

Titel: **Work Package 3 (in English)**

Zuordnung: Kolleg Europa 2021: Sustainable Europe

Information

Social Sustainability

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The concept of social sustainability examines the social conditions and consequences of a sustainable society as well as possible transitions to it. It can be viewed from various perspectives, such as urban sociology, human and social ecology, social epidemiology, and the discussion of a basic income, new forms of participation or the promotion of old and new forms of community (communitarianism debate). The working group will reconstruct these diverse scientific traditions against the background of the current sustainability debate between Green Growth and Degrowth, the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), the EU's Green Deal, and examine whether the Corona pandemic complicates or perhaps even promotes the social dimension of sustainability. As a project, the members of the working group will prepare reviews on the current state of research, which will be compiled in a publication and summarized and published in a joint essay

Agenda

Frame:

- Laptop/ computer
- Stable internet
- Camera, mic, speakers
- Lecture of Literature
- Task for each participant of the Working Group: Preparing Literature summaries / Reading Report ca 10 min with open questions for the Kolleg with visualisation (in partner work)

Please insert your names her up to 7th March

Common work and visualization:

- Notes and Moderation:

all working group files >>

Content of course

- Exploring notions/concepts/definitions on Social Sustainability
 - Exploring concepts/proposals for Sustainable Welfare Systems (literature review)
 - Discussing them with reference to notions/concepts/theories of social sustainability from different scientific angles
 - Developing proposals for a reform Agenda on social sustainability for the EU
(course product, to be published..)
- Possible Starting Points:
- Sustainable Welfare Systems
 - Corona and Welfare (Health Policy, Global Justice, Security, Social Ethics, Debt sustainability ff)

Literature:

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>>> working group literature folder for downloads

First week "Stockholm"

- Intro: What does Social Sustainability mean?
- Presentations notions/concepts/definitions on Social Sustainability
- Sustainable welfare debate/conceptions: State of the art, core claims, gaps, research needs
- Basic Income, Social Sustainability and Europe (controversial debate, i.e. British Parliamentary Style (BPS) - preparing tasks: taking different positions)
- Reform agenda: Steps for sustainable welfare in the EU: core Points
- Task division: preparation for Lissabon week

Time Schedule

	14:00 -14:50	15:05 - 15:55	16:10 - 17:00
Monday	Elevator Pitch	Reading Reports 1 with Padlet	Reading Reports 2 with Padlet
Tuesday	Concepts Social Sustainability 1	Concept Social Sustainability 2	Concept Social Sustainability 3
Wednesday	Sustainable Welfare 1	Sustainable Welfare 2	Sustainable Welfare 3
Thursday	Basic Income 1	Basic Income 2	Basic Income 3
Friday	Social Europe	Summary, Planning	Planning Work Tasks

Self Presentation ("Elevator Pitch"), each 3 min:

- Take a stance to the following statement, from position 1 (agree totally) up to 10 (disagree totally), with short reasoning (1 min)

"Social Sustainability (SoS) needs Degrowth"
(Using mentimeter) <https://www.menti.com/>

- Second step (2 minutes):
Present yourself - what do you want the other members of the group to know about you?

Reading Reports

Procedure:

- Presentation (max 10 min) (to be uploaded up to So. 21-03 24:00)
- Open questions from presenter
- Open questions from participants (oral, also by writing in the google drive document)
- No discussion: This will happen later

Concepts of Sustainability 1

- Development, Bridge, Maintenance SoS (Vallance et al.):

Procedure (all sessions "Concepts of Sustainability" and "Sustainable Welfare")

- Visualizing Open Questions (5 min)
- Clarifications, internal contradictions and (if time) external criticism (Group Work (GW) by chance, 3, 15 min)

- Clarifications, internal contradictions and external criticism (Plenary 30 min)
- Notes:
 - main topics
 - “important” disagreements
 - open questions to clarify later

Concepts of Sustainability 2

- Sustainability as Capitalist Modernization, as Post-Capitalism (Neckel)

Concepts of Sustainability 3

- Narrow, Internal, Skeptical, Broad SoS (Opielka)

Sustainable Welfare 1

- Interim balance and sorting of open questions of Working Group (and Kolleg)

Sustainable Welfare 2

- The future of labor society (McGuinn et al, Koch, Bohnenberger/Fritz)

Sustainable Welfare 3

- Social Welfare and SDGs - From the eradication of poverty to the Good Life

Basic Income 1

- Small groups (3 persons) to prepare the debate on basic income in session 2
5 given perspectives: a) The good life b) Sustainability and transition c) Justice d) Globalization and nation state
e) Future of work

Basic Income 2

- Basic Income in the light of Social Sustainability and Europe (controversial debate, i.e. British Parliamentary Style (BPS))

Basic Income 3

- Evaluation of the debate on basic income, conclusions for Europe (using Breakout-Sessions)

Social Europe

- Social Europe and Green Deal - where are the connections and similarities between both EU goals?
- Reform agenda - Steps for sustainable welfare in the EU: core Points

Summary, Planning / Planning Work Tasks