

Lecture “Cooperation and Cooperative Organizations” 2025

Dear students,

In summer 2025, Prof. Robischon and Prof. Markus Hanisch and colleagues conduct the

Lecture "Cooperation and Cooperative Organizations".

The lecture **will take place on Thursdays from 08.15 to 12.00** in lecture hall two at Invalidenstraße 42.

Looking forward to meeting you on Thursday 17th of April 2025 at 08:15 Berlin Time.

Prof.Dr. Marcel Robischon and Prof. Dr. Markus Hanisch

Course Description: The course gives an overview of cooperative organizations and the way they shape developments in important areas of social change processes (Energy transformation, development cooperation, agri-food system transformation, etc.

Different theoretical perspectives are introduced and inform the understanding of democratically governed membership organizations: Collective Action, Organizational and Development Economics, Public Choice, Games and Behavior. The discussion about the development of co-operatives constitutes the empirical background for understanding concepts and ideas. Co-operative law, strategies towards poverty alleviation and rural development, management and business practices as well as self-help initiatives are analyzed.

Requirements for earning credit points:

- **Group Presentation on a lecture topic** starting from 15th of May (you find suitable topics under each lecture- **choosing tool will open on 24th of April**)
- For the presentation: **Creation of a scientific poster** for an exhibition in collaboration with the Genossenschaftsforum

Exam:

- **Writing a scientific term paper (10-15 pages) by September 30, 2025**
For individual papers, the page limit is 10-15 pages pure text (with a maximum of 40 lines of 60-70 characters), i.e., without counting table of contents page, references, and annexes. For joint paper (two students) the page limit is 20-30 pages pure text (with a maximum of 40 lines of 60-70 characters), if relevant, each author can indicate their individual contribution.

Day 08:15	Lecturer	Topic
17.04.25	Markus Hanisch, Marcel Robischon Institute of Cooperative Studies and Seminar for Rural Development	Introduction and Governance of Cooperatives
24.04.25	Marcel Robischon	Cooperatives and Agroecology
15.05.25	Agustina Malvido Free University Berlin	Cooperatives and Markets
22.05.25	Jos Bijman Wageningen University	Cooperative Benefits
05.06.25	Seungkwon Jang (Sungkonghoe University, Seoul)	Cooperatives in Korea
12.06.25	Aicha Mechri	Cooperatives in Value Chain
19.06.25	Véronique De Herde	Cooperatives as (and in) social-ecological systems. Exploring the impact of embeddedness on governance and trajectories
26.06.25	Barbara König Genossenschaftsforum	Housing Cooperatives and Urban Transformation
03.07.25	Katrin Martens/ Benjamin Dannemann	Cooperatives as (rural) catalysts for change? Focus on energy cooperatives
10.07.25	Maggy Minah	Cooperatives and Development
17.07.25	Markus Hanisch/ Aicha Mechri/ Marcel Robischon Colloquium	