

Social Sciences: Interdisciplinary Topics

Course Outline

In this course, students are introduced to Social Sciences, their methods and some of their applications in the fields of population movement and migration; labor and working conditions; and culture and cultural heritage.

Students that complete the course should be able to:

- Understand the history and different theoretical approaches to social sciences,
- Be able to discuss different methods in social science research and different paradigms of social sciences,
- Understand different disciplines within social sciences,
- Work with literature and present an assignment

Evaluation

(α) Presentation and essay

Students should present orally and submit an essay that can provide up to 5/10 points of the overall evaluation. Essays will be delivered at the 12th lecture and presented on the 13th lecture.

These essays can be either empirical or literature reviews and will be based on 2 peer reviewed papers that students should read and critically discuss. The selection of these papers will be done after consulting with the course instructors. The essay will be 2,500 to 3,500 words long; the presentation will last 10 minutes. Only the essay will be submitted (not the presentation files). All essays and presentations will be offered in English.

(b) Written exams

The final written evaluation will provide up to five (5) points of the overall grade.

Syllabus

The course is organized into 12 lectures:

1	<i>Economy, Society and Sustainability: A Multidisciplinary Approach</i>	Maria Eleni Syrmali	Wed 18/02 12:00-14:00
2.	<i>Methods of Social Science 01: Quantitative analysis</i>	Dimitris Kavroudakis	Wed 25/02 12:00-14:00
3.	<i>Methods of Social Science 02: Qualitative analysis</i>	Manos Savvakis	Wed 4/03 10:00-12:00
4.	<i>Methods of Social Science 03: Ethnography in Late Industrialism</i>	Nikolaos Olma	Wed 11/03 12:00-14:00
5.	<i>Social Informatics: Introduction & Current Trends</i>	Angeliki Kitsiou	Wed 18/03 12:00-14:00
6.	<i>Migration and Population Movements</i>	Pinelopi Topali	Wed 02/04 12:00-14:00

7.	<i>Organizing Social Solidarity: The Pro-Refugee Movement in Lesbos, Chios, and Samos (2015–2020)</i>	Michalis Poulimas	Wed 22/04 12:00-14:00
8.	<i>Contemporary Social and Cultural History at the Crossroads of the Social Sciences</i>	Giannis Smarnakis	Wed 29/04 11:00-13:00
9.	<i>Cultural Informatics</i>	Evangelia (Vagelio) Kavakli	Wed 06/05 12:00-14:00
10.	<i>Social science and Culture</i>	George Tsekouras	Wed 13/05 12:00-14:00
11.	<i>Participatory research and planning: not in my back yard, or please in my back yard?</i>	Thanasis Kizos	Wed 20/05 12:00-14:00
12.	<i>Presentations</i>	ALL	Wed 27/05 12:00-14:00

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