

COURSES OFFERED IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR  
2021/2022

Department	Department of Sociology			
Title of the course	<b>Transnational social spaces</b>			
Name of the teacher	Saša Božić, Ph.D.			
Number of ECTS credits	5	Semester	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> autumn/winter	<input type="checkbox"/> spring/summer
The courses will be organized as	Lectures		Seminars	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	Exercises	
Description of the course	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>			
	Learning outcomes of the course	<p>After successful completion of the course the students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• recognise and to become aware of the bias of ‘methodological nationalism’ in contemporary social sciences</li> <li>• understand the foundation of new social ties across the boundaries of nation-states</li> <li>• identify and apply appropriate theories and concepts of transnational social space on specific empirical cases</li> <li>• use the concept of transnational social space as an alternative concept to contemporary sociological theories in personal work and research</li> <li>• write an essay in form of a scientific article.</li> </ul>		
The course is offered to	Incoming students who choose the above department as a home department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		

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	All the incoming students regardless of the chosen home department at UNIZD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
	UNIZD students enrolled at the above department as an elective course	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
	All UNIZD students as an elective course	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
The course will be offered for distance learning (virtual mobility)	No		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Only if the frontal (live) teaching will not be possible		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Together with the frontal (live) teaching		<input type="checkbox"/>