

Lehrveranstaltungen der Abteilung Politik im WS 2018/19

A. Bachelor-Studiengang

Disziplinäres Orientierungsmodul:

Lehrveranstaltung	Titel	DozentIn
PS 32500-W18 (ehem. Aufbaukurs)	U.S. Foreign Policy, System, State, and Public	Lora Viola Mi 12-14, 319
<p>The aim of this course is to study, in a theoretically informed way, the sources and trends of US foreign policy. By applying different levels of analysis—the system, state, and individual--it will critically examine the structures, interests and values that underlie the goals of policy and that shape policy decisions. Substantively, it will address the evolution of major US foreign policy tenets and aims, the role of the Presidency, Congress, and bureaucracy, and the influence of public opinion.</p>		

Vertiefungsmodul A: Policies and Politics (nur im Wintersemester)

Lehrveranstaltung	Titel	DozentIn
VS 32501-W18	The Urban Condition: Politics and Public Space in the American City	Jeremy Williams, Do 12-14, 201
<p>How do you read a city? What tools and approaches are available to us when we try to understand and capture the complexity of contemporary urbanity? This class seeks to provoke discussion around these questions through using public space, and an understanding of the city as a space more generally, as a way to understand the contemporary city. To do this, we will examine the role of politics in shaping the urban fabric from both a theoretical perspective – in understanding city space as a production of broader flows and processes – as well as a more local one, including the context in which city administrators and politicians make decisions about the urban fabric. In addition we will study different conceptions of urban life, including thinking critically about issues such as development, spatial segregation and exclusion, as well as questions of gentrification. We will also look at the material changes that cities are currently undergoing, including reflecting on the implications of evolving urban norms, including the role that technology plays in contemporary social life. Furthermore, we will engage with different methods and approaches to capturing the experience of the city, including non-conventional and artistic</p>		

interventions. Finally, we will conduct ethnographic work in the field in Berlin as part of an attempt to understand city space in a holistic way, situated at the intersection of both intellectual and experiential understandings.

VS 32502-W18

Politik: Nationalism and National Conflicts in Canada

Jean-Rémi Carbonneau
Mo, 14-16, 203

Start: Monday, Oct. 22nd

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.

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BA-Colloquium

David Bosold, Di 10-12, 319

Vertiefungsmodul B: B: State and Civil Society (nur im Sommersemester)

B. Master- Studiengang

Modul A: Theorien und Methoden der Politikwissenschaft

Lehrveranstaltung	Titel	DozentIn
HS 32510-W18 (ident. mit GradSchool)	Research Design and Methods for Political Science (max. 25 Tn)	Lora Viola, Mi 16-18, 319
<p>This course introduces students to research design in the social sciences, with a particular focus on political science. The seminar offers both a theoretical and a hands-on approach to understanding research design. Part I of the course addresses core questions from the philosophy of science (e.g. what is causation</p>		

and (how) can it be evidenced?); Part II introduces research design with an emphasis on hands-on exercises meant to enhance familiarity with principles through practice; Part III discusses techniques of data collection and analysis; Part IV is dedicated to honing the skills of writing a problem-oriented research proposal. The course is limited to students who are about to begin, or in the midst of writing, their MA or PhD thesis.

Modul B: Institutionen, Akteure und Prozesse

Lehrveranstaltung	Titel	DozentIn
HS 32516-W18	Transformation or Erosion of Democracy?	Christian Lammert
<p>It is often assumed that once a country achieves a certain level of economic and political development, democratic consolidation is permanent. Recent trends in American and European politics have led some commentators to question this assumption. In this course, we will explore the causes and consequences of democratic erosion in comparative and historical perspective, with a focus on better understanding the unique political moment. Importantly, this course is not intended as a partisan critique of any particular American politician or political party. Rather, it is designed to provide an opportunity for you to engage, critically and carefully, with the claims you have doubtlessly already heard about the state of democracy in the US and elsewhere; to evaluate whether those claims are valid; and, if they are, to consider strategies for mitigating the risk of democratic erosion in the United States and Europe. Readings will address both empirical and normative questions, and will be gleaned from a combination of academic and media sources.</p>		

Modul C: Politics and Policies

Crosslisted with Sociology:

GV 32612, Markus Kienscherf: Marxisms: Reading Marxist Theory, Fr. 10-12h, 319

HS 32613, Markus Kienscherf: Slavery and Wage Labor: Towards a Critical Sociology of Work, Fr., 12-14h, 203

Interdisziplinäres Modul

Lehrveranstaltung	Titel	DozentIn
OS 32512-W18	Introduction to Qualitative and Quantitative Social Research	Christian Lammert, Anne Nassauer, Di 16-18, 319
<p>This seminar will provide an introduction to qualitative & quantitative social science research. We will discuss readings on key aspects of research design (research questions, case selection, operationalization), on different techniques of data collection (interviews, participant observation, survey data, video analysis) and on different methodological approaches (qualitative content analysis, qualitative comparative analysis, sequence analysis, causal process tracing, regression analysis, mixed methods). The goal is that students leave the classes trained in basic research design aspects, equipped with a general overview over qualitative and quantitative social science data and research, and key conceptual, and methodological tools. Course participation requires booking of course 32512L-W18/ only with both courses booked the module can be completed.</p>		
32512L-W18	Lektürekurs für 32512-W18	Christian Lammert, Anne Nassauer
<p>Mandatory booking to complete interdisciplinary course 32212-W18</p>		
Ringvorlesung V 32000-W18	Surveillance	Lora Viola/Markus Kienscherf, Mi 18-20, 340
<p>Surveillance and Social Order: Visibility, Invisibility, and the Blurring of Boundaries Surveillance—broadly understood as a set of processes and practices for the collection, analysis, and application of information—has become a defining characteristic of late modernity. Although surveillance has ancient roots, new information technologies and the advent of big data have created conditions for the pervasive, penetrating, and highly consequential role of surveillance in the everyday lives of individuals, firms, and governments. New technologies allow watching to happen in greater depth, breadth, and immediacy. Technology, however, is only a precondition for our transformation into a new surveillance society. A wide range of social, political, cultural, and economic factors have made surveillance practices appear useful and even necessary. To understand surveillance, we need to consider the modes of governance that mobilize surveillance for the purposes of controlling and steering the process of social ordering. In particular, one of the central effects of</p>		

surveillance is the blurring of boundaries. Processes and practices of surveillance are blurring traditional boundaries between the private and the public spheres, between private and public authorities, between the state and the corporation, between the police and the military, between logics of security and logics of profit, between the scrutinized and the scrutinizers. In a more general sense, surveillance blurs the line between the visible and the invisible, revealing some things as transparent and keeping others in utter obscurity. This lecture series interrogates the ways in which surveillance processes and practices are transformative of social order. In this spirit, we invite speakers to consider topics such as: the intersection of media and surveillance, capitalism and surveillance, surveillance in popular culture, the surveillance society as treated in historical or contemporary literature, surveillance as a mode of governance, surveillance and security, histories of surveillance, and many others.

C. Mastercolloquium (Forschungskolloquium) Nordamerikastudium

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D. Graduiertenschule

OS 32520-W18 Research Design and Methods for Political Science
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