

Master Psychology

Elective Course „Social Trauma“

Since the summer semester 2015 the IPU Berlin provides the elective subject “Social Trauma”. This subject cooperates with multiple Central- and Southeastern European Universities. This project is emerged from the DAAD research network “Trauma, Trust and Memory” (TTM) in Central- and Southeast Europe. The “Trauma, Trust and Memory”- Project passed into the research network “Migration – Trauma in Transition” (MTT) in 2017.

The elective subject is in English. Students, from all the countries involved, can participate this block seminar at the locations of the network. One of the locations is the Summer School in Belgrade, which will take place in 2018.

Course "Social Trauma" (CST)

Shared Teaching Course on Master Level

Offered by Universities Cooperating with the DAAD Network *Trauma, Trust, and Memory*, since 2017 with the new DAAD Network *Migration – Trauma in Transition*

1 Objective

Social Trauma is a most important subject in clinical, social, and general psychology, as well as in cultural theory. It is of high interest and practical relevance for students of psychology to be informed about the causes, consequences, and therapeutic options regarding Social Trauma.

In the syllabus of most psychology study programs, Social Trauma can be only addressed incidentally. In Clinical Psychology, psychotraumatic pathology and trauma therapy are regularly taught subjects, but the specific conditions of Social Trauma require an interdisciplinary and specific approach. Therefore the CST will address clinical, developmental, social psychological, culture theoretical, ethical, and research methodological aspects.

The course will be jointly offered by psychologists as well as by professors working in non-psychological departments, as a subsidiary subject for students of psychology.

2 Student workload and admission

Students workload is defined as follows: Students have to attend all the topics listed in the subject list, with the following specifications:

- students have the option to book up to three teaching blocks at the MTT summer school.
- If a student wishes to attend a subject more than once (with different lecturers), this is basically possible, but it would not replace another subject. Additional hours will not count as an extra in the final certificate – the Certificate will be issued for 60 hours.

Students should plan their individual study program carefully, since at the summer school the CST blocks are taught partly parallel in two timeslots, so that not all combinations of subjects are possible.

3 Admission

Admission for students will require a motivational letter (min. 1 page).

With the application, students have to hand in a study plan indicating, which of the offered teaching blocks the wish to attend.

4 Funding

Some of the travel and accommodation costs for students can be funded under the Network “Trauma, Trust, and Memory” or “Migration – Trauma in transition” connecting the partner universities and supported by the German Academic exchange Service DAAD.

Students who ask for a funding of their travel and accommodation costs should carefully outline their study plan, which will be subject to specifications by MTT due to the limited funding options.

5 Subjects

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| 1. | The concept of Social Trauma | 4 h |
| 2. | Specific Methodology and Practice in Social Trauma Research | 8 h |
| 3. | Ethics | 8 h |
| 4. | Clinical Psychology of Social Trauma | 8 h |
| 5. | Developmental Psychology of Social Trauma | 8 h |
| 6. | Memory Studies | 8 h |
| 7. | Social Psychology and Cultural Theory of Trauma | 8 h |
| 8. | Concluding session and course assessment | 8 h |
| <i>The concluding session is offered at every participating department for their own students</i> | | |