JOINT MASTER

COMPARATIVE SOCIAL POLICY AND WELFARE

„COSOPO“

- **Joint Master of the partner universities**:
  Johannes-Kepler-Universität Linz (JKU)
  Tampere University (TAU, Finland)

- **Aims and Contents**
  - ☐ Qualify students to conduct research in the field of social policy and the welfare state in an international context
  - ☐ Provide expert knowledge on welfare state theories and models
  - ☐ Focus on welfare regimes in the international context as well as on certain policy fields (e.g., family policies)
  - ☐ Intercultural competences and international experience

BASIC CONDITIONS.

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- **Duration**: 4 semesters
- **Work load**: 120 ECTS credit points
- **Programme start**: every 2 years
- **Next programme:** WS 2020 to SS 2022
- **Teaching language**: English
- **Degree**
  - ☐ MSSc (Master of Social Sciences)
  - ☐ academic degree granted by home university (JKU)
  - ☐ additional Joint Master Diploma signed by both partner universities
- **Costs**
  - ☐ student union fee
  - ☐ common tuition fee (depends on studies duration and citizenship)
  - ☐ travel costs and accomodation (Intensive Programmes!)

REQUIREMENTS

- **Disciplinary Background**: Bachelor Degree (or similar) or Diploma in Social Sciences (e.g., Social Economics, Sociology, Political Sciences...)
- **Research methods**: Knowledge of reserach methods of social sciences at Bachelor‘s level
- **Interest in and knowledge of social politics and welfare state**
- **Language requirements:** English level C1 (CEPRL)
  - ☐ Language courses taken at European universities at level C1 or higher (graded with A and no online-based courses)
  - ☐ TOEFL (90 internet, 575 paper), IELTS (6.5 with no ind. <6.0), Cambridge Certificate (Advanced)
  - ☐ Bachelor Degree/Secondary Education Certificate from following countries: AUS, GB, USA, New Zealand

CLASS & COURSES.

TEACHING METHODS

- **„Intensive Programmes“ (IP) at the partner universities**
- **Distance learning:** e-learning-instruments and platforms (e.g. Moodle, video-sessions)
- **Independent studies** (self-responsible learning and tasks)
- **Internship (**120 hours + Internship Report)

STUDY PLAN

	1st semester W even year		2nd semester S uneven year		3rd semester W uneven year		4th semester S even year		
	Course	**ECTS**	**Course**	**ECTS**	**Course**	**ECTS**	**Course**	**ECTS**	
C: Theory	C1 C4	5 5	C2 C3	5 5					20
N: Empirics	N1 N2 N3	5 5 5							15
M: Methods	M1	5	M2 M3	5 5					15
E: Electives			E_x	5	E_x	10	E_x	5	20
P: Praxis					P	5			5
W: Writing					W1	2	W2	3	5
MT: Thesis			MT	5	MTS	10	MT	25	40
		30		30		27		33	**Sum 120**

MODULES C, N, M

Mandatory: Theory	**C**	**Conceptual Approaches to the Comparative Study of Welfare Production**	**20**	
	C1	Introduction to the Study of the Politics of Welfare Production (Independent Study)	5	JKU
	C2	Welfare State Theories	5	JKU
	C3	Concepts and Comparisons in Social Policy Research	5	JKU
	C4	Supranational Welfare Policymaking	5	JKU
Mandatory: Empirics	**N**	**National Systems of Welfare and Society**	**15**	
	N1	Nordic Welfare Societies	5	TAU
	N2	The Continental European Model of Social Protection	5	JKU
	N3	The Liberal Welfare State	5	JKU
Mandatory: Methods	**M**	**Empirical Research Methodology**	**15**	
	M1	Introduction to the Methodology of Social and Comparative Research (Independent Study)	5	TAU
	M2	Quantitative Research Methods	5	TAU
	M3	Qualitative Research Methods	5	TAU

MODULES E, P, W, MT

Electives: Context and Special Issues	**E**	**Elective Classes on Well-Being and Welfare Production in a Globalizing World**	**20**	
	E1	Political Dynamics in Select Social Policy Fields [1]	5	JKU
	E2	Work, Employment, Welfare	5	TAU
	E3	Gender and Society [2]	5	TAU
	E4	International Development Studies [2]	5	TAU
	E5	Sustainable Development in a Global Society [2]	5	TAU
	E6	Optional Studies [3]	5	Open
Praxis	**P**	**Practicum / Internship**	**5**	
	P	Seminar for the Practicum	5	Each University
Academic Writing	**W**	**Academic Writing**	**5**	
	W1	Academic Writing (a)	2	Each University
	W2	Academic Writing (b)	3	Each University
Thesis	**MT**	**Master's Thesis**	**40**	
	MTS	Master's Thesis Seminar	10	Each University
	MT	Master's Thesis	30	Each University
		Sum ECTS	**120**	

APPLICATION.

ADMISSION PROCESS

- **Two-Step Process**:
  - **Step 1**: **Pre-selection** based on the **content requirements** and after receiving application by the academic board
  - **Step 2**: Admission to the studies programme based on the **formal requirements** by the JKU‘s studies administration

STEP 1: APPLICATION

- **Application Deadline:**

  → **regular: March, 31th, 2020**

  → **grace period: May, 15th, 2020**

- **Application process**

  ☐ Submission of your **complete** application

  ☐ Check of your application documents and pre-selection of the applicants

  ☐ Acceptance:
  → 1st round: 15th April,
  → 2nd round : end of May

STEP 1: APPLICATION

- **Application documents** consisting of:

  - ☐ Application Form
  - ☐ Letter of Motivation
  - ☐ Curriculum Vitae
  - ☐ Bachelor Certificate (translated into English or German)
  - ☐ Full Transcripts or Records
  - ☐ Proof of your English Proficiency (C1)
  - ☐ Copy of your passport

- By **mail** in one pdf-file to: **cosopo@jku.at**
- By **post/in person** to our institute (key word: Cosopo)

FAQ‘S ADMISSION

- **FAQ # 1: A)„I haven‘t got a Bachelor Degree by 31th March..“**
  A) „..as I will finish my studies by end of the summer semester“ or
  B) „..as I have not been handed out my Certificate for bureaucratic reasons“
  Ask your university/academic institution to issue a
  A) statement on your forthcoming graduation („late Bachelor“) or
  B) confirmation on your forthcoming diploma („temporary diploma“)

- **FAQ # 2: „I haven‘t got a proof of my English proficiency yet“**
  temporary judgement of your English skills by us
  if so: admission on condition and late submission of a proof of your English Skills

- **FAQ #3: „English is the official language of my home country. Do I need a English proof, though?“**
  Yes, unless you are a citizen of US, GB, CAN, AUS, NZ

STEP 2: ADMISSION

- **After having received a letter of accaptance**
- **Admission to the Master studies COSOPO**:
  - ☐ 1. Online registration of personal information in advance (before heading to the admission service)
  - ☐ 2. Enrollment to the programme by the admission service (national students) or request for the enrollment (international students)
- **Further information on the formal admission**
  - https://www.jku.at/studieren/studium-von-a-z/zulassung/zulassung-master/
  - personal (www.jku.at/zus/)
  - By mail zulassung@jku.at or admission@jku.at

LET‘S GET STARTED…

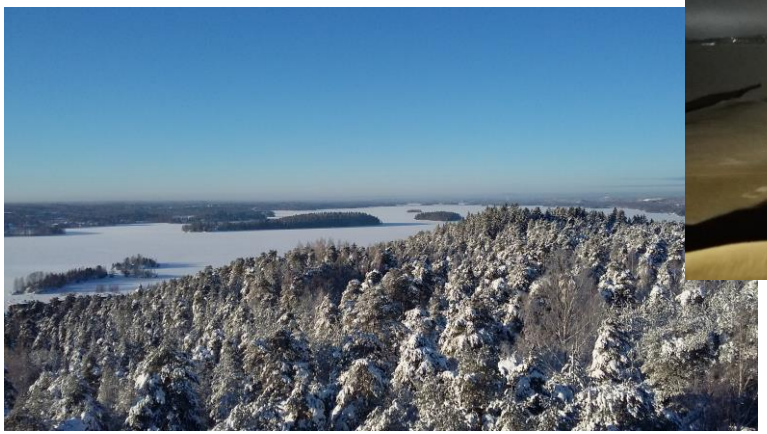
WELCOME DAY

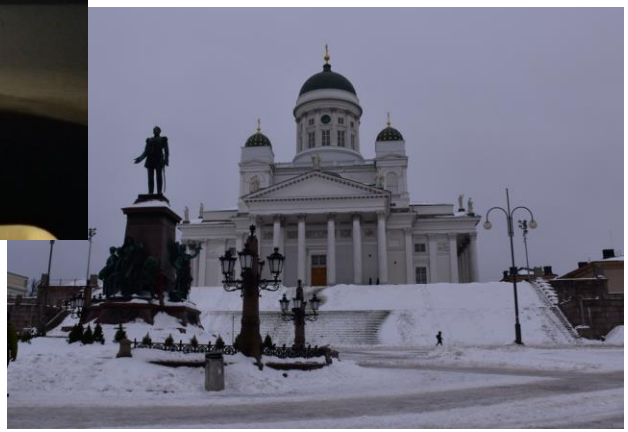
- When? Beginning of **September 2020**
- Invitiation will be attached to the letter of acceptance and you will get a reminder by mail
- Mandatory Attendance? No, but recommended!
- Issues
  - ☐ Getting to know JKU and each other
  - ☐ Problems, questions
  - ☐ Completion of formal admission
  - ☐ Talking about the Intensive Programme

INTENSIVE PROGRAMMES

- **Travel Plan**
  - 1st sem.: Linz, Austria (2 weeks, Sep-Oct 2020)
  - 2nd sem.: Tampere, Finland (2 weeks, Jan-Feb 2021)
  - 3rd sem.: Linz, Österreich (1 week, Sep-Oct 2021)
  - 4th sem.: Tampere, Finland (1 week, Jan-Feb 2022)
- **Mandatory Attendance!**
- **Travel + Accomodation**
  - Self-reliable organisation
  - travel grants
  - Linz: Sommerhaus, Tampere: Dream Hostel → group discounts possible
- **Schedule**
  - Kick-off lectures for each course
  - Socializing Events

IP TAMPERE 2019





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LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR APPLICATION.

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