

Time: Wednesday, 1:00–3:45 pm
RLH, Seminar Room

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Syllabus: Welfare State and Health

The aim of this course is to familiarize students with various aspects of European welfare states and health care systems - their historical roots, political framework and cultural foundations. A specific focus will be Germany's welfare and health care schemes in comparison with the American and other European models. Experts from the medical sector will introduce practical aspects. The course builds on assigned readings, in-class discussions and student presentations. In addition to the course, faculty-led day and weekend excursions to the selected important medical institutions in Germany and Europe will be offered by Jacobs University.

7 September Introduction

Typology and Historical Legacy

14 September Welfare State Regimes and Health: Terminology and Typology

21 September Historical Legacy: The Origins of Welfare States and Health

Germany's Welfare State and Health System

28 September Welfare State and Health in Germany
Guest presentation by Prof. Dr. Heinz Rothgang (University of Bremen): Long-Term Care in Germany (TBC)

5 October The Financial Basis of German Healthcare: Coverage, Financial Scheme, Health Insurance
Guest presentation by Mark Ziegler (Techniker Krankenkasse): Profit and Responsibility. The Role of Public and Private Insurance

6 – 8 October *Excursion to Berlin*

The Cultural Basis of Welfare States

12 October What Do Citizens Expect? The Role of Political Culture – A Comparative Perspective

The Medical Profession

19 October The Medical Profession

TBD *Excursion Ameos Klinikum St. Joseph Bremerhaven, meeting with Dr. med. Gábor Keresztury, chief physician of the vascular surgery clinic (TBC)*

Health Inequalities at the Micro- and Macro-Level

26 October Health Inequalities: Why Are Some People Healthier Than Others?
Guest presentation by Arline Rave (Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences): Health Inequalities

TBD *Excursion Gesundheitstreffpunkt West (Bremen Gröpelingen)*

2 November Health Inequalities in Comparative Perspective

The International Dimension of Public Health

9 November Welfare State and Health Systems under Pressure? The Challenges of Globalization, Austerity and Demography

16 November No Class.

23 November The International Dimension of Public Health I: The World Health Organization (WHO)

30 November The International Dimension of Public Health II: The Case of Ebola and the Role of the WHO
Guest presentation by Dr. med. Denis Aguiar Pineda (MPH), Gesundheitsamt, Freie Hansestadt Bremen: The Ebola Pandemic

1 – 4 December *Excursion to Geneva / WHO*

Conclusion, Exam Preparation and Final Exam

7 December Concluding Remarks & Exam Preparation

TBD Final Exam (date to be determined by final exam schedule)
