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Conferences, lectures and workshops to present and discuss recent societal developments regarding inequality and social policy research.

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Knowledge transfer | 29.11.2018

Who's gonna take care of granny? Care-arrangements in Germany, Sweden and Italy

Kristin Noack; Marlene Seiffarth; Greta-Marleen Storath

Place:

Gondi Bar
Langemarckstraße 249
28199 Bremen

Time:

8.30 p.m.

Three doctoral students ask themselves a question: Who will take care of our parents and grandparents if they can no longer do it themselves? In Germany, Sweden and Italy there are very different answers to this question! Kristin Noack, Marlene Seiffarth, and Greta-Marleen Storath from the University of Bremen, Collaborative Research Centre Global Development Dynamics of Social Policy, tell you why, and what Poland, Ukraine, and Romania have to do with it.

Lecture | 22.11.2018

Recent Advances in Quantitative Text Analysis

[Prof. Kenneth Benoit, PhD](#) (London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE))

Place:

Unicom Building
Room: 7.3280
Mary-Somerville-Straße 7
28359 Bremen

Time:

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Organizer:

[Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences \(BIGSSS\), Universität Bremen;](#)
[SOCIUM Forschungszentrum Ungleichheit und Sozialpolitik, Universität Bremen](#)

Contact Person:

[Dr. Nils Düpont](#)

Kenneth Benoit is Professor of Quantitative Social Research Methods and head of the Department of Methodology at the London School of Economics and Politics Science and part-time professor at Trinity College Dublin. His contribution to text analysis in political science should not be underestimated, where his development of computer-assisted estimation of policy positions from political texts remains a cornerstone in the literature. He maintains and created the QUANTEDA package for managing and analysing text data, and therefore is well placed to offer insights into the "big picture" of QTA, and what to expect in the future.

Workshop | 22.11.2018 - 23.11.2018

Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis using R

Stefan Müller, M.A. (Trinity College Dublin)

Place:

Unicom Building
Room: 9.3120
Mary-Somerville-Straße 9
28359 Bremen

Time:

Thu.: 2 - 5:30 p.m.; Fri.: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Partic. Organization:

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[Universität Bremen](#)

This workshop with Stefan Müller from Trinity College Dublin offers a hands-on introduction to extracting data from text, and applying various methods to analyse the data. Topics included involve:

- From Raw Text to Corpus – how to collect textual data and prepare it for analysis.
- Classification techniques - the first steps in translating text to usable data; supervised and unsupervised learning; dictionary approaches and topic modelling.
- Scaling – Supervised and Unsupervised techniques.
- An overview of more advanced topics.

The applied elements of the workshop will make use of the programming language R. Therefore, a basic familiarity with R is a prerequisite for attending the course.

Registration: BIGSSS fellows register via CampusNet, SOCIUM and CRC 1342 members please send a short email to mlarsen@bigsss-bremen.de

Workshop | 21.11.2018

R Refresher for Text Analysis

Dr. Nico Blokker; [Dr. Holger Döring](#)

Place:

Unicom Building
Room: 7.3280
Mary-Somerville-Straße 7
28359 Bremen

Time:

9 - 12 a.m.

Contact Person:

[Dr. Nils Düpont](#)

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As the programme of choice for many QTA scholars, the event series begins with a brief introduction/recap to R for text analysis on November 21, 2018. This short session with Holger Döring (SOCIUM) and Nico Blocker (SOCIUM) should refresh our memories about R, and provide an overview of the useful functions particularly for Text Analysis. Therefore, we recommend attending this session even if you are a seasoned R user.

Registration: Nils Düpont, E-Mail: duepont@uni-bremen.de

Lecture | 17.10.2018

Can Obamacare Survive in the Age of Trump?

Prof. Daniel Béland (University of Saskatchewan)

Place:

SOCIUM Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy
Room: 3.3380
Mary-Somerville-Straße 3
28359 Bremen

Time:

3:30 p.m.

Lecture and Discussion | 05.07.2018

Von der Globalgeschichte lernen! "King Cotton" als Modell - Neue Wege der Sozialpolitikforschung

[Prof. Dr. Frank Nullmeier](#); [Dr. Dieter Wolf](#)

Place:

SOCIUM Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy
Room: 3.3390
Mary-Somerville-Straße 5
28359 Bremen

Time:

10:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Organizer:

[SOCIUM Forschungszentrum Ungleichheit und Sozialpolitik, Universität Bremen;](#)
[Sonderforschungsbereich "Globale Entwicklungsdynamiken von Sozialpolitik" \(SFB 1342\),](#)
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Contact Person:

[Dr. Dieter Wolf](#)

Workshop | 07.06.2018 - 08.06.2018

Building Social Protection Systems in the Global South. Different Trajectories and the Influence of External Factors

Prof. Dr. Carina Schmitt

Place:

Guesthouse "Teerhof", University of Bremen
Teerhof 59
28199 Bremen

Time:

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sc. Administration:

Prof. Dr. Carina Schmitt

Organization:

Prof. Dr. Carina Schmitt

Semester:

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Social protection is crucial for human development. However, the great majority of the global population is not or only partly covered by social protection (ILO 2014: xxi). In developing countries, in particular, it is often the very poorest and most vulnerable in a society who do not receive essential social benefits (Holliday 2000). Although the people's need for social protection in developing countries is obvious, countries perform very differently in this respect. In some countries the reach of social protection is very limited despite high needs, while others have comprehensive social protection systems with both contributory and non-contributory components (Devereux et al. 2015). Accordingly, whereas some countries are successfully tackling poverty and inequality through a broad provision of social protection, others continue to prioritize the rights and needs of small elites over those of the broad mass of the population. This is highly problematic given that inclusive social protection is assumed to be a key factor for national productivity, global economic growth and domestic stability (Rudra 2015), and also considering that access to social protection is a human right.

How can these vast differences in the provision of social protection be explained? Elucidating the policy mix, coverage and generosity of contemporary social protection requires a deep understanding of its historical roots and specific trajectories. As most of the research continues to focus on the OECD world, however, little is known about the origins, characteristics and outcomes of social protection beyond the OECD. The narrative of welfare state emergence in rich democracies with its emphasis on domestic factors, such as industrialization and urbanization, provides only limited insight into the emergence and structure of social protection systems in other regions of the world. Several studies analyzing social protection in the Global South have emphasized that social protection has been strongly shaped by external influences and international actors over the course of the last 120 years (e.g. Gough et al. 2004; Deacon 2007; Niño-Zarazúa et al. 2012; Midgley and Piachaud 2011; Brooks 2015; Rudra, 2015).

In order to systematically analyze alternative routes to early and contemporary social protection in low- and middle-income countries, the focus of this workshop will hence be on three of the most important external influences in the building of social protection systems in the Global South, namely colonial ties, the Cold War, as well as international donors and organizations.

In sum, this workshop brings together scholars from different disciplines with expertise in different policy areas and/or regions in order to create a larger picture of the role of external influences in the building of social protection systems in the Global South in the last 120 years. The aim is to identify alternative routes to welfare regime building and, in consequence, to explain the differences in the policy mix, coverage, and generosity of early and contemporary social protection provision beyond the OECD.

Download: [Programme](#)

Lecture | 18.05.2018

Possibilities in Computational Social Science. Data Mining with Machine Learning for the Social Sciences

Dr. Stefan Bosse (University of Bremen)

Place:

Unicom
Room: 3.3380
Mary-Somerville-Straße 3
28359 Bremen

Time:

12.00 - 2.00 p.m.

Organization:

Johannes Nostadt

Cooperation:

[Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences \(BIGSSS\), Universität Bremen](#)

Semester:

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Data mining, especially as applied to social science data, is a rapidly changing and emerging field.

Data mining (DM) is the name given to a variety of computer-intensive techniques for discovering structure and for analyzing patterns in data. Using those patterns, DM can create predictive models, or classify things, or identify different groups or clusters of cases within data. Data mining uses machine learning and predictive analytics that are already widely used in technical areas and business and are starting to spread into social science and other areas of research. This talk will give an introduction to machine learning techniques, its challenges, applications,

and pitfalls closely related to social sciences.

Workshop | 27.04.2018 - 28.04.2018

Archivierung und Zugang zu qualitativen Forschungsdaten

[Prof. Dr. Betina Hollstein](#); Prof. Dr. Jörg Strübing

Place:

Guesthouse of the University of Bremen
Teerhof 58
28199 Bremen

Time:

Friday, 27th April: 1 - 6:45 p.m.; Saturday, 28th April 2018: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Organization:

[Prof. Dr. Betina Hollstein](#); Susanne Kretzer

Partic. Organization:

[RatSWD - Rat für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten](#)

Conference | 26.04.2018

Prävention stärken! - Die 4. Säule als wichtiger Baustein für unser Gesundheitssystem

Länger besser leben.-Institut, Universität Bremen

Place:

HDI-Arena Hannover
Robert-Enke-Straße 3
30169 Hannover

Time:

10.30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Sc. Administration:

[Prof. Dr. Gerd Glaeske \(verstorben\)](#)

Organization:

Cornelia Trittin, M.A.

Cooperation:

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