

New Social Movements

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7.5 credits

Single subject course

740G66

Valid from: 2017 Autumn semester

Determined by	Main field of study	
The Quality Board at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences	Social and Culture Analysis	
Date determined	Course level	Progressive specialisation
2017-11-01	First cycle	G2F
Revised by	Disciplinary domain	
	Social sciences	
Revision date	Subject group	
	Other Subjects within Behavioural Science	
Offered first time	Offered for the last time	
Autumn semester 2017		
Department	Replaced by	
Institutionen för kultur och samhälle		

Entry requirements

- At least 105 passed ECTS credits in Social- or Behavioural sciences, or equivalent, is required
- English corresponding to the level of English in Swedish upper secondary education (English 6 or Engelska nivå 2)
Exemption from Swedish

Intended learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the student should be able to:

- account for central fundamental features of the development of social movements from the middle of the 19th century to present day with particular focus on the relationship between political vision and political action
- compare and analyse central texts in the field, based on issues that are justified and relate to present-day theoretical discussions about social movements
- identify and, in text, analytically apply concepts and analytical instruments that have been and are central to the discussion about social movements
- formulate relevant and surveyable research issues in the area.

Course content

In the course, what has been called "new social movements" is analysed and discussed, as well as in which respects these differ from previous forms of social movements. Social and political movements, mainly from the 20th century, are related to the prevailing norms and ideals of the surrounding society. The role of intellectuals as agents of change is addressed in relation to social changes, such as the democratisation and the development of the welfare state. Particular focus is on the relation between political ideals and political action strategies. A gender perspective dominates the course as a whole.

Teaching and working methods

The teaching takes the form of lectures and group discussions in seminars. The students should also study independently.

Examination

The course is examined through an independent written assignment.

If special circumstances prevail, and if it is possible with consideration of the nature of the compulsory component, the examiner may decide to replace the compulsory component with another equivalent component.

If the LiU coordinator for students with disabilities has granted a student the right to an adapted examination for a written examination in an examination hall, the student has the right to it.

If the coordinator has recommended for the student an adapted examination or alternative form of examination, the examiner may grant this if the examiner assesses that it is possible, based on consideration of the course objectives.

An examiner may also decide that an adapted examination or alternative form of examination if the examiner assessed that special circumstances prevail, and the examiner assesses that it is possible while maintaining the objectives of the course.

Students failing an exam covering either the entire course or part of the course twice are entitled to have a new examiner appointed for the reexamination.

Students who have passed an examination may not retake it in order to improve their grades.

Grades

ECTS, EC

Other information

Planning and implementation of a course must take its starting point in the wording of the syllabus. The course evaluation included in each course must therefore take up the question how well the course agrees with the syllabus.

The course is conducted in such a way that there are equal opportunities with regard to sex, transgender identity or expression, ethnicity, religion or other belief, disability, sexual orientation and age.

If special circumstances prevail, the vice-chancellor may in a special decision specify the preconditions for temporary deviations from this course syllabus, and delegate the right to take such decisions.

About teaching and examination language

The teaching language is presented in the Overview tab for each course. The examination language relates to the teaching language as follows:

- If teaching language is “Swedish”, the course as a whole could be given in Swedish, or partly, or as a whole, in English. Examination language is Swedish, but parts of the examination can be in English.
- If teaching language is “English”, the course as a whole is taught in English. Examination language is English.
- If teaching language is “Swedish/English”, the course as a whole will be taught in English if students without prior knowledge of the Swedish language participate. Examination language is Swedish or English depending on teaching language.