



Social Stratification & Inequality (2) | SOU33052

Year	Senior Fresh
ECTS Credits	5
Contact Hours	
Pre-requisite	
Semester	2
Module Leader & Lecturer	
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Module Outline:

Inequality and poverty are major themes the 21st century. Hence, preventing and alleviating poverty is a key concern of governments and international organisations. Defining and measuring poverty is the first step towards developing and evaluating policies to tackle it effectively. Using real world examples, this module discusses not long-standing theories of inequality and poverty as well as recent developments and debates in measurement and policy. The module reviews different concepts and measures of poverty and discusses implications for research, discourse and policy. The module will also discuss the role of social protection systems in addressing poverty in different regions in a global context.

Learning Outcomes:

- Contrast different theories, concepts and measures of poverty.
- Critique national and international debates and discourses on poverty.
- Assess the potential of different social protection systems, policies, and interventions to reduce poverty.
- Work effectively and collaboratively in small groups.

Assessment:

Presentations 20% : end of term essay 80%

Recommended Reading List

- Ruth Lister (2021) Poverty. 2nd edition. Cambridge. Polity Press.
- Grusky, D. B. and Hill, J. (Eds.). (2018). Inequality in the 21st Century. A Reader. New York: Routledge.