Higher Education and Research in
US, France and Switzerland

Aims

The Higher Education and Research Global seminars invite postgraduate researchers (advanced master’s level, doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers) for critical reflection about topics of Global Higher Education and the challenges of one’s own career trajectories. At the example of the US (Day 1), Switzerland (Day 2), and France (Day 3), seminar attendants gain a comparative overview and explore country specific mechanisms of career tutoring and career building. First-hand information is delivered by leading Higher Education experts from these countries. The Swiss and international composition of the classroom allows for indepth discussion with peers across disciplines and helps to embed one’s own career standpoint within a global academic landscape.

Participants interested in engaging further with the US and US doctoral researchers, will receive the opportunity, upon completion of the three seminar days and upon recommendation from the academic course leader in Basel, to attend the Global Seminar about Higher Education at the Steger Center for International Scholarship in Riva San Vitale (Ticino) on Tue 5th of June. For individual visits to the US and/or further countries outside of Europe participants are encouraged to inquire about fundings with the International Offices of their respective universities. Travel costs to Strasbourg and to Basel will be covered for EUCOR – European Campus university members.

Content

• To gain basic knowledge on the organization of US American academia and career trajectories and on the different types of Higher Education Institutions in Switzerland and France.

• To know the main differences between the US American, the Swiss and French Higher Education landscapes.

Methods / Tools

• Conceptual introduction

• Brief literature review

• Group work

• Discussion of open questions
• Written essay, …..

**Target Group**

Advanced Master’s Students, Doctoral Candidates & Postdoctoral Researchers

**ECTS**

1 ECTS / 30 h -> Preliminary work (self-study) 6 h; lessons 18 h (full attendance of the three seminar days required), achievement review (follow up: written essay) 6 h. 1 ECTS corresponds to a workload of approx. 25 - 30 h.

**About the Trainers**

**Prof. Dr. Karen De Pauw (Virginia Tech)** serves as Vice President and Dean for Graduate Education and holds academic appointments as tenured Professor in the Departments of Sociology (Sociology) and the Department of Human Nutrition, Foods & Exercise at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. Since her arrival at Virginia Tech, her major accomplishments include success in building a strong diverse and inclusive graduate community, the establishment of the national award winning innovative Graduate Life Center (GLC), the signature academic initiative known as Transformative Graduate Education (TGE) including the global perspectives program. Furthermore, Professor De Pauw has been recognized nationally as a leader in innovative use of technology in graduate education.

**PD Christian Imdorf (University of Basel)** is a Privatdozent in Sociology at the University of Basel and an International Associate Member of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. He held a SNSF professorship in Sociology from 2011 to 2017 at the Universities of Basel and Bern. He has completed several international comparative research projects. His current research interests focus on education systems and gendered school-to-work transitions, vocational pathways to higher education, school-to-work transitions in Bulgaria, discrimination in hiring, and the recruitment of young workers who have experienced employment insecurities in Europe.

**Prof. Dr. Jay Rowell, France (Université de Strasbourg)**, **Directeur de recherche CNRS**

Jay Rowell is a CNRS research professor in political sociology and Vice President delegate for Research at the University of Strasbourg His research fields cover comparative politics, the sociology of the State and the European Union.
Course Fees and Admission

This course is free of charge and open to applicants from all Swiss Universities and from EUCOR – The European Campus.

(min. 6, max. 25 participants)

Course Dates & Location

Thursday 15th February, 2018, 09:30-16:30
University Library Basel, Schönbeinstrasse, Basel, 3rd Floor, Room 306

Wednesday 14th March, 2018, 09:30-16:30
University Library Basel, Schönbeinstrasse, Basel, 3rd Floor, Room 306

Wednesday 25th April 2018, 09:30-16:30
University of Strasbourg
Collège doctoral Européen, 46 Bd de la Victoire 67000 STRASBOURG

(For Uni Basel and Uni Strasbourg participants, travel costs are eligible for reimbursement through EUCOR – European Campus funding)

Registration Start

31 January 2018 at 9 a.m.

Registration Deadline

as soon as places are filled

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