Study program	International Joint Master's Degree in Cultural Sociology		
Course	Transnational Social Space		
Status of the course	Compulsory		
Year	2	**Semester**	1
ECTS credits	5		
Teacher	Dr Saša Božić, Full Professor		
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consultation hours	Wednesdays 18.00-19.30 (by appointment)		
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Place of teaching	Room 203		
Teaching methods	Lectures and seminars, short research on social ties across boundaries, discussion on the results of the research		
Teaching workload Lectures + Seminars + Exercises	30+15+0		
Examination methods	An essay in the form of a scientific article (based on used literature and short research) will be graded.		
Start date	10 October 2018	**End date**	30 January 2019

Colloquia	**1. term**	**2. term**	**3. term**	**4. term**

Examination period	**1. term**	**2. term**	**3. term**	**4. term**
	6 February 2019	20 February 2019	4 September 2019	26 September 2019

Learning outcomes	After successful completion of the course the students will be able to: • recognise and to become aware of the bias of 'methodological nationalism' in contemporary social sciences • understand the foundation of new social ties across the boundaries of nation-states • identify and apply appropriate theories and concepts of transnational social space on specific empirical cases • use the concept of transnational social space as an alternative concept to contemporary sociological theories in personal work and research • write an essay in form of a scientific article.
Enrolment prerequisites	Knowledge of English
Course subject	Sociologists used to conceptualise society as a limited 'container' within which separate social relations and a specific national culture developed. Definition of space as a separate entity, independent of social actors, led towards the concept of national societies as isolated containers and produced a widely accepted framework for sociological analysis of social relations. Due to the processes of transnationalisation, a new perspective of the relations between social, cultural and spatial, between the social space and geographical space is sought. New approaches to the research of social space focus on space as a set of relations between positions of socially significant elements. These positions structure human activities and at the same time, they are structured by human practices. Within new theoretical perspectives, social relations are not limited

	within space conceived as a container but constitute social space. Without elements such as social practices and symbols there are no socially and sociologically relevant spaces. Further on, culture becomes increasingly detached from standardised cultural frames of national societies and cultural pluralism and transnational syncretism develop together with the new transnational social spaces.

The course will consequently deal with widely spread types of transnational social spaces, such as transnational families, transnational entrepreneurial networks, transnational movements, transnational communities, with special reference on cultural changes which enable refocusing of actors from local and national to pluri-local and transnational frameworks, as well as constructing new forms of decentred group identities. |
| **Required reading** | Amelina, A. and Faist, T. (2012) 'De-naturalizing the national in research methodologies: key concepts of transnational studies in migration. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 35(10):1725-1740.

Babacan, H. (2005) 'Locating Identity: Sense of Space, Place and Belonging', *International Journal of the Diversity* 5(5):113-124

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Gardner, K. i Grillo, R. (2002) 'Transnational Households and Ritual: an Overview', *Global Networks* 2(3):179-190

Guarnizo, L.E. (2003) 'The Economics of Transnational Living', *International Migration Review* 37(3):666-699

Kivisto, P. (2003) 'Social Spaces, Transnational Immigrant Communities, and the Politics of Incorporation', *Ethnicities* 3(1):299-319 |

	Levitt P. i Glick Schiller N. (2004) 'Conceptualizing Simultaneity: A Transnational Social Field Perspective on Society'. *International Migration Review* 38(3):1002-139
	Ley, D. (2004) 'Transnational Spaces and Everday Lives', *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 29(2):151-164
	Maiba, H. (2005) 'Grassroots Transnational Social Movement Activism: The Case of People's Global Action', *Sociological Focus* 38(1):41-63
	Pries, L. (2005) Configuration of geographic and societal spaces: a sociological proposal between 'methodological nationalism' and the 'spaces of flows'. Global Networks 5(2):167-190
	Richter, M. (2012) Researching Transnational Social Spaces: A Qualitative Study of the Spanish Second Generation in Switzerland. Forum: Qualitative Social Research 13(3) Art. 8
	Roudometof, V. (2005) 'Transnationalism, Cosmopolitanism and Glocalization', *Current Sociology* 53(1):113-135
	Scheibelhofer, E. (2011) Raumsensible Migrationsforschung: Methodische Überlegungen und ihre empirische Relevanz für die Migrationssoziologie. Wiesbaden: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, p. 27-82
	Voigt-Graf, C. (2004) 'Towards a Geography of Transnational Spaces: Indian Transnational Communities in Australia', *Global Networks* 4(1):25-49
	Wimmer A. i Glick Schiller, N. (2003) 'Methodological Nationalism, the Social Sciences and the Study of Migration: An Essay in Historical Epistemology'. *International Migration Review* 37(3):576-610
	Wong, L.L. (2004) 'Taiwanese Entrepreneurs in Canada and Transnational Social Spaces', International Migration 42(2):113-150
Additional reading	Bourdieu, P. (1994) *Raisons pratiques. Sur l theorie de l'action*. Paris: Seuil, p 15-29 (Handouts in English)
	Foucault, M. (1984) *Archicteture, mouvement, continuite*, p. 46-49 (Handouts in English)
	Giddens, A. (1987) *The Constitution of Society.* Cambridge: Polity Press
	Lefebvre, H. (2000/1974) *La production de l'espace*. Paris: Anthropos, p. 7-82 (Handouts in English)
	Loew, M. (2001) *Raumsoziologie*. Frankfurt a/M: Suhrkamp, p. 130-151 (Handouts in English)
	Macher, H-J (2007) *Methodische Perspektiven auf Theorien des sozialen*

	Raumes. Neu-Ulm: AG SPAK Buecher, p. 30-81 (Handouts in English)
	Meeus, B. (2012) How to 'catch' floating populations? Research and the fixing of migration in space and time. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 35(10):1775-1793.
	Simmel, G. (1992/1908) *Soziologie. Der Raum und die räumlichen Ordnungen der Gesellschaft*. Frankfurt a/M: Suhrkamp, p. 687-790 (Handouts in English)
	Urry, J. (2000) *Sociology beyond Societies*. London: Routledge, p. 1-21
	Additional literature will be given to all students after the subject of their research is determined following the introductory lecture and the first seminar.
Internet resources	
Quality assurance	After the lectures and seminars students will evaluate the course using the standard quality insurance questionnaire in the University of Zadar. Also: Joint annual evaluations of courses within the joint degree program consortium (General Programme Board).
Conditions for obtaining signatures	Regular attendance of lectures and seminars. The students are expected to read the required literature in advance.
Assignments of the credits for colloquia, seminars, exercises, exams	ECTS structure: lectures 1; essay (research, reading, writing) 2; required reading – 2. Research and presentation of the research results in seminars are a condition for successful writing of an essay which will be handed over in examination terms.
Assignments of the final grade	Students are obliged to prepare an essay in the form of a scientific article based on their research during the semester. The following elements are evaluated: consistency of the thesis, content and data; originality of interpretations of the researched phenomenon, integration of contemporary theory into the main arguments of the essay. Essay must meet the following formal criteria: min. 10 pages of text, and separately: the cover page, list of references, attachments, images, etc., font 12, Times New Roman, 1.5 line spacing
Remarks	Rewriting the works of other students (essays, term papers and other written assignments), getting answers, oral or written, from other students as well as giving answers, oral or written, to other students during exams represent fraud! Presentation of essays and other written assignments that were written by others, as your own and use of sentences, paragraphs and entire text without adequate reference to the original author is plagiarism! Plagiarism and fraud are serious academic offenses that result in failing the course.

Teaching topics – lectures			
No.	Date	Title	Literature
1.	10 October 2018	Introductory Lecture Geographical and Social Space – Variation in thinking about space	Loew, M. (2001) *Raumsoziologie*. Frankfurt a/M: Suhrkamp, s. 130-151 (Handouts in English)
2.	17 October 2018	Social Space – Terminology and Concepts From 'Container' Space towards Social Space	Scheibelhofer, E. (2011) Raumsensible Migrationsforschung: Methodische Überlegungen und ihre empirische Relevanz

			für die Migrationssoziologie. Wiesbaden: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, s. 27-82
			Optional (handouts in English):
			Simmel, G. (1992/1908) *Soziologie. Der Raum und die räumlichen Ordnungen der Gesellschaft*. Frankfurt a/M: Suhrkamp, s. 687-790
			Foucault, M. (1984) *Archicteture, mouvement, continuite*, s. 46-49
			Giddens, A. (1987) *The Constitution of Society*. Cambridge: Polity, s.
			Urry, J. (2000) *Sociology beyond Societies*. London: Routledge, s. 1-21
3.	24 October 2018	Social Space – Terminology and Concepts Researching Social Space	Richter, M. (2012) Researching Transnational Social Spaces: A Qualitative Study of the Spanish Second Generation in Switzerland. Forum: Qualitative Social Research 13(3) Art. 8
			Optional:
			Macher, H-J (2007) *Methodische Perspektiven auf Theorien des sozialen Raumes*. Neu-Ulm: AG SPAK Buecher, s. 30-81
			Lefebvre, H. (2000/1974) *La production de l'espace*. Paris: Anthropos, s. 7-82
			Bourdieu, P. (1994) *Raisons pratiques. Sur l theorie de l'action*. Paris: Seuil, s 15-29
4.	31 October 2018	Methodological Nationalism and Territory in the Social Sciences	Wimmer A. i Glick Schiller, N. (2003) 'Methodological Nationalism, the Social

			Sciences and the Study of Migration: An Essay in Historical Epistemology'. *International Migration Review* 37(3):576-510 Amelina, A. and Faist, T. (2012) 'De-naturalizing the national in research methodologies: key concepts of transnational studies in migration. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 35(10):1725-1740.
5.	7 November 2018	Transnational Processes and Globalisation	Pries, L. (2005) Configuration of geographic and societal spaces: a sociological proposal between 'methodological nationalism' and the 'spaces of flows'. Global Networks 5(2):167-190

Faist, T. (2010) Towards Transnational Studies: World Theories, Transnationalisation and Changing Institutions. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 36(10):1665-1687.

Castles, S. (2002) 'Migration and Community Formation under Conditions of Globalization'. *International Migration Review* 36(4):1143-1168 |
| 6. | 14 November 2018 | Transnational Social Space and 'Transnationalism' | Faist, T. (2000) 'Transnationalization in Internationational Migration: Implication for the Study of Citizenship and Culture'. Ethnic and Racial Studies 23(2):189-222

Roudometof, V. (2005) 'Transnationalism, Cosmopolitanism and Glocalization', Current Sociology 53(1):113-135 |
| 7. | 21 November 2018 | Society as Transnational Social Fields | Levitt P. i Glick Schiller N. (2004) 'Conceptualizing Simultaneity: A Transnational Social Field Perspective on Society'. *International* |

			Migration Review 38(3):1002-1039
8.	28 November 2018	Social Space, Transnational Communities and Politics of 'Integration'	Kivisto, P. (2003) 'Social Spaces, Transnational Immigrant Communities, and the Politics of Incorporation', *Ethnicities* 3(1):299-319
9.	5 December 2018	Transnational Social Space and Everyday Life	Ley, D. (2004) 'Transnational Spaces and Everday Lives', *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 29(2):151-164
10.	12 December 2018	Social Space and Identity	Babacan, H. (2005) 'Locating Identity: Sense of Space, Place and Belonging', *International Journal of the Diversity* 5(5):113-124
11.	19 December 2018	Transnational Households and Families	Gardner, K. i Grillo, R. (2002) 'Transnational Households and Ritual: an Overview', *Global Networks* 2(3):179-190
12.	9 January 2019	Economy and Social Ties in Transnational Social Space	Guarnizo, L.E. (2003) 'The Economics of Transnational Living', *International Migration Review* 37(3):666-699

Wong, L.L. (2004) 'Taiwanese Entrepreneurs in Canada and Transnational Social Spaces', International Migration 42(2):113-150 |
| 13. | 16 January 2019 | Political 'Transnationalism' and Transnational Citizenship | Bauböck, R. (2003) 'Towards a Political Theory of Migrant Transnationalism', *International Migration Review* 37(3):700-723 |
| 14. | 23 January 2019 | Transnational Social Movements | Maiba, H. (2005) 'Grassroots Transnational Social Movement Activism: The Case of People's Global Action', *Sociological Focus* 38(1):41-63

Gilson, J. (2011) 'Transnational Advocacy: New Spaces, New Voices', Alternatives: Global, Local, Political 36(4):288-306 |
| 15. | 30 January 2019 | Geography of Transnational Space | Voigt-Graf, C. (2004) 'Towards a Geography of Transnational Spaces: Indian Transnational Communities in |

			Australia', *Global Networks* 4(1):25-49
			Carling, J. (2003) 'Cartographies of Cape Verdean Transnationalism', Global Networks 3(4):335-341

Seminars			
No.	**Date**	**Title**	**Literature Literature (Depends on the chosen subject and the type of the research – decision will be made after consultation with the professor)**
1.	10 October 2018	Introduction: Possible subjects for the research	
2.	17 October 2018	Forms of transnational social space	
3.	24 October 2018	Choosing the subject for the research - discussion	
4.	31 October 2018	Short research design	
5.	7 November 2018	Choosing methods for the research; planning	
6.	14 November 2018	The use of different techniques in social science research	
7.	21 November 2018	Discussion on the experiences in the field	
8.	28 November 2018	First report on acquired data	
9.	5 December 2018	Data analysis	
10.	12 December 2018	Report on additional field research	
11.	19 December 2018	Report on final data analysis	
12.	9 January 2019	Structure of the report	
13.	16 January	Presentation of the research report	

	2019		
14.	23 January 2019	Presentation of the main arguments in the essay	
15.	30 January 2019	Simulation of the conference presentation and the discussion of the final version of the essay	

Teacher:

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