

**SOCIAL ORDER AND LIFE CHANCES**  
**Graduate Program of Faculty of Economics, Management and Social Sciences at the**  
**University of Cologne**

**Lecture: Does the National Context Matter? Theory and Empirical Results from Social Science Research**

**Winter 2008/2009**

**Preliminary Outline, August 18 2008**

**Wednesday 18.-19.30h if not noted otherwise.**

**Location: Liliencronstraße 6, 50931 Köln, Conference Room**

**13.10.2008**

Cologne Graduate School: Get together of the scholars of the CGS and SOCLIFE

**15.10.2008**

18 Brief Introduction of the teachers and scholars of SOCLIFE

18.30- 20.00 Fabian T. Pfeffer (Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison):

Comparative Research on Educational and Occupational Attainment

20.00 Lunch in some restaurant near Herbert-Lewin-Straße

**22.10.2008**

Heiner Meulemann (Cologne). Finding and examining hypotheses about country differences

**29.10.2008**

Wolfgang Jagodzinski (Cologne). Research Instruments of Comparative Survey Research -  
Progress and Problems

**05.11.2008**

Hans-Jürgen Andreß (Cologne). Multi-level Analyses – Standard Procedures and Recent  
Developments

**12.11.2008**

Xu Huang (Hong Kong). How do we study cultural influences? A case of motivation across  
cultures

**26.11.2008**

Simon Gaechter (University of Nottingham). Games and Cooperation in Cross National Perspective.

**03.12.2008**

Detlef Fetchenhauer (Cologne). Moral Attitudes and Social Capital

**10.12.2008**

Pippa Norris (Harvard) (Video conference). Cultural Convergence: Global Media and National Diversity

**17.12.2008 Please note change of time: 19.30-21.00**

Angelika Nußberger (Cologne). Constitutions, Courts, and Complaints in Eastern and Western Europe

**Christmas Break**

**07.01.2009 ok**

Frank Schulz-Nieswandt (Cologne). Welfare Regimes and Life Satisfaction of Older People

**14.01.2009**

Michael Hout (University of California, Berkeley). Religion and Politics in Europe and in the USA

**21.01.2009**

Andre Kaiser (Cologne). Parties, Party Programs and National Policies

**28.01.2009**

Michael Wagner (Cologne). The Stability of Partnerships in Cross-National Comparison

**04.02.2009**

Wolfgang Jagodzinski (Cologne). Micro-Macro-Puzzles of Life-Satisfaction