

Call for Applications: Lucerne Master Class 2023

When:	October 17 th (1 p.m.) – October 20 th , 2023 (1 p.m., with ensuing excursion)
Where:	University of Lucerne Romerohaus , Lucerne
Language:	English
ECTS:	4 ECTS for participation with presentation of PhD project, 2 ECTS without
Closing Date Application:	May 7 th , 2023 (decision will be communicated at the end of May)

Prof. Hanspeter Kriesi

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European Politics in Times of Crises

The Scholar:

Hanspeter Kriesi was born in 1949 in Bischofzell (Switzerland). He studied sociology at the Universities of Bern, Zurich and Chicago. He obtained his PhD in sociology at the University of Zurich (1976), where he also did his Habilitation in sociology (1980). In 1984 he became a professor for collective political behaviour at the University of Amsterdam. In 1988, he went to the University of Geneva, where he taught as a professor of comparative and Swiss politics until 2002, when he took up the chair for comparative politics at the University of Zurich. He was the Stein Rokkan Chair holder at the Department of Social and Political Sciences at the European University Institute in Florence from 2012 to 2020. He is now part-time professor in the Department and a Principal Investigator of the [SOLID](#) project, in collaboration with Maurizio Ferrera and Waltraud Schelkle.

The Topic:

The EU has experienced a series of crises which tested its resilience – the Eurozone crisis, the refugee crisis, the Brexit crisis, the rule-of-law crisis, the Covid-19 crisis and now the Ukraine crisis. It has been far from evident that it would survive the successive challenges of these crises. The SOLID project, an ERC-Synergy project of which the scholar teaching the Master Class is one of the PIs, is currently studying how the EU has responded to these crises and with what kind of success.

Based on the approach and preliminary results of this ongoing project, the Lucerne Master Class will analyze the EU's crises responses and their impact on the EU's resilience. It will do so by situating the theoretical approach of the project in the context of classic approaches to the European integration process, by providing in-depth analyses of two crises – the refugee and the Covid-19 crisis – and by discussing how the EU's responses can be compared across crises.

Participants:

The Lucerne Master Class invites Swiss and International doctoral students from Political Sciences, Sociology, History, Cultural Studies as well as other fields from within the humanities and social sciences to apply (for further information, see box below). Early post-doctoral students may be selected if they exhibit a strong link to the Lucerne Master Class's topic – but preference will be given to doctoral students.

Advanced master students can apply for attending the Lucerne Master Class as auditors.

From a maximum of 15 Invited doctoral students, approximately half will be invited to present their doctoral research project in front of the class and receive feedback from Hanspeter Kriesi and the other participants.

Organizers:

The Lucerne Master Class 2023 is jointly organized by the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (GSL) and the Department of Political Sciences at the University of Lucerne. Funding is provided by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Lucerne.

Costs:

Tuition fee: CHF 350. If you can't apply for funding through your University or Institution and see the payment of this fee as a hindrance to your coming, please send a request for being dispensed from the payment to christina.cavedon@unilu.ch with a brief explanation for why you couldn't pay the fee. Decision on all submitted requests will be taken after reviewing all applications and deciding on invitees.

What Former Participants Say

The Lucerne Master Class was one of the best experiences I have had as a doctoral student. It is so, so important to make connections and find common ground with researchers from around the world.

(Nataliya Nedzhvetskaya, University of California, Berkeley, Sociology Department)

This Master Class was the highlight of my academic year. The hosts succeeded in fostering an immensely productive and inspiring atmosphere of discussion.

(Markus Unternährer, Post-Doc at the University of Lucerne, Department of Sociology)

It has been such a privilege to participate in this year's Lucerne Master Class! I enjoyed the collegial atmosphere, the great conversations, and the overall program. The class contributes greatly to my thinking and will shape my research.

(Nicolas Zehner, University of Edinburgh, School of Social and Political Science)

Applications

Please download the application form on the Lucerne Master Class [Website](#). In addition to the information to be inserted in the form, provide a short statement of motivation (no more than 1 page), a short CV and a short description (no more than 1 page) of your current doctoral research project. Please send your application to christina.cavedon@unilu.ch till May 7th, 2023 and put gsl@unilu.ch in Cc.

Further Information: www.unilu.ch/masterclass or contact christina.cavedon@unilu.ch