

Economic Geography Spring Semester 2021: Forschungspraktikum & Kolloquium (Status: February 8, 2021)

Bachelor & Master

Tuesday, 12.15 to 1.45 pm

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In cooperation with unit staff

Location: Online (Zoom)

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To join Zoom Meeting, click this link:
<https://unibe-ch.zoom.us/j/97636420784>

Meeting ID: 976 3642 0784

COVID-19:

We understand that this is not an easy situation for all of us and we hope that you will feel comfortable taking part in this online course. We offer the course at the regular time online via Zoom and will strive to provide you feedback. Normally we log in to the class about 5 minutes early and will also hang around after we finish. We can use breakout rooms after the colloquium and as time allows if you have questions and would like to talk to us individually. Please let us know if you have trouble following the course due to the Covid-19 situation. Please consult the newest information from the University on the following website:
https://www.unibe.ch/coronavirus/index_ger.html

Overview:

The Research Practicum (Forschungspraktikum) at the BA-level and the Colloquium at the MA-level will be held together. The prerequisites for a successful course participation differ:

Bachelor:

- Active participation in the course (incl. 1 discussion lead)
- 1 presentation of the research design of your BA thesis
- Successful submission of your disposition of the BA thesis (3 weeks after presentation)

Master:

- Active participation in the course (incl. 1 discussion lead)
- 2 presentations (presentation 1: research design; presentation 2: Intermediate or end results of MA thesis research)
- Successful submission of disposition of the MA thesis in semester 1

Detailed information about delivery dates, guidelines regarding disposition, etc. (in German):

https://www.geography.unibe.ch/unibe/portal/fak_naturwis/e_geowiss/c_igeogr/content/e39603/e39610/e77472/e882782/pane882809/e882813/LeitfadenBA-undMA-Arbeiten_ger.pdf

Discussion lead:

Each participant of the research practicum or colloquium takes over the discussion leadership for the presentation of another student once per semester. This means that the discussion leader pays particular attention to the presentation and asks the first questions after the presentation. For the formulation of the questions, the discussion leader can be guided by the guidelines for the disposition or the requirements for bachelor's and master's theses. The specific dates for the discussion leader will be set by the fourth week at the latest.

Language:

The course will be held in English, individual presentations (e.g. by guests or in the BHK) might be held in German.

Registration:

- Binding registration with course lecturer and choice of topic: **15.03.2021**
- Binding registration on KSL: **15.03.2021**

Berner Humangeographisches Kolloquium (BHK):

The colloquium covers the human geography oriented units of the GIUB. It is compulsory for all members of the human geography working groups. It is also compulsory for students writing their thesis in the Economic Geography Unit. For each semester, guest speakers are invited by the human geography oriented units. Lively and active participation is expected. For details, see flyer. The BHK takes place online in this semester (see separate link on the flyer).

Semester Overview (to be revised and finalized after March 15, 2021):

| Date | Content | Presenters | Notes |
|----------|---|------------------|-----------------------|
| Feb 23 | Information session (overview topics) | | |
| March 2 | No colloquium | | |
| March 9 | Presentation of students & information on disposition | | |
| March 16 | BHK (Social and Cultural Geography) | | Registration March 15 |
| March 23 | No colloquium | | |
| March 30 | Presentation of students | | |
| April 6 | Spring Break University of Bern | | |
| April 13 | Presentation of students | | |
| April 20 | BHK (Economic Geography) | Dr. Marcin Rataj | |
| April 27 | Possible for a colloquium if needed | | |
| May 4 | BHK (Urban Planning) | | |
| May 11 | Presentation of students | | |
| May 18 | Presentation of students | | |
| May 25 | BHK (Critical Geography) | | |
| June 1 | No colloquium | | |

Helpful links (economic geography, including a list of topics):

https://www.geography.unibe.ch/forschung/wirtschaftsgeographie/lehre/bachelor_und_masterarbeiten/index_ger.html

List of topics:

https://www.geography.unibe.ch/unibe/portal/fak_naturwis/e_geowiss/c_igeogr/content/e39603/e39610/e77472/e1003534/e1022872/Wigeo_Themenliste_FS21_final_ger.pdf