**Blended Intensive Programme 2024/2025**

**Local government and local government reforms.**

**A comparison of Finland, Germany, Poland, Spain, and Switzerland**

This seminar is part of the Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) of the EU, which promotes joint teaching events by universities from different countries within the framework of ERASMUS.

In accordance with the programme‘s regulations, the seminar consists of three parts. In the first part, the participants in the seminars, which are held at the participating universities, deal with **the tasks and internal structures of municipalities in their countries, as well as the changes that have taken place in recent years and decades and the formal position of municipalities in relation to higher levels of government.** In a second part, the participants meet virtually, primarily to clarify what it is that interests them specifically about the municipal level in the other countries. A third part consists of a joint event **(‘summer school’), which will take place from 23 to 27 June 2025 at the TU Darmstadt.** At this event, the participating students will present the findings they have worked out in the first part of the seminar – focused on the special interests of the students from the other countries as expressed in the virtual part of the seminar.

The following faculty members are involved in this course:

* Björn Egner and Hubert Heinelt from the Institute of Political Science at the TU Darmstadt,
* Linnéa Henriksson from the Faculty of Social Sciences, Business and Economics, and Law at Abo Akademi,
* Marta Lackowska from the Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies at the University of Warsaw,
* Carmen Navarro from the Facultad de Derecho of the Autonoma de Madrid, and
* Daniel Kübler from the Institute of Political Science at the University of Zurich.