
Historical Sociology

Form of study: full-time or combined

Standard study period: 4 years

Description of the Field of Study

Historical Sociology is a unique Study Programme that, in the Czech Republic, can be studied only at the Faculty of the Humanities, Charles University. This program aims to advance research activities and pedagogical training of experts focusing on issues of long-term social processes and trends that significantly impact contemporary societies' lives. These include, in particular, the problems of modernization and social change, globalization tendencies and impacts, integration and disintegration processes, continuity and discontinuity relationships, religious and cultural pluralism, interconnection of global and local, identification of chances and risks of social development, analysis of conflict situations and possibilities of overcoming them. Understanding all these issues raises the requirements for developing adequate theoretical and methodological approaches and specific university education. The Study Programme aims to provide such special training and contribute to the advancement of research activity in the given field.

Historical sociology is not merely a hybrid link between history and sociology. It is a discipline based on the assumption that its general subject is historical and space-time determines social reality. Acceptance of this assumption has consequences for the theory of this discipline and its research strategies since both should be oriented on the analysis of the present and the near and more distant past. Therefore, following this premise, historical sociology cannot be defined as a unique historical or sociological discipline but as a specific, interdisciplinary-oriented theoretical and methodological perspective, which is relevant both for the area of basic research and for specialized research programs. It is a discipline that focuses significantly on long-term social processes and analyzes the differences and similarities of social phenomena in various historical periods. The thematic direction of the Study Programme is illustratively brought nearer by the Historical Sociology professional journal (Karolinum, Scopus), which has been, since 2009, edited by the Department of Historical Sociology of the Faculty of Humanities, Charles University.

Historical sociology is close to both a sociology discipline and historical sciences; it has several common or similar concepts, theoretical orientations, methodological approaches, and research questions, but it is not transferable in the case of sociology or history. It is not some mechanical joining of two disciplines but a specific research perspective and a specific Study Programme. The PhD Study Programme in Historical Sociology is designed to provide high-quality and demanding special training to those who want to pursue qualified scientific and research work – particularly of an analytical and comparative nature - in one of the areas that contemporary historical sociology deals with.

Tuition

Tuition fee for the program is **700 € per year**.

Links and Contacts

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