

Study program	International Joint Master's Degree in Cultural Sociology			
Course	Transnational Social Space			
Status of the course	Compulsory			
Year	2	Semester	1	
ECTS credits	5			
Teacher	Dr Saša Božić, Full Professor			
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Associate / assistant				
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Place of teaching	Room 203			
Teaching methods	Lectures and seminars, short research on social ties across boundaries, discussion on the results of the research			
Teaching workload Lectures + Seminars + Exercises	30+15+0			
Examination methods	An essay in the form of a scientific article (based on used literature and short research) will be graded.			
Start date	7 October 2020	End date	20 January 2021	
Colloquia	1. term	2. term	3. term	4. term
Examination period	1. term	2. term	3. term	4. term
	3 February 2021	17 February 2021	4 September 2021	24 September 2021
Learning outcomes	<p>After successful completion of the course the students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> recognise and to become aware of the bias of 'methodological nationalism' in contemporary social sciences understand the foundation of new social ties across the boundaries of nation-states identify and apply appropriate theories and concepts of transnational social space on specific empirical cases use the concept of transnational social space as an alternative concept to contemporary sociological theories in personal work and research write an essay in form of a scientific article. 			
Enrolment prerequisites	Knowledge of English			
Course subject	<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</p>			

	<p>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>
<p>Required reading</p>	<p>Acedera, K. A. and Yeoh, B. S.A. (2019) 'Making time': Long-distance marriages and the temporalities of the transnational family. <i>Current Sociology Monograph</i> 67(2):250-272.</p> <p>Amelina, A. and Faist, T. (2012) 'De-naturalizing the national in research methodologies: key concepts of transnational studies in migration. <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i> 35(10):1725-1740.</p> <p>Bauböck, R. (2003) 'Towards a Political Theory of Migrant Transnationalism', <i>International Migration Review</i> 37(3):700-723.</p> <p>Božić, S. and Kuti, S (2019) 'Social Space and Transnational Social Space: How to Explore a Missing Link?'. <i>Sociologija i prostor</i> 57(1):5-22.</p> <p>Burris, V and Staples, C. L. (2012). In search of a transnational capitalist class: Alternative methods for comparing director interlocks within and between nations and regions. <i>International Journal of Comparative Sociology</i> 53(4):323-342.</p> <p>Carling, J. (2003) 'Cartographies of Cape Verdean Transnationalism'. <i>Global Networks</i> 3(4):335-341.</p> <p>Faist, T. (2000) 'Transnationalization in International Migration: Implication for the Study of Citizenship and Culture'. <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i> 23(2):189-222.</p> <p>Faist, T. (2010) 'Towards Transnational Studies: World Theories, Transnationalisation and Changing Institutions'. <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i> 36(10):1665-1687.</p> <p>Gilson, J. (2011) 'Transnational Advocacy: New Spaces, New Voices', <i>Alternatives: Global, Local, Political</i> 36(4):288-306.</p> <p>Georgiou, M. (2012) 'Seeking Ontological Security beyond the Nation: The Role of Transnational Television'. <i>Television and New Media</i> 14(4): 304-321.</p>

	<p>Harvey, D. (2005). <i>Spaces of neoliberalization: towards a theory of uneven geographical development</i>. Wiesbaden, Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, pp. 93-115.</p> <p>Levitt P. and Glick Schiller N. (2004) 'Conceptualizing Simultaneity: A Transnational Social Field Perspective on Society'. <i>International Migration Review</i> 38(3):1002-139.</p> <p>Ley, D. (2004) 'Transnational Spaces and Everyday Lives', <i>Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers</i> 29(2):151-164.</p> <p>Maiba, H. (2005) 'Grassroots Transnational Social Movement Activism: The Case of People's Global Action'. <i>Sociological Focus</i> 38(1):41-63.</p> <p>Pries, L. (2005) Configuration of geographic and societal spaces: a sociological proposal between 'methodological nationalism' and the 'spaces of flows'. <i>Global Networks</i> 5(2):167-190.</p> <p>Richter, M. (2012) Researching Transnational Social Spaces: A Qualitative Study of the Spanish Second Generation in Switzerland. <i>Forum: Qualitative Social Research</i> 13(3) Art. 8.</p> <p>Roudometof, V. (2005) 'Transnationalism, Cosmopolitanism and Glocalization', <i>Current Sociology</i> 53(1):113-135.</p> <p>Sandoval, G. F. (2013) 'Shadow Transnationalism: Cross-Border Networks and Planning Challenges of Transnational Unauthorized Immigrant Communities'. <i>Journal of Planning Education and Research</i> 33(2):176-193.</p> <p>Scheibelhofer, E. (2011) <i>Raumsensible Migrationsforschung: Methodische Überlegungen und ihre empirische Relevanz für die Migrationssoziologie</i>. Wiesbaden: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, pp. 27-82.</p> <p>Sheller, M. (2019). 'Afterword: Time is of the essence'. <i>Current Sociology Monograph</i> 67(2):334-344.</p> <p>Voigt-Graf, C. (2004) 'Towards a Geography of Transnational Spaces: Indian Transnational Communities in Australia', <i>Global Networks</i> 4(1):25-49.</p> <p>Waldinger, R. (2013) 'Immigrant Transnationalism'. <i>Current Sociology Review</i> 61(5-6):756-777.</p> <p>Wimmer A. and Glick Schiller, N. (2003) 'Methodological Nationalism, the Social Sciences and the Study of Migration: An Essay in Historical Epistemology'. <i>International Migration Review</i> 37(3):576-610.</p>
<p>Additional reading</p>	<p>Bourdieu, P. (1994) <i>Raisons pratiques. Sur l' theorie de l' action</i>. Paris: Seuil, p 15-29 (Handouts in English)</p> <p>Foucault, M. (1984) <i>Archictecture, mouvement, continuite</i>, p. 46-49 (Handouts in English)</p>

	<p>Giddens, A. (1987) <i>The Constitution of Society</i>. Cambridge: Polity Press</p> <p>Lefebvre, H. (2000/1974) <i>La production de l'espace</i>. Paris: Anthropos, p. 7-82 (Handouts in English)</p> <p>Loew, M. (2001) <i>Raumsoziologie</i>. Frankfurt a/M: Suhrkamp, p. 130-151 (Handouts in English)</p> <p>Macher, H-J (2007) <i>Methodische Perspektiven auf Theorien des sozialen Raumes</i>. Neu-Ulm: AG SPAK Buecher, p. 30-81 (Handouts in English)</p> <p>Meeus, B. (2012) How to 'catch' floating populations? Research and the fixing of migration in space and time. <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i> 35(10):1775-1793.</p> <p>Simmel, G. (1992/1908) <i>Soziologie. Der Raum und die räumlichen Ordnungen der Gesellschaft</i>. Frankfurt a/M: Suhrkamp, p. 687-790 (Handouts in English)</p> <p>Urry, J. (2000) <i>Sociology beyond Societies</i>. London: Routledge, p. 1-21</p> <p>Additional literature will be given to all students after the subject of their research is determined following the introductory lecture and the first seminar.</p>
Internet resources	
Quality assurance	After the lectures and seminars students will evaluate the course using the standard quality insurance questionnaire in the University of Zadar. Also: Joint annual evaluations of courses within the joint degree program consortium (General Programme Board).
Conditions for obtaining signatures	Regular attendance of lectures and seminars. The students are expected to read the required literature in advance.
Assignments of the credits for colloquia, seminars, exercises, exams	ECTS structure: lectures 1; essay (research, reading, writing) 2; required reading – 2. Research and presentation of the research results in seminars are a condition for successful writing of an essay which will be handed over in examination terms.
Assignments of the final grade	Students are obliged to prepare an essay in the form of a scientific article based on their research during the semester. The following elements are evaluated: consistency of the thesis, content and data; originality of interpretations of the researched phenomenon, integration of contemporary theory into the main arguments of the essay. Essay must meet the following formal criteria: min. 10 pages of text, and separately: the cover page, list of references, attachments, images, etc., font 12, Times New Roman, 1.5 line spacing
Remarks	Rewriting the works of other students (essays, term papers and other written assignments), getting answers, oral or written, from other students as well as giving answers, oral or written, to other students during exams represent fraud! Presentation of essays and other written assignments that were written by others, as your own and use of sentences, paragraphs and entire text without adequate reference to the original author is plagiarism! Plagiarism and fraud are serious academic offenses that result in failing the course.

Teaching topics – lectures			
No.	Date	Title	Literature
1.	7 October 2020	Introductory Lecture Geographical and Social Space – Variation in thinking about space	Loew, M. (2001) <i>Raumsoziologie</i> . Frankfurt a/M: Suhrkamp, s. 130-151 (Handouts in English)
2.	14 October 2020	Social Space – Terminology and Concepts From 'Container' Space towards Social Space	Scheibelhofer, E. (2011) Raumsensible Migrationsforschung: Methodische Überlegungen und ihre empirische Relevanz für die Migrationssoziologie. Wiesbaden: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, s. 27- 82 Harvey, D. (2005). <i>Spaces of neoliberalization: towards a theory of uneven geographical development</i> . Wiesbaden, Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, pp. 93-115. Optional (handouts in English): Simmel, G. (1992/1908) <i>Soziologie. Der Raum und die räumlichen Ordnungen der Gesellschaft</i> . Frankfurt a/M: Suhrkamp, s. 687-790 Foucault, M. (1984) <i>Architecture, mouvement, continuite</i> , s. 46-49 Giddens, A. (1987) <i>The Constitution of Society</i> . Cambridge: Polity, s. Urry, J. (2000) <i>Sociology beyond Societies</i> . London: Routledge, s. 1-21
3.	21 October 2020	Social Space – Terminology and Concepts Researching Social Space	Božić, S. and Kuti, S (2019) Social Space and Transnational Social Space: How to Explore a Missing Link?. <i>Sociologija i prostor</i> 57(1):5-22 Richter, M. (2012) Researching Transnational

			Social Spaces: A Qualitative Study of the Spanish Second Generation in Switzerland. Forum: Qualitative Social Research 13(3) Art. 8
4.	28 October 2020	Methodological Nationalism and Territory in the Social Sciences	Wimmer A. i Glick Schiller, N. (2003) 'Methodological Nationalism, the Social Sciences and the Study of Migration: An Essay in Historical Epistemology'. <i>International Migration Review</i> 37(3):576-510 Amelina, A. and Faist, T. (2012) 'De-naturalizing the national in research methodologies: key concepts of transnational studies in migration. <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i> 35(10):1725-1740.
5.	4 November 2020	Transnational Processes and New Configurations of Social Spaces	Pries, L. (2005) Configuration of geographic and societal spaces: a sociological proposal between 'methodological nationalism' and the 'spaces of flows'. <i>Global Networks</i> 5(2):167-190 Faist, T. (2010) Towards Transnational Studies: World Theories, Transnationalisation and Changing Institutions. <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i> 36(10):1665-1687.
6.	11 November 2020	Transnational Social Space and 'Transnationalism'	Faist, T. (2000) 'Transnationalization in International Migration: Implication for the Study of Citizenship and Culture'. <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i> 23(2):189-222 Roudometof, V. (2005) 'Transnationalism, Cosmopolitanism and Glocalization', <i>Current Sociology</i> 53(1):113-135
7.	18	National Holiday	

	November 2020		
8.	25 November 2020	Society as Transnational Social Fields Transnational Social Spaces and Migration	Levitt P. i Glick Schiller N. (2004) 'Conceptualizing Simultaneity: A Transnational Social Field Perspective on Society'. <i>International Migration Review</i> 38(3):1002-1039 Waldinger, R. (2013) 'Immigrant Transnationalism'. <i>Current Sociology Review</i> 61(5-6):756-777.
9.	2 December 2020	Transnational Social Space, Businessmen and the Capitalist Class	Ley, D. (2004) 'Transnational Spaces and Everyday Lives', <i>Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers</i> , 29(2):151-164. Burris, V and Staples, C. L. (2012). 'In search of a transnational capitalist class: Alternative methods for comparing director interlocks within and between nations and regions'. <i>International Journal of Comparative Sociology</i> 53(4):323-342.
10.	9 December 2020	Transnational Space and Media	Georgiou, M. (2012) Seeking Ontological Security beyond the Nation: The Role of Transnational Television. <i>Television and New Media</i> 14(4): 304-3421
11.	16 December 2020	Transnational Households and Families	Acedera, K. A. and Yeoh, B. S.A. (2019) 'Making time': Long-distance marriages and the temporalities of the transnational family. <i>Current Sociology Monograph</i> 67(2):250-272.
12.	6 January 2021	National Holiday	
13.	13 January 2021	Political 'Transnationalism' and Transnational Citizenship	Bauböck, R. (2003) 'Towards a Political Theory of Migrant Transnationalism', <i>International Migration Review</i> 37(3):700-723
14.	20 January 2021	Transnational Social Movements	Maiba, H. (2005) 'Grassroots Transnational Social Movement Activism: The

			Case of People's Global Action', <i>Sociological Focus</i> 38(1):41-63 Gilson, J. (2011) 'Transnational Advocacy: New Spaces, New Voices', <i>Alternatives: Global, Local, Political</i> 36(4):288-306
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Seminars			
No.	Date	Title	Literature Literature (Depends on the chosen subject and the type of the research – decision will be made after consultation with the professor)
1.	7 October 2020	Introduction: Possible subjects for the research	
2.	14 October 2020	Forms of transnational social space	
3.	21 October 2020	Choosing the subject for the research - discussion	
4.	28 October 2020	Short research design	
5.	4 November 2020	Choosing methods for the research; planning	
6.	11 November 2020	The use of different techniques in social science research	
7.	18 November 2020	National Holiday	
8.	25 November 2020	First report on acquired data	
9.	2 December 2020	Data analysis	
10.	9 December 2020	Report on additional field research	
11.	16 December 2020	Report on final data analysis	
12.	6 January 2021	National Holiday	

13.	13 January 2021	Presentation of the research report	
14.	20 January 2021	Presentation of the main arguments in the essay	

Teacher:

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