



The Production and Reproduction of
SOCIAL INEQUALITIES

Inequality Seminar Course Outline

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Advanced Seminar

**Inequality: Forms of Inequality in Situations of Labour
and Migration in the 20th and 21st Century**

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Tuesday, 14-15.30h

Seminar via Zoom

The seminar is taught jointly by Prof. Dr. Ulrike Lindner, Department of History and Prof. Dr. Michaela Pelican, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology. We will deal with forms of inequality and will firstly address theoretical considerations on inequality. In the second part of the seminar, inequality in connection with labour migration will be examined from different perspectives. Thirdly, we will look at inequality in labour relations from the late 19th to the 21st century. Here, the focus is especially on forms of forced labour and contract labour in colonial and post-colonial situations.

A good knowledge of English is a prerequisite, as almost all of the literature is only available in English. The seminar is especially aimed at students who are planning a Master's thesis on this topic. In this context, we would also like to refer to our research unit "The Production and Reproduction of Social Inequalities: Global Contexts and Concepts of Labour Exploitation" (<https://socialinequalities.uni-koeln.de/>).

Seminar Schedule

13.4.21	<p>1. Introduction to the Seminar and Topic Assignment</p> <p>Short film: Inequalities and the 1% in the Context of Sustainable Development https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wti96ZXsvM</p> <p>UN Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal10</p> <p>Current: Poverty Report of the federal government of Germany 2020, https://www.armuts-und-reichtumsbericht.de/DE/Startseite/start.html</p>
PART I: Social Inequality – Basic Texts	
20.4.21	<p>2. Social Inequality as a Central Topic of Sociology</p> <p>Basic reading for all:</p> <p>Weiß, Anja (2017): Kapitel 2: Soziale Ungleichheit. In: Weiss, Anja. Soziologie Globaler Ungleichheiten. Berlin: Suhrkamp, S. 23-49.</p> <p>Solga, H. et al. (2009): Soziale Ungleichheit - Kein Schnee von gestern! Eine Einführung, in: dies. (2009): Soziale Ungleichheit. Klassische Texte zur Sozialstrukturanalyse, Frankfurt a. M.: Campus, pp. 11-46.]</p> <p>Project Description of the Research Unit „The production and reproduction of social inequalities: Global contexts and concepts of labor exploitation”, https://socialinequalities.uni-koeln.de/</p>
27.4.21	<p>3. Mechanisms of Inequality Genesis</p> <p>Basic reading for all:</p> <p>Therborn, Göran (2013). The Killing Fields of Inequality. Cambridge: Polity Press. Part II: Theory. S. 35-66.</p> <p>Presentation:</p> <p>Capability approach according to Amartya Sen und Martha Nussbaum</p>
4.5.21	<p>4. Inequality and Development – Perspectives from the Global South</p> <p>Basic reading for all:</p> <p>Ndlovu-Gatsheni, Sabelo (2018): Chapter 1: Rethinking Development in the Age of Global Coloniality. In: Mpofu, Busani and Sabelo J. Ndlovu-Gatsheni (eds.). Rethinking and Unthinking Development: Perspectives on Inequality and Poverty in South Africa and Zimbabwe. New York: Berghahn Books. S. 27-49.</p> <p>Presentation:</p> <p>Appadurai, Arjun (2004): The Capacity to Aspire: Culture and the Terms of Recognition. In: Rao, Vijayendra and Michael Walton (eds.): Culture and Public Action. Stanford: Stanford University Press. S. 59–84.</p>
PART II: Social Inequality – Globalisation, Mobility, Race/Class/Gender	
11.5.21	<p>5. Entangled Inequalities – Perspectives from Latin America</p> <p>Basic reading for all:</p>

	<p>Costa, Sérgio (2011): „Researching Entangled Inequalities in Latin America. The Role of Historical, Social and Transregional Inequalities“, desiguALdades.net Working Paper Series, No. 9, Berlin.</p> <p>2 Group Presentations: Interdependence approach, case study Brazil</p> <p>Jelin, Elizabeth, Renata Motta, Sérgio Costa (eds) (2018): Global Entangled Inequalities: Conceptual Debates and Evidence from Latin America. Routledge.</p> <p>Ystanes, Margit and Iselin Åsedotter Strønen. (eds.). (2018): The Social Life of Economic Inequalities in Contemporary Latin America. Palgrave MacMillan.</p> <p>desiguALdades.net Working Paper Series: https://www.desigualdades.net/Working_Papers/index.html</p>
18.5.21	<p>6. Ethnicity/race as Dimensions of Inequality in Urban Contexts in the Global North (Comparison USA/Europe)</p> <p>Basic reading for all:</p> <p>Wacquant, Loïc (2014): Marginality, ethnicity and penalty in the neo-liberal city: an analytic cartography, Ethnic and Racial Studies 37(10): 1687-1711.</p> <p>2 Group Presentations: Deepening of the case study (USA/France), current debates on the reduction of inequality for African-Americans in the USA</p> <p>Wacquant, Loïc (2008): Urban Outcasts. / (2018): Die Verdammten der Stadt: Eine vergleichende Soziologie fortgeschrittener Marginalität. Springer.</p> <p>Freakonomics Radio. Episode 453. 3.3.2021. A Rescue Plan for Black America. https://freakonomics.com/podcast/frbc-charles-blow/</p> <p>Freakonomics Radio. Episode 426. 15.7.2020. Should America (and FIFA) Pay Reparations? https://freakonomics.com/podcast/reparations-part-1/</p>
25.5.21	<p><i>Pentecost Holidays</i></p>
1.6.21	<p>7. Labour Exploitation and Structural Violence in the Context of Global Migration - Example Gulf States</p> <p>Basic reading for all:</p> <p>Gardner, Andrew (2010): Engulfed: Indian Guest Workers, Bahrain Citizens, and the Structural Violence of the Kafala System. In: De Genova, Nicholas and Nathalie Peutz (eds.): The Deportation Regime: Sovereignty, Space, and the Freedom of Movement. Durham, London: Duke University Press. S. 196-223.</p> <p>2 Group Presentations: structural violence, deepening of the case study</p> <p>Gardner, Andrew (2011): City of Strangers: Gulf Migration and the Indian Community in Bahrain. Ithaca: Cornell University.</p> <p>Kanna, Ahmed (2020): Class struggle and de-exceptionalizing the Gulf. In: Kanna, Ahmed et al. Beyond Exception: New Interpretations of the Arabian Peninsula. Ithaca: Cornell University. S. 100-122.</p> <p>Structural violence: https://www.thoughtco.com/structural-violence-4174956</p> <p>Farmer, Paul (2004): An Anthropology of Structural Violence. Current Anthropology 45(3): 305-325.</p>

8.6.21	<p>8. Global Care Chain – Labour Exploitation/Mobility and Gender</p> <p>Basic reading for all:</p> <p>Hochschild, Arlie Russell (2000): “Global Care Chains and Emotional Surplus Value”, in Hutton, W. and Giddens, A. (eds) On The Edge: Living with Global Capitalism. London: Jonathan Cape, pp. 130-146.</p> <p>Group Presentation: World Systems Theory (Wallerstein), deepening of the case study</p> <p>Parreñas, Rhacel Salazar (2018): Servants of globalization: migration and domestic work. Stanford, California: Stanford University Press.</p> <p>World Systems Theory according to Wallerstein (Centre/Periphery/Semi-periphery)</p> <p>Smith, David A. (2018): World-System Zones in the 21st Century: Beyond Core and Periphery, Who Fits Where? In: Boatca, Manuela et al. (eds): Global Inequalities in World-Systems Perspective: Theoretical Debates and Methodological Innovations. Routledge.</p>
PART III: Social Inequality and Labour Relations	
15.6.21	<p>9. Basic Considerations on Social Inequality and Labour Relations</p> <p>Basic reading for all:</p> <p>Marx, Karl/Engels, Friedrich (2009): Manifest der Kommunistischen Partei, in: Solga, H. (ed.) (2009): Soziale Ungleichheit. Klassische Texte zur Sozialstrukturanalyse, Frankfurt a. M.: Campus, pp. 75-84.</p> <p>Harvey, David (2019): Anti-Capitalist Chronicles: Accumulation by Dispossession. Democracy at Work, Lecture (22 mins.). https://www.exploring-economics.org/en/discover/anti-capitalist-chronicles-accumulation-by-disp/</p> <p>Harvey, D. (2004): The 'new' imperialism: accumulation by dispossession. Socialist Register 40: 63-87.</p> <p>Group Presentation 1: Labour and Inequality - The situation of the industrial workforce in Germany during the period of high industrialisation</p> <p>Group Presentation 2: Labour and Inequality: Current debates on dignified work/precarious work using the example of England</p>
22.6.21	<p>10. Social Inequality and Labour Relations in a Global Context</p> <p>Basic reading for all:</p> <p>Breman, J. et al (2019): “Introduction. The Social Question all over again” and “Postscript. The Social Question in Its Global Incarnation.” In: Breman, Jan et al. (eds.). The Social Question in the Twenty-First Century. University of California Press. pp. 1-22 and pp. 244-251</p> <p>Input Presentation: Nic Miller: Migration and Bonded Labour in Hawai’i in the 19th Century</p> <p>Group Presentation:</p> <p>The struggle against precarity in informal labour relations in Africa in the last decades of the 20th century</p>

29.6.21	<p>11. Social Inequality and Unfree Labour Relations: Bonded Labour in the Global South</p> <p>Basic reading for all:</p> <p>Tappe, O. & U. Lindner (2016): Introduction. In: S. Damir-Geilsdorf et al. (eds.). <i>Bonded Labour. Global and Comparative Perspectives</i>. Bielefeld: Transcript, 9-34.</p> <p>Group Presentations: The emergence of new inequalities after the end of slavery through the introduction of Indian/Chinese contract labour/bonded labour in the colonies</p> <p>Group Presentation 1: Bonded labour in sugar production on the Caribbean islands</p> <p>Group Presentation 2: Bonded labour in the mines of South Africa</p>
6.7.21	<p>12. Social Inequality in Labour Situations: Institutions for Combating Inequality</p> <p>Basic reading for all:</p> <p>Article: History of the International Labour Organization https://www.dgb.de/themen/++co++848d2e14-8acb-11e0-5636-00188b4dc422.</p> <p>Group Presentation 1: The ILO and the struggle against the "immiseration" of workers in the Global North in the 1920s</p> <p>Group Presentation 2: The ILO and the struggle against forced labour in the Global South from 1919 to the "Abolition of Forced Labour Convention"</p>
13.7.21	<p>13. Concluding Theory Session: Rich and Poor - Insights from Historical Economics</p> <p>Basic reading for all:</p> <p>Piketty, Thomas (2014): Kapital im 21. Jahrhundert. München: Beck. Einleitung 13-55.</p> <p>Group Presentation: Ethnological and historical/economic critique of Piketty</p> <p>AllegraLab, December 2014, book reviews/book symposium of Piketty 1-3 (by Patrick Alexander, Patrick Neveling, Tijo Salverda). https://allegralaboratory.net/special-review-section-piketty-1/; https://allegralaboratory.net/special-review-section-piketty-2/; https://allegralaboratory.net/special-review-section-piketty-3/</p> <p>Alexander, Peter (2015): Thomas Piketty und das Massaker von Marikana, PERIPHERIE, 1-2015, S. 12-28.</p> <p>Willems, Florian and Tijo Salverda. Tales of Inequality: What Piketty, Rousseau, Scrooge McDuck, and the Devil May Have in Common.</p> <p>Lo Vuolo, Ruben (2015): M. Piketty's Capital, His Critics and Basic Income, in: Basic Income Studies 10: 29-43.</p>
20.7.21	<p>14. Final Discussion and a Look to the Future</p> <p>Basic reading for all:</p> <p>Therborn, Göran (2013): The Killing Fields of Inequality. Cambridge: Polity Press. Part V: Possible Futures. S. 151-184. (especially chapter 10)</p>