

BIGSSS Semester Schedule Fall/Winter 2026/27

Last update: September 14, 2026 (Preparatory Forum in Methodology – Research Data Management; Transferable Skills – Using AI in the Research Process)

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 <i>Starting October 15</i>	10:00am – 1:00pm	UB, BIGSSS Conference Room (7.3280)
Proposal Workshop for Fellows @CU (3.0 CP)	Franziska Deutsch	Mondays <i>Starting Sept. 28</i>	2:00pm – 4:00pm	CU, South Hall, Seminar Room West
Proposal Workshop for Fellows @UB (3.0 CP)	Kerstin Martens	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 <i>Starting October 14</i>	12:00pm-2:00pm	UB, BIGSSS Conference Room (7.3280)
@Constructor (2 CP)	Franziska Deutsch	Tuesdays <i>Starting September 8</i>	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)	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
Beginner/Intermediate				
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

Seminar	Instructor	Date	Time	Location
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 <i>Starting October 15</i>	09:00am – 12:00pm	tbd

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
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	12:00pm- 2:00pm	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, Nov 11, 2026	2:00pm- 4:00pm	UB, SOCIUM, Room 3.3380
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