

Suggested topics for Bachelor and Master theses at the Chair of Sociology II

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Thank you for your interest in writing your thesis at our department. Below you will find various subject areas that are supervised at the Chair, as well as suggestions for specific questions that you are welcome to work on. You can also develop your own questions within the subject areas.

BA: suitable for Bachelor theses

MA: suitable for Master's theses

Education and labour market

- Are young women from non-academic families more likely to choose a STEM subject? (BA/MA)
- Are there migration-specific differences in the choice of degree programme? (BA/MA)
- Study-related stays abroad: who and why and for what purpose? (BA/MA)
- Who plans/starts a Master's programme: differences by social origin, migration background, gender, ...? (BA/MA)
- Is a doctorate worthwhile? (BA/MA)
- Home office: differences in access; home office use and well-being, mobility, moving house, domestic division of labour and gender roles, physical activity, social integration (BA/MA)
- How do crises (e.g. COVID19) affect labour market participation? Which social groups are particularly disadvantaged? (MA)
- Overqualification in the job and salary, satisfaction and mental health (BA/MA)
- Which measures reduce the gender pay gap in companies? (BA/MA)
- Why do partners have similar employment histories? (MA)
- Are there generational differences in ideas about "good work"? (BA/MA)

Family and partnership

- Are gender role models in East and West Germany converging? (BA/MA)
- Are preferences for family and career stable or do they change over time? (MA)
- Do attitudes towards gender roles change during the transition to parenthood? (MA)
- Does the gender and age constellation of siblings influence your own attitudes towards gender roles? (BA/MA)
- The influence of childcare reforms and the availability of childcare on the employment of fathers/mothers (MA)
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- Parental leave for fathers: effects on attitudes, relationship quality etc. (BA/MA)
- Desired and actual number of children (BA/MA)
- Do "rich" and/or highly educated people have many children? (from the perspective of women, men or couples) (BA/MA)
- How many children do high-ranking politicians have? (MA)
- Does employment/unemployment of partners have an influence on the division of domestic and care work? (MA)
- Does the division of domestic and care work in couples depend on the level of education? (BA/MA)

- How does the time spent on housework develop over the course of time and life? (BA/MA)
- Do same-sex couples share gainful employment and housework/care work more equally than opposite-sex couples? (BA/MA)

Political attitudes

- Is political interest or other indicators of politicisation increasing in Germany (or other societies)? (BA/MA)
- How can gender differences in voting behaviour or political attitudes be explained? (BA/MA)
- How can spatial differences in voting behaviour be explained? (BA/MA)
- Is unemployment associated with certain political attitudes (e.g. satisfaction with democracy, voting behaviour)? (BA/MA)
- How can the AfD electorate be characterised? Cultural attitudes and socio-economic characteristics
- Has approval of welfare state support changed in the last 20 years?
- How similar are partners in their political attitudes? (MA)
- Are political attitudes relevant when looking for a partner? (MA)
- Can political attitudes be predicted by factors that are (also) relevant for the functioning of relationships? E.g. attitudes towards gender roles, leisure behaviour etc. (MA)
- Is the switch to a new party more of an individual or a partnership phenomenon? (MA)

Spatial mobility and transport behaviour

- How and why does mobility behaviour differ between social groups, e.g. between educational groups? (BA/MA)
- What significance does the topic of mobility - cycling and walking - have for health and social inequalities in relation to health? (BA/MA)
- What role do life events play in changing mobility behaviour? (MA)
- How do the political parties differ and change in their communication on the topics of mobility and transport? (BA/MA)
- How and under what circumstances do partners adapt to each other in their mobility behaviour? (MA)
- Which factors influence spatial mobility / migration? (BA/MA)