

Seminar “Migration and Social Inclusion – Comparative Perspectives from the Global South and the Global North” – Summer semester 2020

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Content:

In the context of global social inequality, migration plays an important role. It is one of the many dimensions of inequality as well as one of its determinants. With a view both from the Global South and from the Global North, this seminar brings two perspectives on the topic together in order to highlight similar challenges and significant differences. Focusing in particular on Germany and South Africa, we will address the areas of migration law, social law and constitutional law and compare the approaches both countries take, for instance, when dealing with immigrants in general, labour migrants, refugees, social participation, affirmative action or justiciable socio-economic rights.

Course language: English

Number of participants: 15 (limited to a maximum of 18) persons

Structure of the block seminar:

The students will choose their seminar topics at the end of the winter semester 2019/20 (January 21, 2-4 p.m., RuW 1.101).

On the first two days of the seminar (April 22 (2-4 p.m., RuW 1.101) and April 23 (10-12 a.m., RuW 1.101), participants will get the opportunity to discuss their proposed outline and receive feedback on the structure, focus, etc. They will complete their papers during the semester. Presentations will be held at the end of the semester on three consecutive days (July 6-8, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

Work load: 2 semester hours per week

Requirements: Seminar thesis (written in German) and oral presentation (in English), active participation during the seminar

Focus areas (Schwerpunktbereiche): Internationalisation and Europeanisation of Law (SPB 1), Constitution, Administration, Regulation (SPB 4), Labour, Social Affairs, Life Situations (SPB 5)

Seminar topics:

Topic No.	
1	The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration – A one-size fits all-solution for global migration?
2	The Sustainable Development Goals – Between effectiveness and the perpetuation of dependency
3	Regulating migration – A comparison between the Southern African Development Community and the European Union
4	The concept of solidarity in international and European Union law
5	The concept of integration in German migration law
6	Transforming society through law – South Africa’s legislative development after the Apartheid regime
7	Employment Equity in South Africa
8	Access to the labour market for asylum-seekers in Germany and South Africa
	Children’s rights in the constitution – comparison between South Africa and Germany
10	The constitutional right to social security – A comparison between South Africa and Germany
11	Access to social assistance benefits for Asylum-seekers and refugees in Germany and South Africa
12	Access to health care for Asylum-seekers and refugees in Germany and South Africa
13	Implications of the decision of the German Federal Constitutional Court on sanctions imposed upon recipients of “unemployment benefits II” with regard to recipients under the age of 25 and recipients according to the “Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz”
14	20 years after the Grootboom decision by the Constitutional Court of South Africa: The right to housing and its implementation
15	Strategic litigation on socio-economic rights in South Africa and Germany