitations of the European Union for social policies and the impact on policies of social cohesion - Problems of social integration/social cohesion and socio-ecological transformation on the European level: indicators, empirical 			

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	<p>evidence, analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy goals of the European Union regarding social cohesion and the aim of a "sustainable Europe" - Analysis of selected politics of social cohesion (in areas such as labour markets, social reproduction, gender relations, immigration regimes, democracy crisis, racism) - Analysis of selected politics of socio-ecological transformation in the European member states (in areas such as urban settlements and community development, mobility and transportation, food and agriculture, waste management and recycling, public services, industrial restructuring)
Short bibliography:	<p>Wöhl, Stefanie/ Springler, Elisabeth/ Pachel, Martin/ Zeilinger, Bernhard (eds) (2019): <i>The State of the European Union</i>. Wiesbaden: Springer.</p> <p>Fassmann, Heinz/Rauhut, Daniel/Marques da Costa, Eduardo/ Humer, Alois (2015) <i>Services of General Interest and Territorial Cohesion: European Perspectives</i>. Vienna: University of Vienna.</p> <p>Green, Andy/Janmaat, Jan Germen (2011) <i>Regimes of Social Cohesion</i>, Houndmills. New York: Palgrave.</p> <p>Jenson, Jane (2010) <i>Defining and Measuring Social Cohesion</i>. London: Commonwealth Secretariat.</p> <p>OECD (2011) <i>Towards Green Growth</i>. Paris: OECD.</p> <p>Offe, Claus (2015) <i>Europe Entrapped</i>. Cambridge: Polity Press.</p> <p>Wright, Erik Olin (2010) <i>Envisioning Real utopias</i>: London/ New York: Verso.</p> <p>Van Apeldoorn, Bastiaan /Drahokoupil, Jan & Laura Horn (eds.) (2009) <i>Contradictions and limits of European neoliberal governance: from Lisbon to Lisbon</i>. Houndmills: Palgrave McMillan.</p>