

International Summer School

“Social Policy and Ecological Sustainability”

7 – 13 September 2025, University of Bremen

September	Sunday 7 th	Monday 8 th	Tuesday 9 th	Wednesday 10 th	Thursday 11 th	Friday 12 th	Saturday 13 th
9.00 – 11.00	ARRIVAL	Welcoming Plenary: Welfare Provisioning in Planetary Boundaries (Expert panel, Moderation: Katharina Bohnenberger)	Lecture 1: Inequality and the Polluter Elite: Refocusing Research from Poverty to Affluence (Jayeon Lee)	Lecture 3: Critical, Feminist, Anti-colonial Eco-social Policy (Francesco Laruffa)	Lecture 4: The Power of Law for Eco-social Transformation (Pia Lange/ Till Markus)	Lecture 6: Sustainable Work and Green Labour Policy (Stefanie Gerold/ Ernest Aigner)	DEPARTURE
11.30 – 12.30		Student Presentations	Student Presentations	Student Presentations	Student Presentations		
13.30 – 15.30		Poster Walk: Emerging Sustainable Welfare Research by Early Career Researchers	Lecture 2: Social Metabolism Methods for Planetary Health (Paul Pichler)	City Walk: Climate-social Initiatives in the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen	Lecture 5: Social Aspects of Sufficiency Policy (Jonas Lage)	Lecture 7: Mixed Methods for Multi-level Research on the Just Transition (Katharina Zimmermann)	
16.00 – 17.00		Fish Bowl Discussion: Publishing with Impact at the Eco-social Nexus	Student Presentations		Student Presentations	Student Presentations	
18.00		Welcoming Social Event	Get-Together	Get-Together	Get-Together	Get-Together	

Theory and Concepts of Sustainable Welfare (Lectures, Panel Discussion)	Paper and Poster Presentations (Students’ Active Contribution & Expert Feedback)
Methods and Skills for Eco-social Research (Lectures, Panel Discussion)	Social Events (voluntary)

We are pleased to invite you to apply for the international summer school of the Sustainable Welfare & Eco-Social Policy Network in cooperation with the German Institute for Interdisciplinary Social Policy (DIFIS). The summer school is organized by the research field “Social Policy and Ecological Sustainability“ at DIFIS. The summer school will take place from 7 to 13 September 2025 at the Domshof Forum of the University of Bremen, in the heart of Bremen's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

This year’s summer school “Social Policy and Ecological Sustainability“ focuses on new methods for sustainable welfare and transformative eco-social policy and will consist of lectures by leading researchers, expert panels and interactive formats. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with leading experts, present their research, and collaborate with peers from diverse academic backgrounds.

Early-career researchers (master’s students in their thesis phase, doctoral candidates, early postdoctoral researchers) who are actively working on the research topics of the summer school are invited to apply for the summer school until 23 May 2025 at: <https://eveeno.com/292495256>

Organizational information:

- No participation fee for the summer school
- Financial support covering accommodation and travel is available
- Free lunch and coffee during breaks throughout the week
- Attendance is mandatory for the entire week
(from 7 to 13 September 2025)
- Deadline for application is 23 May
- Information about acceptance by 17 June
- Binding registration until 8 July

For further questions, please consult the organizing team at:
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