BIGSSS Semester Schedule Fall/Winter 2026/27

Last update: November 4, 2026 (Lecture Series)

Lecture Periods:
University of Bremen (UB): October 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027
Constructor University (CU): September 1, 2026 – January 31, 2027 (no classes from December 8, 2026 – January 6, 2027)
BIGSSS Core Semester: October 12 – December 21, 2026 and January 25 – 29, 2027

Schedule for Incoming Fellows

Title	Instructor	Date	Time	Location
Introduction to the Curriculum	Regina Arant	Tuesday, September 15	10:45am – 12:00pm	CU, South Hall, Seminar Room West
Contemporary Social Science Theory (3.0 CP)	Patrick Sachweh	Thursdays *Starting October 15*	10:00am – 1:00pm	UB, BIGSSS Conference Room (7.3280)
Proposal Workshop for Fellows @CU (3.0 CP)	Franziska Deutsch	Mondays *Starting Sept. 28*	2:00pm – 4:00pm	CU, South Hall, Seminar Room West
Proposal Workshop for Fellows @UB (3.0 CP)	Kerstin Martens and Fabian Besche-Truthe	Friday, November 6 & Friday, December 4 Tuesday, January 19 & Wednesday, January 20	09:00am - 12:30pm 09:00am – 4:00pm	UB, BIGSSS Conference Room (7.3280)
Academic Integrity Workshop	Klaus Boehnke	Friday, December 11	10:00am – 3:00pm	CU, South Hall, Seminar Room West
Using AI in the Research Process	Anne Speer	Monday, November 16	2:30pm – 5:30pm	UB, BIGSSS Conference Room (7.3280)

Preparatory Forum in Methodology (incoming Fellows)

Modules (Total 6.0 CP)	Instructor	Date	Time	Location
Introduction to the Prep Forum & Methodologies in the Social Sciences (1 CP)	Mandi Larsen	Tuesday, September 22nd	09:00am-5:00pm	CU, South Hall Video Conference Room (229)
Research Design Puzzles (1 CP)	Mandi Larsen & Regina Arant	Thursday, September 24th	09:00am-5:00pm	CU, South Hall Video Conference Room (229)
Research Data Management (1 CP)	Nils Düpont	Friday, September 25th	09:00am-5:00pm	UB, BIGSSS Conference Room (7.3280)
Methodological Challenges (3 CP)	Mandi Larsen & Guest Experts	Three days during the week of January 25th-29th (tbd)	09:00am-5:00pm	Locations to be determined

Doctoral Colloquia

Colloquium	Instructor	Date	Time	Location
@Uni Bremen (2 CP)	Wiebke Schulz	Wednesdays *Starting October 14*	12:00pm-2:00pm	UB, BIGSSS Conference Room (7.3280)
@Constructor (2 CP)	Franziska Deutsch	Tuesdays *Starting September 8*	2:00pm-3:30pm	CU, South Hall, Seminar Room West

Demand-Tailored Methods Courses

Seminar	Instructor	Date	Time	Location
Introduction to Multilevel Modelling Using R (1 CP)* • Intermediate • R	George Leckie (University of Bristol)	Wednesday, October 7th & Thursday, October 8th	10:00am-5:00pm (both days)	UB, SOCIUM, Room (7.1020)
Survey Design and Questionnaire Construction (1 CP) • Beginner/ Intermediate	Annelies Blom	Friday, November 6th & Friday, November 20th	9:00am-4:00pm (both days)	UB, BIGSSS Seminar Room (9.3120)

Seminar	Instructor	Date	Time	Location
Event History Analysis (1 CP) • Beginner/ Intermediate • R	Michael Windzio	Thursday, November 12th & Friday, November 13th	Thursday: 9:00am-1:00pm; Friday: 9:00am-4:30pm	UB, BIGSSS Seminar Room (9.3120)
Multimodal Analysis in Qualitative Research (1 CP) • Beginner/ Intermediate	Janina Wildfeuer (University of Groningen)	Thursday, January 21st & Friday, January 22nd, 2027	10:00am-5:00pm (both days)	UB, BIGSSS Seminar Room (9.3120)
Qualitative Interviewing (1 CP) • Beginner/ Intermediate	Margrit Schreier	Thursday, November 19th; Thursday, November 26th; Thursday, December 3rd	9:30am-1:30pm (all days)	Online

* In cooperation with the CRC 1342 at SOCIUM.

Transferable Skills

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Academic Integrity Workshop	Klaus Boehnke	Friday, December 11	10:00am – 3:00pm	CU, South Hall, Seminar Room West
Using AI in the Research Process	Anne Speer	Monday, November 16	2:30pm – 5:30pm	UB, BIGSSS Conference Room (7.3280)

Writing Support

Group	Instructor	Date	Time	Location
Writing Group	n/a	Thursdays *Starting November 5*	08:00am – 12:00pm	UB, BIGSSS Seminar Room (9.3120)

Social Science Lecture Series

Lecture Series/Jour Fixe together with SOCIUM and the Collaborative Research Centre "Global Dynamics of Social Policy" CRC1342 (please also check the respective websites!)

Title	Guest Lecturer	Date	Time	Location
SFB 1342 Jour Fixe: Technology, Labour and Social Policy in the Context of Compressed Time Regime: Reflections on Chinese-type Modernization	Prof. Yuegen Xiong; University of Peking	Wednesday, October 21, 2026	2:00pm-4:00pm	UB, SOCIUM, Room 7.1020; hybrid
New Developments in Value Development	Prof. Ariel Knafo-Noam; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Tuesday, Nov 3, 2026	2:00pm-4:00pm	CU, South Hall, Seminar Room West
SFB 1342 Jour Fixe: Why do Labour Market Outsiders Refuse to Support Pro-Outsider Welfare Reforms? Evidence from the Informal Sector in the Arab World	Prof. Steffen Hertog; London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)	Wednesday, Nov 4, 2026	2:00pm-4:00pm	UB, SOCIUM, Room 7.1020; hybrid
SFB 1342 Jour Fixe: Mobilising Non-State Contributions for Public Goods: Evidence from Somali Digital Crowdfunding Platforms	Prof. Dr. Ana López García	Wednesday, Dec 16, 2026	2:00pm-4:00pm	UB, SOCIUM, Room 7.1020; hybrid
SOCIUM Jour Fixe: The Small Green State in World Markets: Steel Decarbonization in Europe	Dr. Timur Ergen; iaw Bremen	Wednesday, Jan 20, 2027	2:00pm-4:00pm	UB, SOCIUM, Room 3.3380