

Lehrveranstaltungen der Abteilung Politik im Sommer 2016

BA Nordamerikastudien (neue Studienordnung ab 2015)

Understanding North America B1

32000 Understanding North America B (Irwin Collier, Christian Lammert, Markus Kienscherf) Zeit: Fr 10:00-12:00, Fr 14:00-16:00 (Erster Termin: 22.04.2016) Ort: 340 Hörsaal (Lansstr. 7 / 9)	
32000T Understanding North America B Tutorium Zeit: Mi 12:00-14:00, Mi 14:00-16:00 (Erster Termin: 27.04.2016) Ort: 340 Hörsaal (Lansstr. 7 / 9)	

Orientierungsmodul Politik

32500 Urban Theory (Boris Vormann) Zeit: Di 12:00-14:00 (Erster Termin: 19.04.2016) Ort: 319 Seminarraum (Lansstr. 7 / 9)	History does not repeat itself--but its theories seem to. This course offers a critical engagement with essential readings in urban theory before the backdrop of changing US city-scapes.
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Vertiefungsmodul B Politik: Staat und Zivilgesellschaft

<p>32501 Publics and Transnational Information Networks (Curd Benjamin Knüpfer) Zeit: Mo 14:00-16:00 (Erster Termin: 18.04.2016) Ort: 201 Seminarraum (Lansstr. 7 / 9)</p>	<p>This BA-level course builds on previous semester's seminar on "US Foreign Policy and Public Views of War." As such, basic familiarity of the theoretical background on the nexus between policy, media and the public will be expected, along with an understanding of salient theories of press-state relations. (Contact course instructor for syllabus of previous course). Furthermore, students will be required to attend and contribute to the class on a regular basis and to demonstrate their familiarity with all of the required readings. The goal of the course is to further familiarize students with the role information, perception, and ideas might come to play in regard to international politics. We will examine novel ways in which information processes are being restructured via telecommunication networks and the Internet, along with the implications this might hold for forms of governance and international relations. At the same time, we will question the notion of technological determinism and discuss how transnational discourses, institutional power dynamics, and political interests might come to shape the ways in which ideas and beliefs 'travel' and how they might have an impact on international politics.</p>
<p>32502 The Entrepreneurial State (Boris Vormann) Zeit: Mi 16:00-18:00 (Erster Termin: 20.04.2016) Ort: 319 Seminarraum (Lansstr. 7 / 9)</p>	<p>A small state, individual entrepreneurialism and free markets are often described as the bedrocks of American exceptionalism. This course examines the actual role of the US state in fixing, shaping, and creating markets.</p>
<p>32504 Canadian Federalism in Comparative Perspective (Jean Remi Carbonneau) Zeit: Mi 16:00-18:00 (Erster Termin: 20.04.2016) Ort: 340 Hörsaal (Lansstr. 7 / 9)</p>	<p>Federalism is a central feature of political life in Canada since its foundation in 1867. This course aims to present the current issues at stake in the Canadian federation and situate them in relation to other Western federal systems. The first part of the seminar explores the differences between federalism and federation as well as the political motives behind the establishment of a federal arrangement in a given state. The second part</p>

	presents the origins and main institutions of the Canadian federation, their impact on cultural diversity and state stability; it also addresses the political conflicts related to it, especially in regard of the province of Québec and the Native and Inuit quest for territorial autonomy. The last section draws comparisons with institutional dynamics in other federal systems and seeks to understand their respective implications for different groups such as national and linguistic minorities.
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BA-Colloquium Politik:

32506 BA-Kolloquium Politik (Curd Benjamin Knüpfer) Zeit: Di 18:00-20:00 (Erster Termin: 19.04.2016) Ort: 319 Seminarraum (Lansstr. 7 / 9)	This BA-level research colloquium will serve two functions: 1) it will familiarize students with theories and methods of social science research and 2) it will provide students with a forum in which to present and discuss their ideas for their BA theses. These two goals will be pursued through 1) carefully reading and discussing texts on methods and academic practice and 2) by working on and presenting individual research designs throughout the course of the semester.
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MA Nordamerikastudien (neue Studienordnung, ab 2015)

Politik (B) – Institutionen, Akteure und Prozesse

32510 The state and globalization (Boris Vormann) Zeit: Mi 08:30-10:00 (Erster Termin: 20.04.2016) Ort: 319 Seminarraum (Lansstr. 7 / 9)	Globalization is often defined as an increase in mobility, an expansion of markets, and a decline of the nation-state. This course examines changing state-market relations in the US context.
32511 War as metaphor in Modern America	In this course we will explore the use of war as a metaphor in various social,

<p>(Thomas Greven) Zeit: Fr 16:00-18:00 (Erster Termin: 22.04.2016) Ort: 203 Seminarraum (Lansstr. 7 / 9)</p>	<p>cultural, and political contexts in the modern United States. The starting point for our discussions will be how film makers and documentarians have presented the issue in their movies, and from there we will consider who the combatants are, their strategy and tactics, their campaigns, and the way these wars are shaping contemporary America. We will begin the course studying how wars, hot and cold, have shaped the United States. Then we will move to the use of war as metaphor in non-military contexts as in culture wars and wars on science, women, religion, labor, and drugs, among others.</p>
<p>32514 Minorities vs Majorities: Conflicts and Power (Jean Remi Carbonneau) Zeit: Do 12:00-14:00 (Erster Termin: 21.04.2016) Ort: 340 Hörsaal (Lansstr. 7 / 9)</p>	<p>As one of the most important immigration countries Canada is renowned for its successful and well established multicultural policies. However, the Canadian cultural mosaic is a lot more complex and conflictual than it seems. Beyond its immigrant communities, Canada is home to several historically established national groups making up the bulk of its multicultural heritage and diversity: whether they be a French speaking Québec replicating the Canadian citizenship regime on a smaller scale to resist English hegemony; Francophones outside Québec and Anglophones within it, both striving for community institutions and non-territorial autonomy; or the First Nations struggling for historical redress, cultural recognition and self-rule on their ancestral lands. The first part of the seminar will discuss relevant theory on nationhood and identity conflicts. The remaining classes will be devoted to analysing power relationships between these national groups within and beyond the Canadian constitutional framework.</p>
<p>32515 From Sorting to Polarization – What's the Matter with Politics in the US Today? (Michael Oswald) Zeit: Termine siehe LV-Details (Erster Termin: 22.04.2016) Ort: 201 Seminarraum (Lansstr. 7 / 9)</p>	<p>This seminar is intended as an introduction to issues, concepts and relevant models appropriate to understanding the ongoing polarization in American politics and society as well as implications that might relate to the ever more complicated political process. We will lead off the seminar with some details intended to get everyone on the same page with respect to some basic ideological principles that are found within the US, some considerations of core beliefs held within the political culture and the strategic use of them. Finally, this will bring us to a consideration of some of the major challenges</p>

facing the American democracy today.

Politik (C) – Politics and Policies

<p>32512 Planetary Urbanization (Boris Vormann) Zeit: Di 16:00-18:00 (Erster Termin: 19.04.2016) Ort: 340 Hörsaal (Lansstr. 7 / 9)</p>	<p>Urbanization processes have attained a planetary scale. This course examines patterns and theories of urbanization in an age of globalization.</p>
<p>32513 Global Challenges and Institutions (Curd Benjamin Knüpfer) Zeit: Di 10:00-12:00 (Erster Termin: 19.04.2016) Ort: 319 Seminarraum (Lansstr. 7 / 9)</p>	<p>This MA-level seminar builds on the course “Theories of Press-State Relations,” taught at the JFKI last semester. Participants will be expected to come equipped with a basic understanding of discourse and public sphere theory, as well as a well-founded understanding of the notion of transnational flows of information. (Contact course instructor for syllabus of previous course). The content of the class will provide a more empirical and case-based approach to the topic of international politics and the role played by ideas and institutions. Specifically, we will look at the particular challenges posed by issues such as inequality in the global distribution of resources, climate change or the ongoing ‘War on Terror’: Will these contentious issues force states and publics to work together, or do they expose and amplify underlying rifts and competing interests? How do differences of perception and institutional interests play into the seeming political gridlock and vicious cycles, which cause these challenges to persist and intensify? Regular attendance and participation will be required, along with the careful preparation of all required readings and the submission of written text summaries throughout the semester. This basic workload will be expected for a “Teilnahme“ as well from students seeking to obtain a “Leistungsschein.” In addition, the latter will be expected to have worked on and submitted own research designs by the final session of the semester.</p>

Interdisciplinary Studies

<p>32217 Enlightenment Trajectories: Continuities and Ruptures (Christian Lammert, Florian Sedlmeier) Zeit: Do 18:00-19:00 (Erster Termin: 21.04.2016) Ort: 319 Seminarraum (Lansstr. 7 / 9)</p>	<p>In this interdisciplinary seminar we will read political philosophy and literary writings from two different historical moments, around 1800 and the contemporary, here broadly understood as the period after World War II onto the present. In a first step, we will read some of the canonical authors of European political philosophy and discuss how their ideas resonate with political writers in the colonial Early Republic. In a second step, students will explore the contemporary continuities and ruptures against the backdrop of the end of historical colonialism, and unravel their transformations in the wake of genocides, post- and neocolonial conditions, and the neoliberal rationale. The seminar will examine if and to what extent American literary texts might provide a privileged space for probing and reimagining these legacies. Probing the trajectories of the Enlightenment means not the least to discuss political and literary figures such as the immigrant, the refugee, or the slave. Students will become acquainted with central concepts of political philosophy, such as sovereignty and the social contract, but they will also engage in an interdisciplinary exercise that seeks to assess the link between politics and literature by confronting political philosophy with literary imagination and vice versa. For an active participation credit you will be asked to participate in an expert/presentation group; requirements for a full graded Schein will be announced in the first session.</p>
<p>32217L Enlightenment Trajectories: Continuities and Ruptures (Christian Lammert, Florian Sedlmeier) Zeit: Do 19:00-20:00 (Erster Termin: 21.04.2016) Ort: 319 Seminarraum (Lansstr. 7 / 9)</p>	

Kolloquium Nordamerikastudien

32516 Masterkolloquium Politik (Boris Vormann) Zeit: Mi 18:00-20:00 (Erster Termin: 20.04.2016) Ort: 201 Seminarraum (Lansstr. 7 / 9)	
32530 Forschungskolloquium Politik (Christian Lammert) Zeit: Mi 18:00-20:00 (Erster Termin: 20.04.2016) Ort: 319 Seminarraum (Lansstr. 7 / 9)	