

Sommersemester 2021

MA Development Studies, Modul E1c: Study Project, 5 Credit Points

LABOUR, GLOBALIZATION, AND DEVELOPMENT

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CONTENT

This course covers topics in labour, development, geography and political economy. The class is organized around 5 double sessions, to promote longer discussion periods. We will review selected topics in these fields, highlighting theories, tools and techniques used to answer contemporary research questions. Students will learn to critically evaluate research, and to produce independent research papers.

The course will be divided into modules covering key concepts in Labour, Globalization, and Development. Themes covered will include the following: women, work and employment, changing forms of production and labour, digitalization and evolving forms of work, labour and employment in development theory, globalisation and labour, neoliberalism and insecurity, and perspectives on organized labour. A spatial perspective will run through the course, with concepts such as scale, and (work)place informing our efforts to make sense of the politics of work and development.

Tentative titles for the modules are as follows: Race, colony and capital: colonial roots of globalization; Neoliberal subjectivities: governmentality, governable subjects, discipline and development; Geographies of labour, organization, insecurity and precarity; Work, workers and space; Masculinities, neoliberalism, and development.

Students will be expected to read academic journal articles, formally present research findings, participate in theoretical discussions, and write to an academic standard.

