

**CIEWS 2. Study commission: Friday, 3rd July, 2020, 11:00-13:30
(Online, Zoom)**

Members

1. IUG, Prof. Sascha Oswald
2. IPA, Prof. Arkady Pikovsky
3. UFZ, Prof. Sabine Attinger
4. Students
 - a. Dominik Ehlert (MSc)
 - b. Shubham Mamgain (MSc)
 - c. Lisa Rüter (BSc)
 - d. Paul Voit (MSc)
5. Coordinator, Dr. Ugur Öztürk

Agenda

1. Agenda of the meeting
2. Changes/acceptance of the protocol of the last meeting
3. Election of a substitute head of the study commission (to then lead the meeting)
4. Feedback on the current outline of CIEWS
5. Preparation of the "2. Perspektivgespräch"
6. Miscellaneous

Protocol

1. Changes/acceptance of the protocol of the last meeting

After initial discussion we decided to have more structured meetings following the proposed agenda. The protocol should be brief and rather focus on the outcomes of the discussions instead of detailed minutes.

2. Election of a substitute head of the study commission (to then lead the meeting)

The current study commission is approved by the faculty board on Wednesday, 1st July. Prof. Axel Bronstert is assigned as head of the study commission. In his absence we elected Prof. Arkady Pikovsky as the interim head with 5 votes against 1 for Prof. Sascha Oswald.

3. Feedback on the current outline of CIEWS

- o We decided to postpone discussing the programming demand and software choice of the existing modules and how to train the students early in the study.

- o Studiplus: conceptually 6 ECTS could be acquired from other master programs of the university. We should further inform us, whether this is allowed and how to include it in the study regulation.
- o Study plan: Some modules indicate repetition in every second year. It is a work around in order to give some flexibility to module caretakers, in case they are in a long-term field trip or e.g. having a sabbatical.
- o To ease the compulsory module dominance in the 1st semester, Com01 is moved to second semester. We will later discuss whether to also move the Com02a to the second semester, or be offered in 1st and 2nd semesters. Com04 can also be shifted to the second semester by asking to Prof. Herzsuh, its caretaker.
- o Time frame of the master thesis: one semester for master thesis could be too short, hence in the 3rd semester we initiated 2 extra modules (i.e. Research training and Introductory research project) to develop a research concept for the master thesis, which indirectly could increase the ECTS of the master thesis to 42 from 30.
- o Block seminar: Following several lectures in the same time might increase the exam load at the end of a semester. Although it is not written in the module descriptions, especially external lecturers from the partner research institutes sometimes offer block seminars instead of a semester long lecture. This practice could be encouraged to decrease the pressure of the examination. To avoid colluding with semester lectures, block seminars should be offered outside of the lecture time.
- o Excursion: It is currently offered by the module "Introduction: Climate, Earth, Water, Sustainability" by Prof. Axel Bronstert.
- o Exclusive possible ECTS: All the CIEWS modules are 6 credits for the moment
- o Sustainability issue: there is lack of sustainability emphasis on the curriculum at the moment. A potential solution is to sort the modules according their CIEWS category to make it visually more approachable. We decided to further ask some caretakers to include the sustainability word/concept to title/body of their module descriptions. If possible, we should involve more modules that target sustainability concept. This issue should be further discussed in the next meeting.

4. Preparation of the "2. Perspektivgespräch"

Student selection criteria should be well structured to ease ranking the applicants. It should be enough flexible to not to exclude students who come from a different grading system, or any other irregularity. We should also determine the application requirements, e.g. motivation letter, in the next meeting.