**Course Syllabus**

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| Title of the course | Applied Research on Inequalities: Race, Gender, Migration and Ethnicity (offered in English) |
| Title of the Academic Program | Comparative Politics of Eurasia |
| Type of the course  | Elective |
| Prerequisites | Quantitative Analysis of Sociological Data |
| ECTS workload | 4 ECTS |
| Total indicative study hours | Directed Study | Self-directed study  | Total |
| 32 | 120 | 152 |
| Course Overview | This course is designed as a hands-on course where students are supposed to learn how to study inequalities of various sources in comparative perspective. We’ll work on operationalization of the terms finding proper indicators for measuring some vague and controversial concepts such as race, ethnicity, religiosity etc. This course is designed to teach how to use the best statistical and methodological practices for inequality research which is often done in qualitative fashion, whereas quantitative sociologists and political scientists are often underestimating many of these issues. The focus of this course is predominantly empirical; however, some readings are also needed. The basic competence in statistics (such as sampling principles, scaling, and basic regression models) is the only prerequisite for the course, R is preferable software. The workload of the course includes mandatory participation and preparation for in-class discussions, use of open datasets for analyzing the effects of inequalities in cross-country perspective, and an individual project in essay form that could be developed into a journal article. |
| Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO) | To operationalize theoretical concepts of race, ethnicity, religiosity, etc, and associate them with certain predictors in the data. To conduct multivariate data analysis fitting race, migration, religion and gender in statistical models. Being able to access the results of modeling and interpret them sociologically. |
| Teaching and Learning Methods | The course consists of 8 lectures and 8 seminars + exam. Seminars will familiarize the student with cross-cultural research on inequalities with a special focus on intersectionality. |
| Content and Structure of the Course |
| **№** | **Topic / Course Chapter** |  **Total** | **Directed Study** | **Self-directed Study** |
| **Seminars** | **Lectures** |
| 1.  | Introduction. Studying small and vulnerable groups using large datasets: limitations of analysis and ways of overcoming. How do we discuss the issues of inequality and how it results in operationalization of terms. | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| 2.  | Inevitability of gender and making sense of it in cross-country comparative research. | 16 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| 3. | Race vs ethnicity. European and American ways of thinking about the problem. | 16 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| 4.  | Mid-term presentation of models and statistical results for the individual project. | 52 | 4 | 0 | 48 |
| 5.  | Inequality as a political issue | 16 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| 6. | Religiosity, religion, and migration | 16 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| 7. | Social class and income inequality | 16 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| 8. | Intersectionality. Health and class, gender issues in migrant communities, race and imprisonment rate, and other overlaps. | 16 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| **Total study hours** | 152 | 18 | 14 | 120 |
| Indicative Assessment Methods and Strategy  | The final mark consists of 3 components: *Final mark = Cumulative grade (50%) + Exam (50%)**Cumulative grade = Article presentation (50%) + Mid-term presentation (50%)* *- Article presentation* (25%)*.* Participation in class work and discussions, including one obligatory presentation on the topic of the lesson as a member of a small group. Presentations will be held for about 20 minutes each week. Each student will present at least once (as a member of a small group). Presenters are supposed to have required and supplementary readings for the week covered. Through the discussion and presentation, presenters should demonstrate understanding of all required texts, to include some that are not assigned, and students are supposed to lead the discussion that integrates these into a wider theme. Presenters must use visual presentation as an aid for the others. *- Mid-term presentation (25%).*Mid-term presentation of models and statistical results for the individual project.Students are supposed to show their preliminary statistical work on modeling the effects of inequality of any type that they prefer to choose for their individual project. No theory or literature review is required at this stage. Other members of the group will be expected to comment on modeling and to give advice. The presenter must use a PDF or a powerpoint for illustrative purposes. The timeline is 15 minutes for each presentation.*- Exam: Individual research project essay in English (final project): 3000 words (50% of total grade).*The final work for the course is an essay of about 3000 words in English related to any type of inequality, preferably analyzed in cross-national comparative perspective. It cannot be an overview of the existing articles on the topic, but an original piece of research done in quantitative or qualitative framework. This text is intended to be a draft for an article that can be published in a peer-reviewed journal after some revisions. The essay is supposed to include a theoretical section, literature review, hypotheses derived from the theory, some methodological discussion, a model built on one of the cross-country datasets, and a results section. The most important aspects to be graded are the creativity of the research idea, the operationalization, and refinement of hypotheses, proper modeling, and clear understanding of the limits of research. - Late assignments will be graded down.- Plagiarism will result in failure. Papers submitted for other classes cannot be reused. |
| Readings / Indicative Learning Resources | Mandatory:1. **Inequality Reader: Contemporary & Foundational Readings in Race, Class, & Gender. 2006.** ISBN: 978-0-8133-4345-7 Perseus Books Group

[The Oxford Handbook of the Social Science of Poverty](http://proxylibrary.hse.ru:2089/view/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199914050.001.0001/oxfordhb-9780199914050)  Edited by David Brady and Linda M. Burton. Print Publication Date: May 2016 DOI: 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199914050.013.7  |
| Indicative Self- Study Strategies | **Type** | **+/–** | **Hours** |
| Reading for seminars / tutorials (lecture materials, mandatory and optional resources) | + | 52 |
| Assignments for seminars / tutorials / labs | + | 20 |
| E-learning / distance learning (MOOC / LMS) | - | 0 |
| Fieldwork | - | 0 |
| Project work | + | 48 |
| Other (please specify) | - | 0 |
| Academic Support for the Course | Academic support for the course is provided via LMS, where students can find: mandatory reader, supplementary reader; samples of assessment materials; videos on the topics of study |
| Facilities, Equipment and Software | R for Windows, R-Studio |
| Course Instructor | Veronica Kostenko |