

Seminar: Sustainability in China

In the global pursuit of sustainable development (SD), China's journey from rapid industrialization to acceptance of SD principles provides critical insights. As the world's second-largest economy, China's development highlights a significant shift toward environmental stewardship amid challenges like plastic pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. China's approach to sustainability, characterized by ambitious governmental policies and rapid technological advancements, offers a distinctive model that contrasts with those of more developed economies. This model demonstrates the potential for large-scale environmental impact and poses challenges and learning opportunities.

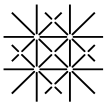
This seminar will cover various topics associated with sustainability in China, highlighting challenges, problem-solving strategies, and opportunities for research and practice. Through case studies, it will provide insights into how China's green strategies—from energy and mobility to agriculture and economic support—challenge and shape global sustainability in localized action and international cooperation. These cases illustrate environmental challenges in economic development during societal transformation.

This seminar examines China's commitments and challenges related to SD to enrich our understanding of sustainable practices and the complexity and comprehensiveness of these transitions. It illustrates the similarities and differences between European conceptions and practices of sustainability and those associated with BRICS countries, specifically China. It emphasizes the importance of mutual learning and cooperation between different cultures and development landscapes, strengthening the interconnectedness of sustainability efforts.

Dr. Min Chen, postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Sinology at the University of Freiburg, will come to the University of Basel in December to give students an introduction to the planning and production of podcast selections.

The most important information at a glance

Period	18.09.2024 – 18.12.2024, Wednesday 14:15-16:00 pm
Format	Seminar, Working Language: English
Location	University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland Soziologie, Hörsaal 215 + Rheinsprung 21, Seminarraum 00.002
ECTS	3 ECTS
Target group	Students from the subject area of sociology.
Detailed course description	Find a detailed course description here .
Learning objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Students appreciate China's relevance and influence in sustainable development transitions.2. Case Study Analysis: Students will analyze sustainable development cases in China, highlighting their importance for real-world sustainability challenges.3. Cross-disciplinary Collaboration: By examining China's positions and practices, students will recognize the necessity of interdisciplinary, multilateral, and cross-cultural collaboration for sustainable transitions.



Registration	Course registration should be completed by the beginning of the teaching period.
Performance record and ECTS	<u>Deliverables (3 ECTS):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• continuous assessment,• pass/fail based on active participation and presentation.
Further	The lecture is organized by the University of Basel and the University of Freiburg in Germany. The course is part of the Eucor & EPICUR initiative of the university of Basel and supported by Movetia, the Swiss Agency for Mobility and Exchange.
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