

SPRING SCHOOL

Social Justice and Sustainability

2025

WHAT TO EXPECT ?

- » Participate in the **JuSTuS Spring School**, an Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Program with students from four different universities in Europe.
- » Explore **five critical topics** on sustainability and social justice in Europe.
- » Engage in **interactive group work, expert input, and case study analysis**.
- » Learn tools like **Pasts-and-Futures Wheel, Theory of Change** and **DPSIR**.
- » Participate in online preparatory sessions and a **residential week in Bochum**.
- » Gain multidisciplinary insights and collaborative experience with peers from diverse backgrounds.

WHO CAN APPLY ?

Undergraduate/BSc students and early graduate/MSc students of all disciplines from the Universities for Applied Sciences in NRW and from the JuSTuS Spring School partner universities and - up to 60 participants will be accepted!

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SPRING SCHOOL 2025

JUSTICE FOR SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATIONS FOR UNIFIED SOCIETIES (JuSTuS)



The Spring School invites students and educators to collaborate on solutions for social justice and sustainability. In 2025, the focus is on Social Justice, highlighting the link between justice and sustainability. Through interdisciplinary collaboration, the program aims to develop advanced solutions and raise awareness of societal transformation, fostering an inspiring and participatory learning experience.

The Spring School is going to take place from **May 5th to May 10th 2025** in Bochum.

INTERDISCIPLINARY

Educational strategies to foster inclusivity and resilience in communities

Addressing the role of social work in promoting social justice and sustainability

Economic and social policies and practices that support sustainable development

Social sciences perspectives on equity, justice, and community engagement

Engineering innovations for sustainable infrastructure and technology

LEARNING GOALS

In-depth understanding of the intersection between social justice & sustainability

Providing practical tools and methods to apply these concepts in their work and communities

Highlight the significance of international collaboration in addressing societal challenges

Foster partnerships and networks among students from diverse backgrounds

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Intersection Exploration: Analyze the interplay between social justice and sustainability

Comprehensive Understanding: Equip participants with interdisciplinary insights on social justice and sustainability

Problem-based Assignments: Train in problem-solving tools through participant-led learning

International Collaboration: Foster idea exchange and strengthen global networks

Multidisciplinary Approaches: Encourage diverse disciplinary perspectives

**MON
05**

- Welcome to JuSTuS Spring School
- Introduction to Working Methods and Goals
- 1st Expert Input Session

**THU
08**

- 4th Expert Input Session
- Working Groups on Interventions, Best practices and Policy proposals
- Plenary with Summaries of Key Group Insights

**TUE
06**

- 2nd Expert Input Session
- Working Groups on Indicators & Problems
- Working Groups on Interventions, Best Practices and Policy Proposals

**FRI
09**

- Group Discussions in five random Groups
- Gathering Insights and Evaluation in Plenary
- Closing of the Spring School JuSTuS

**WED
07**

- 3rd Expert Input Session
- Working Groups on Interventions, Best practices and Policy proposals
- Field Trip/Site Visit

**SAT
10**

- Best Project Awards
- Student Feedback
- Farewell

SCHEDULE Springschool "JuStUS"

04.- 09.05.2025



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Spring School

04.05.2025 Sunday

Arrival in Bochum — no further program

05.05.25 Monday (Location: GLS Bank)

09:00 – Pick-Up and Arrival

Participants are welcomed and picked up in the city by German students

09:30–10:00 – Opening of the JuStUS Spring School

Introduction to the program and overview of the week's activities

10:00–10:15 – Welcome Address

Marc Letzing, GLS Workshop Host, provides opening remarks

10:15–11:45 – Keynote Session

Prof. Dr. Bart Defloor: Re-introduction to the Working Methods and Goals

11:45–13:15 – Interactive Session

Team warm-up activities and an introduction to fellow participants

13:15–14:15 – Lunch Break

14:15–16:15 – Focused Working Groups

Exploration of key problems and development of indicators in smaller groups

16:15–18:30 – Discover Bochum

Free time to explore the city and familiarize yourself with the local culture

18:30–20:00 – Welcome Dinner and Networking

Enjoy a welcome drink and supper in town (location to be announced), providing an opportunity to network and connect with fellow participant

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06.05.2025 Tuesday (Location: HS Bochum)

09:30–11:00 – Lecture: "Racism and Climate (In)justice"

Prof. Dr. Narku Laing explores the intersection of racism and climate justice, providing critical insights into the topic

11:00–11:30 – Coffee Break

11:30–13:00 – Working Groups: Refining Indicators and Problems

Participants work in groups to finalize indicators and identify key problems, with feedback provided by facilitators

13:00–14:00 – Lunch Break

14:00–15:00 – Group Presentations and Discussions

Teams present and discuss their findings on topics, problems, and indicators, fostering collaborative dialogue

From 15:00 – Visit to VfL Bochum 1848: Sustainability and Social Engagement

Discover the sustainability initiatives and social engagement efforts of the Bundesliga football club, followed by a guided stadium tour

07.05.2025 Wednesday (Location: GLS Bank)

09:30 - 11:00 – Lecture: "Local Mobility Poverty at the Community Level: Utrecht"

Held by Prof. Dr. Stephanie Geertman

11:00 - 11:30 – Coffee Break

11:30 - 13:00 – Working Groups: Development of Interventions, Best Practices, and Policy Proposals

Participants work in groups to finalize indicators and identify key problems, with feedback provided by facilitators

13:00 - 14:00 – Lunch Break

14:00 - 15:00 – Specialist Contribution

"How to Achieve a Sustainable and Just Financial System"

By Dr. Laura Mervelskemper (Head of Strategy & Development at GLS Bank)

15:00 - 18:00 Visit to Bochum Mining Museum (Bergbau-Museum)

Guided Mining Tour

From 18:00 – Dinner Buffet at Kumpels (near the Bergbau-Museum)



08.05.2025 Thursday (Location: HS Bochum)

09:30–11:00 – Lecture: "Sustainable Energy and Aspects of Energy Justice"
Held by Prof. Dr. Stephan Sommer

11:00 - 11:30 – Coffee Break

11:30 - 13:00 – Working Groups: Development of Interventions, Best Practices,
and Policy Proposals
Preparation for Group Presentations

13:00 - 14:00 – Lunch Break

14:00 - 15:00 – Group-to-Group Presentations
Sharing Interventions, Best Practices, and Policy Proposals

15:00 - 16:30 – Plenary Session: Summarizing Key Insights Across Topics

From 16:30 – Free Time

09.05.2025 Friday (Location: EVH Bochum)

09:30 - 11:00 – Lecture: "Sustainability and Social Justice"
Corrie de Vos and Bircan Yildirim

11:00 - 11:30 – Coffee Break

11:30 - 12:30 – Group Discussions (in 5 Random Groups)
What have we learned about sustainability and social justice?
What insights have emerged across the various topics discussed?

12:30 - 13:30 – Plenary Session
Gathering Insights and Final Evaluation

13:30 - 14:30 – Closing Session: Spring School JuStUS

From 14:30 – Coffee and Departure

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