

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Modell Deutschland: the Rise and Transformation of the Wirtschaftswunder State - 54675

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: cont. german studies:politics, soc.&cult

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: English

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Teaching Staff:

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Course/Module description:

The seminar is an introduction to the political economy of Germany after WWII. "Modell Deutschland" will thus be analyzed as concerns its defining elements - theoretically, historically and currently. In a first part, we will discuss the rise and main characteristics of the Wirtschaftswunder state historically and theoretically, and taking into consideration its current transformation(s). Issues/questions that we will discuss in this first part include, among others, German semi-sovereignty, (neo-)corporatism, the current refugee crisis, and how and whether unification and the Hartz IV reforms have changed the German model once and for all. In a second part we analyze "Modell Deutschland" in the context of European integration processes, and in comparative perspective - for example, in juxtaposition to US capitalism or the Scandinavian welfare state.

Course/Module aims:

Good knowledge of German socio-economic and political model; good understanding of the theoretical approaches in the context of which the German socio-economic model matters and is explained; analytical skills: relating empirical observations and historical data and narratives to theoretical arguments and discussions; independent research with a variety of sources

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

Critically discuss German politics and contemporary public and academic debates in Germany to the theoretical debates about welfare state development, (neo-)corporatism and varieties of capitalism; conduct independent research on specific topics related to Germany; understand Germany in the context of the European Union.

Attendance requirements(%):

80%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Intensive text discussions(interactive), which are complemented by lectures on specific topics. Both are supplemented by research assignments, presentations by the students, movies and news reviews.

Course/Module Content:

01. March 2017

I. Introduction

1. Introductory session

Introduction to the topic

Explanation of teaching/learning concept, methods and goals

Expectations and requirements

Organizational questions

08 March 2017

I. Introduction

2. "Modell Deutschland" today

required readings:

Eichhorst, W. (2015). The unexpected appearance of a new German model. British Journal of Industrial Relations, 53(1), 49-69.

Busch, Andreas (2009). Schröder's Agenda 2010: From 'Plan B' to lasting Legacy?, In: Miskimmon, Paterson, Sloam, "Germany's Gathering Crisis", pp. 64-80.

15 March 2017

II. "Modell Deutschland" - The State

3. The German state in historical perspective - semisovereignty and the beginnings

required readings:

Peter J. Katzenstein (1987). Policy and Politics in West Germany: The Growth of a Semisovereign State, chapter 1: "The Taming of Power: West Germany's Semisovereign State." Temple.

Weichlein, Siegfried (2011). Nation State, Conflict Resolution, and Culture War, 1850-1878. Chapter 13 in: Helmut Walser Smith. The Oxford Handbook of Modern German History.

22 March 2017

II. "Modell Deutschland" - The State

4. Unification and European Integration

required readings:

Wiesenthal, Helmuth (2003). *German Unification and 'Model Germany': An Adventure in Institutional Conservatism*. *West European Politics*, 26: 4, 37-58.

K.K. Patel (2011). *Germany and European Integration since 1945*. In: H.M Smith (ed.). *The Oxford Handbook of Modern German History*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, p. 775-795.

19. April 2017

II. "Modell Deutschland" - Civil Society

5. The role of civil society

required readings:

Putnam, Robert (1995). *Bowling Alone. America's Declining Social Capital*. *Journal of Democracy* 6.1 (1995) 65-78:

http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_democracy/v006/6.1putnam.html#authbio

Sheri Berman (1997). *Civil Society and the Collapse of the Weimar Republic*. *World Politics*, 49, pp 401-429.

26 April 2017

II. "Modell Deutschland" - Civil Society

6. Contemporary issues relating to civil society

research task

German civil society and the refugee crisis 1: organizing help

German civil society and the refugee crisis 2: resistance - Pegida, AFD

03 May 2017

II. "Modell Deutschland" - Organized labor

7. The logic of collective action and the difficulty of organizing union interests

required readings:

Olson, Mancur (1965). *The Logic of Collective Action. Public Goods and the Theory of Groups*. Harvard University Press, pp. 5-53 and pp. 66-98.

Movie (shown in 2nd half of the class): "American Dream"

10 May 2017

II. "Modell Deutschland" - Organized labor

8. The State of the Unions in Germany

required readings:

Hassel, A. (2014). *Trade unions and the Future of Democratic Capitalism. The Politics of Advanced Capitalism*. In: Pablo Beramendi, Silja Häusermann, Herbert Kitschelt, Hanspeter Kriesi (eds.): *The Politics of Advanced Capitalism*. Cambridge University Press.

Dribbusch, Heiner and Peter Birke (2012). *Trade Unions in Germany. Organization, Environment Challenges*. Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Study.

17 May 2017

II. "Modell Deutschland" - Employers and organized capital

9. Neo-corporatism and employer associations

required readings:

Streeck, W. (1983). *Between pluralism and corporatism: German business associations and the state*. *Journal of Public Policy*, 3(3), 265-284.

Silvia, S. J., & Schroeder, W. (2007). *Why are German employers associations declining? Arguments and evidence*. *Comparative Political Studies*.

07 June 2017

III. Germany in the EU and in Comparative Perspective

10. VoC

required readings:

Hall & D. Soskice (2001). *Introduction to Varieties of Capitalism*. In: *Ibid. Varieties of Capitalism. The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1-68

14 June 2017

III. Germany in the EU and in Comparative Perspective

11. Three Worlds of Welfare State Capitalism

required readings:

G. Esping-Andersen (1990). *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Cambridge, MA: Polity Press, pp. 1-34.

21 June 2017

III. Germany in the EU and in Comparative Perspective

12. European Integration - Theoretical Perspectives

required readings:

Schimmelfennig, Frank, & Rittberger, Berthold (2006). *Theories of European integration. Assumptions and Hypotheses*. In: Jeremy J. Richardson: *European Union: power and policy-making*, pp. 73-93.

Rosamond, Ben (2000). *Theories of European Integration*, St. Martin's Press, New York, chapter 3.

Required Reading:

Among others:

Busch, Andreas (2009). *Schröder's Agenda 2010: From 'Plan B' to lasting Legacy?*, In: Miskimmon, Paterson, Sloam, "Germany's Gathering Crisis", pp. 64-80.

Dribbusch, Heiner and Peter Birke (2012). *Trade Unions in Germany. Organization, Environment Challenges*. Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Study.

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Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

*End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 20 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 20 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 60 %
paper*

Additional information:

Expectations/Requirements: regular and active participation; required readings and preparations (ca. 4 hours preparation for the seminar each week!) - you have to come well prepared to the class; 2 presentations/research tasks; final paper of 10-12 pages.