# RUB

# GLOBALISATION, TRANSNATIONALISATION AND GOVERNANCE

MASTER'S STUDY PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCE



## CONTENT

The thematic focus of the MA study programme Globalisation, Transnationalisation and Governance (GTG) is on cross-border policies, processes and developments of economic, governmental as well as non-governmental actors and institutions. Due to the modular design of the study programme, an integration of different impacts and levels of Globalisation, Transnationalisation and Governance, is achieved. The study programme adopts an interdisciplinary orientation and is based in particular on Political Science and Sociology.

By studying international and transnational organisations and activities of governmental, economic and nongovernmental actors, a comprehensive knowledge for the analysis of cross-border political, economic and social processes is conveyed. In this context, key object of study are the relationships between nation states and their institutionalisation through multilateral or supranational governance, respectively. The range of contents is complemented by addressing the developments and activities of governmental and non-governmental actors in the European multi-level system. The study programme's distinguishing feature is its clear focus on the management (Governance) of international processes (Globalisation, Transnationalisation), as well as systematically linking these three thematic core issues.

Current topics of the MA GTG are, for example, the global financial crisis, the retreat of globalisation, the crisis of multilateralism such as in the WTO, migration, European integration, protests against free trade agreements, the role of emerging powers, UN reform, democracy in the EU, global labour standards, the Euro crisis and governance in the G20.

#### THE STUDY PROGRAMME

Three modules form the core content of the programme:

**1. Internationalisation and Transnationalisation (IT)** Focus here is on the theoretical and empirical analyses of internationalisation and transnationalisation processes in society, culture, economy and organisations. Perspectives are taken for example, from Europe, Latin America and East Asia. The emergence of new social spaces and multi-local forms of interdependence are being analysed, as well as the core actors involved (for example, international companies, non-governmental organisations and social movements).

#### 2. International Institutions and Processes (IIP)

Core points of the theoretical and empirical analyses are states and multilateral organisations in international politics as well as the interaction between economic processes, governments and domestic politics. Intergovernmental relations (such as German or US foreign policy), regional integration (EU, NAFTA etc.) and global governance (G20, WTO, IMF, UN etc.) are examined. Furthermore, the impact of globalisation on domestic politics and governmental positions towards global economic actors and processes are investigated.

#### 3. Europeanisation, Democracy and Governance (EDG)

Focus here is on the European Union's multi-level system, EU institutions, the impact of European integration processes on the political systems of EU member states, as well as democracy and governance in Europe and in international comparison.

#### **COURSE OF STUDY**

The master's study programme in Social Sciences in the programme "Globalisation, Transnationalisation and Governance" (GTG) spans four semesters and offers both a specialisation in study program content as well as general social science theory and method training.

The study program Globalisation, Transnationalisation and Governance consists of three programme modules, a research module in which empirical research is conducted independently, and a practical module including an eight-week internship in the occupational areas of the programme.

Within the **social science study framework** the module Research Methods and Statistics prepares students for the methodical Research module. Furthermore, modules from other study programs, a required BA module or the modules Social Science Theories and Qualitative Methods of Social Research can be attended. The Supplementary module can be compiled independently with courses on the GTG topics or studied in other disciplines.

#### Core modules

	Practical	1. Internationali-	Research	Three
Research	Module	sation and Trans-	Module	Supple-
Methods	(Intern-	nationalisation	on GTG	mentary
Statistics	ship)	(9 CP)	topics	Modules
(12 CP)	(14 CP)	2. International	(12 CP)	to be
		Institutions and		chosen by
		Processes (9 CP)		students
		3. Europeanisation		(3x 9 CP)
		Democracy and		
		Governance (9 CP)		
Master Thesis (20 CP) and oral MA examination (8 CP)				



# **TEACHING STAFF**

Professor Stefan A. Schirm, Chair of International Politics, directs the study programme Globalisation, Transnationalisation and Governance. The core programme modules are coordinated by the Chair of International Politics (IIP, IT) and the Chair of Comparative Politics (EDG). Courses are taught by Faculty colleagues of Political Science (e.g. Stefan Schirm, Rainer Eising) and Sociology (e.g. Ludger Pries). In addition, close cooperation exists with the following faculties and institutes of the RUB:

- Faculty of Management and Economics (Professors Michael Roos, Matthias Busse)
- Institute for Mining and Energy Law (Professor Joh.-Christian Pielow)
- Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (Professor Dennis Dijkzeul)
- Faculty of Philosophy (Professors Corinna Mieth, Klaus Steigleder)
- Faculty of East Asian Studies (Professor Jörn-Carsten Gottwald)
- Faculty of History (Professor Constantin Goschler)

### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

- Teaching and research, universities
- International organisations
- Politics, administration, ministries
- Associations, NGOs, foundations
- Private sector, companies
- Public relations, journalism
- Research institutes, "Think Tanks"



# ADMISSSION REQUIREMENTS

The Bochum Master of Arts in Social Science aims at students with an interdisciplinary social science BA degree focussing on political science, international relations, sociology. Students with degrees in individual social science disciplines (for example Sociology, Political Science, Social Economy/Economics) can apply for the study programme Globalisation, Transnationalisation and Governance, yet would have to account for social science study content.

This study programme is currently subject to limited admission (NC). Applications must be received online until 15.07. (winter semester) or 15.01. (summer semester): https://bewerbung.uv.rub.de.

In addition to the online application, applicants should register for a mandatory consultation appointment at the Faculty of Social Science: masterberatung@sowi.rub.de.

Information on the current admission procedure and the deadline for submitting application documents can be found on the website of the Faculty of Social Science and the Ruhr University.

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#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

The study programme is offered by the Faculty of Social Science of the RUB www.sowi.rub.de Chair of International Politics www.sowi.rub.de/lsip Study Programme Guideline www.sowi.rub.de/mam/content/lsip/gtg\_leitfaden\_2016.pdf Student Advice Centre / Student Counselling