

Module Description: Bachelor and Masterlevel

1.	Module Code	pbx018
2.	Module Title	European and international perspectives on social work
3.	Module Coordinator	Magnus Frampton M.A.
4.	Teaching Staff	Magnus Frampton M.A. / Guests from international partner universities of the University of Vechta
5.	<p>Competences</p> <p>“Knowledge and Understanding”</p> <p>“Skills”</p>	<p><u>After completing the module students will have acquired</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an understanding of the role of culture in social work, and the need for intercultural sensitivity and intercultural competence • an appreciation of how the local problems that social workers face can vary from place to place • knowledge of how social work practice is different in different places, with specific examples from both within and outside of Europe • a critical understanding of how social work is dependent on the a country’s ‘lifeworld’ and ‘system’ • a familiarity with different dimensions of diversity, and knowledge of how each is important for social work practice with different client groups <p><u>Students will be able to</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • respond to the ideas of lecturers and/or students from other cultures • express their ideas on international social work themes in the English language • regard the human life course as an orientation for social work from an international perspective • tentatively explain differences in national social work practice with reference to a system and lifeworld model • apply the concepts of culture, human life course, and diversity to social work • sketch current issues in social work in particular countries
6.	Content	<p>. The exact course content will be based around the interests and topics of the guest speakers, who will vary from year to year. Content will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social work country studies, explaining key or special features of social work as it is practiced in different places • Comparative social work, focusing on differences in social work between two particular countries • Social work with children and social work with older people from an international perspective • Social work in Europe • Social work in the Global South <p>Vechta students will be placed into groups together with students outside of Germany (including, it is planned, the US) for small group discussions and tasks. As well as seminar work and guest lectures this digital course will comprise small group work and online videos.</p>

