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Pedagogical idea/basic view

Teaching has been an essential element of my work at the University of Bremen as well as the University of Southern Denmark and to me represents an important aspect of applying and disseminating knowledge as a researcher. Depending on the topic, I mix teaching methods that build a knowledge base with methods that enable students to deepen their understanding by doing their own research as well as by discussing with peers. For instance, I often integrate lectures on a new topic with lab sessions in which students apply this theoretical knowledge in a practical way. In policy courses, I put a major focus on discussions, group work and other interactive teaching methods to allow an in-depth analysis of the policy field. I am often surprised to see rather quiet students engage actively in group work. In general, I try to approach students on a level playing field while making the aims and requirements as clear as possible at the start of each course. I go at great lengths to offer help to students inside or outside class and provide a safe environment in which questions and mistakes offer an opportunity to learn. In return, I expect students to take responsibility for their own progress and to give me feedback on potential improvements.

Teaching experience

During my career, I have designed and taught several courses at the graduate level in the Master of Political Science, Master of Social Policy Research, Master of Comparative Public Policy and Welfare Studies as well as undergraduate courses in the Bachelor of Political Science. Teaching quantitative methods and their application in policy evaluation is especially satisfying to me, as the knowledge gains of students tend to be extremely high in these courses and I can share my passion. Furthermore, these courses equip students with important tools to conduct their own research, either in their BA/MA theses or even in their own PhD project. A second focus of my teaching experience is comparative social policy. The undergraduate courses are rather broad in their topic and give students a good overview about the determinants, trends and outcomes of social policy. In the graduate courses, one special focus is on outcomes of social policy and how effects of social policy can be tested empirically. Finally, I have been teaching courses on labour market policy that approach this topic from different disciplines such as economics and comparative policy analysis. In addition to designing and teaching courses, I have supervised and evaluated about 25 MA and BA theses and been on one PhD committee. Excellent results of students reflect my engaging way of supervision that brings the best out of students. Thematically, these theses were focused on labour market and social policies. I have taught both in German as well as in English and feel at ease teaching in either language. I have also graded exams and theses in Danish and Norwegian. As a member of the study/examination board in the Master of Social Policy, University of Bremen, I have gained experience in administrative issues concerning teaching.

Teaching experience

Policy Evaluation

Melike Wulfgramm
01/09/2018 → 31/01/2019

Methods 2

Melike Wulfgramm & Dorte Jagetic Andersen
01/02/2018 → 30/06/2018

Quantitative and Qualitative Methods in Inequality Research (Specialized Methods)

Peter Starke & Melike Wulfgramm
01/09/2017 → 31/01/2018

Quantitative Methods

Melike Wulfgramm
01/09/2017 → 31/01/2018

Work in the Welfare State - Labour Market Policy and its Outcomes

Melike Wulfgramm
01/09/2017 → 31/01/2018

Policy Evaluation

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01/02/2016 → 30/06/2016

Quantitative Methods

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01/09/2015 → 31/01/2016

Comparative Welfare State Analysis

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01/02/2015 → 30/06/2015

Concepts, Methods and Data

Melike Wulfgramm
01/02/2015 → 30/06/2015

Policy Evaluation

Melike Wulfgramm
01/02/2015 → 30/06/2015

Specialized Analysis of Welfare State Reforms

Melike Wulfgramm & Paul Marx
01/09/2014 → 31/01/2015

Empirical Policy Evaluation: Outcomes and Effects of Social and Labour Market Policy

Melike Wulfgramm
01/02/2014 → 30/06/2014

Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences

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01/09/2013 → 31/01/2014

Advanced Quantitative Methods

Melike Wulfgramm
01/02/2013 → 30/06/2013

Empirical Policy Evaluation: Outcomes and Effects of Social and Labour Market Policy

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01/02/2013 → 30/06/2013

Quantitative Methods in Political Science

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01/09/2012 → 31/01/2013

Social Policy in Germany

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01/09/2012 → 31/01/2013

Comparative Social Policy

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01/09/2011 → 31/01/2012

Quantitative Methods: Introduction to STATA

Melike Wulfgramm
01/09/2011 → 31/01/2012

Work and Social Security in Comparative Perspective

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01/02/2011 → 30/06/2011

Social Policy in Germany

Melike Wulfgramm
01/09/2010 → 31/01/2011

Labour Markets in Transition: Politics, Policy, and Economic Effects

Melike Wulfgramm
01/02/2010 → 30/06/2010

Supervision

Supervision and Evaluation of BA and MA Theses in Social Policy and related fields

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01/02/2011 → ...

Supervision of guest PhD student Süreyya Dal, University of Bursa, Turkey

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01/02/2016 → 31/08/2016

Further experience

2018- Member of Danish corps of External Examiners Political Science
2017 Member of PhD committee for Josephine Foubert, University of Gent
2016 Organization and teaching of "Policy Week" for BA, with Klaus Petersen and Michael Baggesen Klitgaard
2014 Member of study/examination board Master of Social Policy, University of Bremen

Pedagogical competence

06/2015-08/2016 Lecture Training Programme at University of Southern Denmark