



Modulhandbuch

Masterstudiengang Politikwissenschaft in der StuFPO vom 27.02.2026

Sozial- und Wirtschaftswissenschaften

Gemäß Studien- und Fachprüfungsordnung für den Masterstudiengang Politikwissenschaft in der aktuell geltenden Fassung. Geltungsdauer: Für das Sommersemester 2026 und nachfolgende Semester bis zur Bekanntgabe eines geänderten Modulhandbuchs.

Hinweis zur Weitergeltung älterer Fassungen eines Modulhandbuchs:

1. Geltungsbeginn

Die im vorliegenden Modulhandbuch enthaltenen Modulbeschreibungen gelten erstmals für das Semester, das auf dem Deckblatt angegeben ist.

2. Übergangsbestimmung

a. Studierende, die gemäß bisher geltendem Modulhandbuch ein Modul bereits in Teilen absolviert haben (vgl. Nr. 2b), schließen das Modul nach der bisher geltenden Fassung des Modulhandbuchs ab.

Diese Übergangsbestimmung gilt ausschließlich für den dem versäumten/nicht bestanden/nicht absolvierten regulären Prüfungstermin unmittelbar folgenden Prüfungstermin. Auf Antrag der oder des Studierenden kann der Prüfungsausschuss in begründeten Fällen eine Verlängerung der Übergangsfrist festlegen.

b. Ein Modul ist in Teilen absolviert, wenn die Modulprüfung nicht bestanden oder versäumt wurde. Gleiches gilt für den Fall, dass zumindest eine Modulteilprüfung bestanden, nicht bestanden oder versäumt wurde.

Ferner gilt ein Modul als in Teilen absolviert, sofern sich die oder der Studierende gemäß bisher geltendem Modulhandbuch zu einer dem jeweiligen Modul zugeordneten Lehrveranstaltung angemeldet hat.

3. Geltungsdauer

Das Modulhandbuch gilt bis zur Bekanntgabe eines geänderten Modulhandbuchs auch für nachfolgende Semester.

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b) Modulgruppe 2: Politikwissenschaftliche Leistungen (Modulgruppe) ECTS: 44

Es müssen zwei Module des Typs „Lecture“, drei Module des Typs „Seminar“ und ein Modul des Typs „Research Seminar“ aus dem folgenden Angebot belegt werden.

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PWM-CP-Res: Research Seminar Comparative Politics (8 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	17
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PWM-PT-Res: Research Seminar Political Theory (8 ECTS, SS, jährlich).....	57

c) Modulgruppe 3: Erweiterungsbereich (Modulgruppe) ECTS: 30

Freie Kombination von Modulen nach Wahl der oder des Studierenden aus folgenden Bereichen:

- Weitere, noch nicht in Modulgruppe 1 und 2 eingebrachte politikwissenschaftliche Module gemäß Anhang 2 der StuFPO
- Module aus höchstens zwei nicht-politikwissenschaftlichen Fächern im Umfang von maximal 16 ECTS-Punkten
- Module aus dem gelenkten Auslandsstudium

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d) Modulgruppe 4: Masterarbeit (Modulgruppe) ECTS: 30

Abschlussarbeit zu einem Thema aus einem politikwissenschaftlichen Teilgebiet

PWM-AB: Masterarbeit mit Kolloquium (30 ECTS, WS, SS).....	10
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2) Masterstudiengang Politikwissenschaft mit dem Schwerpunkt Democratic Politics (Profil)

a) Modulgruppe 1: Politikwissenschaftliche Methoden (Modulgruppe) ECTS: 16

Folgende Module müssen belegt werden:

- PWM-ME-QN1 oder PWM-ME-QN2
- Ein weiteres Modul aus dem Bereich Politikwissenschaftliche Methoden gemäß Anhang 2 der StuFPO

PWM-ME-APS: Argumentation in Political Science (8 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	31
PWM-ME-QL: Qualitative Methods in Political Science (8 ECTS, SS, jährlich).....	33
PWM-ME-QN1: Intermediate Quantitative Methods in Political Science (8 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	34
PWM-ME-QN2: Advanced Quantitative Methods in Political Science (8 ECTS, SS, jährlich).....	35
PWM-ME-RD: Research Design and Causal Inference in Political Science (8 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	36

b) Modulgruppe 2: Schwerpunkt Democratic Politics (Modulgruppe) ECTS: 44

aa) Pflichtmodule (Pflichtbereich)

PWM-CP-Lec: Lecture: Political Institutions and Political Competition (6 ECTS, SS, jährlich).....	15
PWM-PS-Lec: Lecture: Understanding Political Attitudes and Behaviour (6 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	48
PWM-PT-A: Seminar: Theories of Democratic Politics (8 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	51

bb) Wahlpflichtmodule (Wahlpflichtbereich)

Folgende Module müssen belegt werden:

- PWM-PS-A oder PWM-PS-B
- PWM-CP-A oder PWM-CP-B
- PWM-PS-Res oder PWM-CP-Res oder PWM-PT-Res

PWM-CP-A: Seminar: Parties, Institutions and Political Competition (8 ECTS, SS, jährlich).....	11
PWM-CP-B: Seminar: Coalition Politics and Public Policy (8 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	13
PWM-CP-Res: Research Seminar Comparative Politics (8 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	17
PWM-PS-A: Seminar: The Psychological Roots of Political Behaviour and Intergroup Conflict (8 ECTS, SS, jährlich).....	46
PWM-PS-B: Seminar: Immigration and Democracy (8 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	47
PWM-PS-Res: Research Seminar Political Sociology (8 ECTS, SS, jährlich).....	49
PWM-PT-Res: Research Seminar Political Theory (8 ECTS, SS, jährlich).....	57

c) Modulgruppe 3: Erweiterungsbereich (Modulgruppe) ECTS: 30

Freie Kombination von Modulen nach Wahl der oder des Studierenden aus folgenden Bereichen:

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- Module aus dem gelenkten Auslandsstudium

PWM-P: Praktikum (8 ECTS,).....	38
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d) Modulgruppe 4: Masterarbeit (Modulgruppe) ECTS: 30

Abschlussarbeit zu einem Thema aus dem Themengebiet Democratic Politics

PWM-AB: Masterarbeit mit Kolloquium (30 ECTS, WS, SS).....	10
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3) Masterstudiengang Politikwissenschaft mit dem Schwerpunkt International Relations and Global Public Policy (Profil)

a) Modulgruppe 1: Politikwissenschaftliche Methoden (Modulgruppe) ECTS: 16

PWM-ME-APS: Argumentation in Political Science (8 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	31
PWM-ME-QL: Qualitative Methods in Political Science (8 ECTS, SS, jährlich).....	33

PWM-ME-QN1: Intermediate Quantitative Methods in Political Science (8 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	34
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PWM-ME-RD: Research Design and Causal Inference in Political Science (8 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	36

b) Modulgruppe 2: Schwerpunkt International Relations and Global Public Policy (Modulgruppe) ECTS: 44

aa) Pflichtmodule (Pflichtbereich)

PWM-IR-Lec: Lecture: International Institutions (6 ECTS, SS, jährlich).....	28
PWM-PP-Lec: Lecture: Global Challenges for Public Policy (6 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	42
PWM-PT-B: Seminar: Theories of Global Justice (8 ECTS, SS, jährlich).....	53

bb) Wahlpflichtmodule (Wahlpflichtbereich)

Folgende Module müssen belegt werden:

- PWM-IR-A oder PWM-IR-B
- PWM-PP-A oder PWM-PP-B
- PWM-IR-Res oder PWM-PP-Res oder PWM-PT-Res

PWM-IR-A: Seminar: International Relations and Global Order (8 ECTS, jährlich nach Bedarf WS oder SS).....	24
PWM-IR-B: Seminar: Foreign and Security Policy (8 ECTS, jährlich nach Bedarf WS oder SS).....	26
PWM-IR-Res: Research Seminar International Relations (8 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	29
PWM-PP-A: Seminar: Public Policies in a Globalized World (8 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	39
PWM-PP-B: Seminar: National Public Policies and International Organisations (8 ECTS, SS, jährlich).....	40
PWM-PP-Res: Research Seminar Global Public Policy (8 ECTS, SS, jährlich).....	44
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c) Modulgruppe 3: Erweiterungsbereich (Modulgruppe) ECTS: 30

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PWM-WS1: Workshop Introduction to R (3 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	59

d) Modulgruppe 4: Masterarbeit (Modulgruppe)

Abschlussarbeit aus dem Themengebiet International Relations and Global Public Policy

PWM-AB: Masterarbeit mit Kolloquium (30 ECTS, WS, SS).....	10
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4) Masterstudiengang Politikwissenschaft mit dem Schwerpunkt Computation, Data, Politics (Profil)

a) Modulgruppe 1: Politikwissenschaftliche Methoden (Modulgruppe) ECTS: 16

PWM-ME-APS: Argumentation in Political Science (8 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	31
PWM-ME-QL: Qualitative Methods in Political Science (8 ECTS, SS, jährlich).....	33
PWM-ME-QN1: Intermediate Quantitative Methods in Political Science (8 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	34
PWM-ME-QN2: Advanced Quantitative Methods in Political Science (8 ECTS, SS, jährlich).....	35
PWM-ME-RD: Research Design and Causal Inference in Political Science (8 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	36

b) Modulgruppe 2: Schwerpunkt Computation, Data, Politics (Modulgruppe) ECTS: 38

PWM-DP-A: Seminar: Selected Topics in CDP (8 ECTS, jährlich nach Bedarf WS oder SS).....	19
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PWM-PT-A: Seminar: Theories of Democratic Politics (8 ECTS, WS, jährlich).....	51
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c) Modulgruppe 3: Computer Science (Modulgruppe) ECTS: 12

In dieser Modulgruppe können Module der Fakultät WIAI aus dem Studienprogramm des Bachelor- und Masterstudiengangs Angewandte Informatik und des Bachelor- und Masterstudiengangs Wirtschaftsinformatik sowie aus dem Studienprogramm für das Nebenfach Angewandte Informatik eingebracht werden.

d) Modulgruppe 4: Erweiterungsbereich (Modulgruppe) ECTS: 24

Freie Kombination von Modulen nach Wahl der oder des Studierenden aus folgenden Bereichen:

- Weitere, noch nicht in Modulgruppe 1 und 2 eingebrachte politikwissenschaftliche Module gemäß Anhang 2 der StuFPO
- Module aus höchstens zwei nicht-politikwissenschaftlichen Fächern im Umfang von maximal 16 ECTS-Punkten
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e) Modulgruppe 5: Masterarbeit (Modulgruppe) ECTS: 30

Abschlussarbeit aus dem Themengebiet Computation, Data, Politics

PWM-AB: Masterarbeit mit Kolloquium (30 ECTS, WS, SS).....	10
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Modul PWM-AB Masterarbeit mit Kolloquium <i>Master Thesis with Colloquium</i>		30 ECTS / 900 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Andreas Jungherr		
Inhalte: Students are expected to independently work on a clearly defined academic research question . The thesis should comprise 80 to 100 pages of text . Students are supervised by an examiner appointed by the Examination Board. The topic must be drawn from one of the subfields of political science . >>> Please see our website for the allocation process of thesis supervisors.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: The master's thesis is intended to demonstrate that the candidate is capable of independently addressing the assigned topic using scholarly methods . In working on the thesis topic, the student should demonstrate advanced knowledge of the relevant subfield of political science .		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: Erwerb von mindestens 60 ECTS-Punkten		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, SS	Empfohlenes Fachsemester: ab dem 4.	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester

Prüfung Masterarbeit Beschreibung: Modulbeauftragter ist der Prüfer des jeweiligen politikwissenschaftlichen Teilgebiets Prüfungssprache: Deutsch oder Englisch, wird mit der Themenausgabe festgelegt.	
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Modul PWM-CP-A Seminar: Parties, Institutions and Political Competition		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Ulrich Sieberer		
Inhalte: Political parties and institutions play a crucial role in modern democracies. Competing parties that advocate different leaders and policy programs are supposed to provide citizens with meaningful choices in elections and are the main actors in most political processes along the democratic chain of delegation. Meanwhile institutions crucially influence the interaction of parties (and other political actors) and the translation of actor preferences into policy outputs and representational activities. In this seminar, we study selected aspects of party competition both theoretically and empirically. Theoretically, we focus primarily on institutionalist theories of comparative politics, such as the spatial model of politics and its extensions. Empirically, we focus primarily on party competition in the electoral arena and the representational linkage between parties and voters, addressing topics such as programmatic party competition, the role of electoral institutions and party system characteristics in shaping political competition, government-opposition dynamics, the ideological congruence between parties and their electorate and public trust in the political system. Throughout the seminar, we analyze how parties adapt to current transformations, such as partisan dealignment, the rise of populism, democratic backsliding, and media system change, and how these developments challenge established scientific findings. Methodologically, we focus primarily on quantitative and computational approaches in comparative politics. For their own projects, students can choose the substantive and methodological focus within the subject area of the seminar.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: Students demonstrate in-depth knowledge on the subject area of the seminar and design, conduct, and interpret original empirical research on a specific topic within this area. They can summarize and compare the state of the art regarding their topic and use pertinent research literature to develop and theoretically an analytical research question. They have developed and implemented an appropriate research design to assess their theoretical answer empirically using pertinent data and methods. They can relate their findings to the current state of scholarly knowledge. Students can effectively communicate their findings in written and oral form and defend them against criticism.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: none Studierende anderer Studiengänge: Successful completion of at least two pertinent BA-level courses in Comparative Politics		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: Prior or simultaneous participation in PWM-CP-Lec is recommended		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester: ab dem 1.	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester
Lehrveranstaltungen		
Seminar: Parties, Institutions and Political Competition Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch/Deutsch		2,00 SWS

Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich	
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Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar.	
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Announcement of the course language in the first session. The examination language corresponds to the course language.	
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Modul PWM-CP-B Seminar: Coalition Politics and Public Policy		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Ulrich Sieberer		
Inhalte: Governments and legislatures are central decision-making arenas in democratic political systems. Governments (understood here as the executive branch) draft and implement laws and other public policy instruments, while legislatures pass laws and serve as core arenas for political representation and debate. Especially in parliamentary systems of government, these two arenas are closely interlinked because governments need legislative majorities to pass their programs and remain in office. In multi-party systems, this interdependence usually requires the formation of more or less permanent coalitions between multiple parties, making coalition research one of the most developed research areas in comparative politics. This seminar provides a research-oriented introduction to executive-legislative relations in general and coalition politics in particular, with a focus on advanced parliamentary democracies. We cover topics such as types of governments (single-party vs. coalition; minority vs. majority...), cabinet formation and termination, the distribution of benefits within coalitions, coalition governance, legislative oversight, intra-coalitional control, and voter perceptions of coalition politics. Furthermore, we study whether and how governments in parliamentary systems affect public policy outputs and outcomes in selected policy areas such as economic, social, and environmental politics. We cover both theoretical and empirical studies with a focus on current research articles. Methodologically, we primarily focus on quantitative and computational approaches in comparative politics. For their own projects, students can choose the substantive and methodological focus within the subject area of the seminar.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: Students demonstrate in-depth knowledge on the subject area of the seminar and design, conduct, and interpret original empirical research on a specific topic within this area. They can summarize and compare the state of the art regarding their topic and use pertinent research literature to develop and theoretically an analytical research question. They have developed and implemented an appropriate research design to assess their theoretical answer empirically using pertinent data and methods. They can relate their findings to the current state of scholarly knowledge. Students can effectively communicate their findings in written and oral form and defend them against criticism.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: none		
Studierende anderer Studiengänge: Successful completion of at least two pertinent BA-level courses in Comparative Politics		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: None for students starting in the Winter Term. For students stating in the Summer Term, prior participation in PWM-CP-Lec is recommended		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester

Lehrveranstaltungen	
Seminar: Coalition Politics and Public Policy Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch/Deutsch Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich	2,00 SWS

Prüfung Sonstiges Beschreibung: Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar. Announcement of the course language in the first session. The examination language corresponds to the course language.	
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Modul PWM-CP-Lec Lecture: Political Institutions and Political Competition		6 ECTS / 180 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Ulrich Sieberer		
Inhalte: How and why do political institutions such as the electoral system, parliamentary structures and government organization affect political competition? How have these relationships changed due to current transformation such as partisan dealignment, the rise of populism, and changes in the media system? How resilient are democratic institutions towards trends of democratic backsliding and how could institutional innovations increase this resilience and public trust in democratic government? This lecture provides an overview of current research on political institutions and their impact on political competition in modern democracies. It introduces students to core theoretical concepts (mainly different institutionalist theories) and discusses central empirical aspects of political competition at the elite level, such as electoral systems and party systems, coalition formation, government-opposition dynamics and competition in multi-level systems. Furthermore, it covers recent debates on institutional reforms to strengthen public trust and the resilience of democratic institutions. One guiding theme are large-scale societal trends that affect political competition, such as partisan dealignment, the rise of populist parties, democratic backsliding, and changes in (political) communication.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: After completing the lecture, students will be able to describe, explain and critically evaluate current theoretical and empirical research on political institutions and political competition. They can recall and explain key theories along with their underlying assumptions, apply them to analyze different empirical phenomena, and examine their usefulness for empirical analysis. Furthermore, they can outline, summarize and compare empirical research on selected aspects of political institutions and political competition in modern democracies.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: none		
Studierende anderer Studiengänge: Successful completion of at least two pertinent BA-level courses in Comparative Politics		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester
Lehrveranstaltungen		
Lecture: Political Institutions and Political Competition Lehrformen: Vorlesung Sprache: Englisch Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich		2,00 SWS
Prüfung		

schriftliche Prüfung (Klausur) / Prüfungsdauer: 90 Minuten

Beschreibung:

Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar.

Announcement of the course language in the first session. The examination language corresponds to the course language.

Modul PWM-CP-Res Research Seminar Comparative Politics		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Ulrich Sieberer		
Inhalte: In this seminar, students pursue original research projects related to political competition broadly defined. The seminar will be held under changing guiding themes that provide a shared foundation for the projects in a specific research literature and/or specific types of data. The seminar combines joint sessions on theory, data, and methods with independent study phases in which students or groups of students work on their projects. The research seminar may also be used as a pilot study for the Master's thesis. Possible guiding themes could include "Coalition politics and the challenge of right-wing populist parties", "Electoral competition and opposition behavior", or "Analyzing parliamentary behavior with computational methods".		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: After completing the seminar, students have independently designed and implemented an original research project including all crucial elements such as finding a relevant research question, positioning it in the pertinent literature, develop a theoretical answer to the research question, and testing it empirically based on an appropriate research design. They can apply skills in project management, self-organization, and (depending on whether work is done alone or in groups) effective collaboration in a group. Thus, students will be able to demonstrate and apply the crucial elements necessary for successfully writing a Master's thesis in Comparative Politics.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: none Studierende anderer Studiengänge: Successful completion of at least two pertinent BA-level courses in Comparative Politics		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: Successful completion of PWM-CP-Lec and PWM-CP-A or PWM-CP-B is recommended		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester: ab dem 3.	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester
Lehrveranstaltungen		
Research Seminar Comparative Politics Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch/Deutsch Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich		2,00 SWS
Prüfung Sonstiges Beschreibung: Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar.		

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Modul PWM-DP-A Seminar: Selected Topics in CDP		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Andreas Jungherr		
Inhalte: This seminar explores a specific issue within the intersection of computation, data, and politics, with topics selected based on their academic and societal relevance. Possible themes include Digital Governance, Artificial Intelligence and Democracy, Digital Transformations of the Public Arena, and Digital Misinformation.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: Students will engage with key debates and examine relevant quantitative and qualitative approaches to analyzing, understanding, and explaining the selected issue. The seminar is designed to equip students with the skills to: Identify and critically assess pressing challenges at the intersection of politics, data, computation, and society, - Translate conceptual ideas into empirical research questions and operational frameworks, - Provide evidence-based insights into public controversies and emerging developments. By the end of the course, students will be prepared to tackle complex issues in an increasingly digitalized world and contribute to informed discussions on critical societal transformations.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: keine		
Studierende anderer Studiengänge: mindestens zwei einschlägige BA-Veranstaltungen aus dem Teilgebiet		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: jährlich nach Bedarf WS oder SS	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester

Lehrveranstaltungen	
Seminar: Selected Topics in CDP Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich	2,00 SWS

Prüfung Sonstiges Beschreibung: Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar. Announcement of the course language in the first session. The examination language corresponds to the course language.	
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Modul PWM-DP-B Seminar: Empirical Approaches to CDP		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Andreas Jungherr		
Inhalte: This seminar offers students the opportunity to engage in an empirical research project on a topic of their choice within the area of digital politics, providing a hands-on introduction to the research process. Working in small teams, students will develop and execute a research project that either explores an original question or replicates studies discussed during the seminar. Throughout the course, students will receive ongoing feedback to refine their projects and strengthen their analytical skills. The seminar emphasizes collaborative learning and structured progression, with students presenting their work at key stages, including: - Identification of the phenomenon of interest, - Formulation of research questions and hypotheses, - Development of the research design, - Execution of an illustrative empirical analysis.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: This course equips students with practical research experience, critical evaluation skills, and the ability to apply empirical methods to complex topics in computation, data, and politics.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: keine		
Studierende anderer Studiengänge: mindestens zwei einschlägige BA-Veranstaltungen aus dem Teilgebiet		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: jährlich nach Bedarf WS oder SS	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester
Lehrveranstaltungen		
Seminar: Empirical Approaches to CDP Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich		2,00 SWS
Prüfung Sonstiges Beschreibung: Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar.		

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Modul PWM-DP-Lec Lecture: Computation, Data, Politics		6 ECTS / 180 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Andreas Jungherr		
Inhalte: This lecture serves as the conceptual and thematic foundation for the Digital Politics focus area, introducing core topics, controversies, and approaches to examining the dynamic relationship between digital technology and society. Students will explore how digital technologies shape, and are shaped by, societal structures, gaining insights into the transformative changes, opportunities, and challenges these technologies bring. The course delves into some of the most pressing controversies surrounding digital media's role in politics and society. Moving beyond headlines, students will critically assess the scientific evidence behind these debates, examine how this evidence is produced, and understand its implications for our understanding of digital media's impact. Topics covered include: - Data and algorithms, - Artificial intelligence (AI) and democracy, - Digital governance, - The digital transformation of the public arena, - Challenges to traditional institutions, - Digital control and surveillance, - Principles, opportunities, and limitations of computational social science (CSS).		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: By the end of the course, students will have a nuanced understanding of the interplay between digital technology and society, equipping them to critically evaluate and engage with these issues in both academic and practical contexts.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: keine Studierende anderer Studiengänge: mindestens zwei einschlägige BA-Veranstaltungen aus dem Teilgebiet		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester
Lehrveranstaltungen		
Lecture: Computation, Data, Politics Lehrformen: Vorlesung		2,00 SWS

Sprache: Englisch Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich	
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Prüfung schriftliche Prüfung (Klausur) / Prüfungsdauer: 90 Minuten Beschreibung: Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar. Announcement of the course language in the first session. The examination language corresponds to the course language.	
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Modul PWM-IR-A Seminar: International Relations and Global Order		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Monika Heupel		
Inhalte: The liberal world order that has been built by Western powers and actors from the Global South since World War II is in crisis. Autocracies challenge the institutions and norms it is built on, while populist and undemocratic forces in states that were traditional supporters of the liberal order challenge the order from within. In this seminar, we assess and discuss why, how and with which consequences the liberal order is currently challenged. We examine, for instance, how China and Russia reorient UN peacebuilding and change the meaning of human rights, and how China's Belt and Road Initiative shapes global order dynamics. We also look into how actors from the Global South challenge Western ideas of global justice and rightful order.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: Upon successful completion of the seminar, students will: - Understand the origins, evolution, and current challenges of the liberal international order. - Analyse how autocracies and populist parties contest liberal norms and institutions. - Assess the roles of major powers such as China and Russia in reshaping global governance. - Apply theoretical approaches to empirical cases and critically evaluate competing visions of global order. - Strengthen their analytical, argumentative, and critical reflection skills in international politics.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: keine		
Studierende anderer Studiengänge: mindestens zwei einschlägige BA-Veranstaltungen aus dem Teilgebiet		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: jährlich nach Bedarf WS oder SS	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester
Lehrveranstaltungen		
Seminar: International Relations and Global Order Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Deutsch/Englisch Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich		2,00 SWS
Prüfung Sonstiges Beschreibung: Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar.		

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Modul PWM-IR-B Seminar: Foreign and Security Policy		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26)		
Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Monika Heupel		
Inhalte: In this seminar, students familiarize themselves with key theories and concepts of foreign policy and security policy. We engage with factors that influence foreign policy decisions, such as global crises, international institutions, and domestic structures, drawing on International Relations and foreign policy theories. We also engage with today's key security challenges states and non-state actors face, including great power rivalries, grave human rights violations, the erosion of international humanitarian law, and climate change. Furthermore, we discuss how security threats are constructed via processes of securitization and how states can use international institutions to deal with security threats.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: Upon successful completion of the seminar, students will: - Understand key theories and concepts of foreign and security policy. - Analyse how domestic and global factors shape foreign policy decisions. - Assess major contemporary security challenges faced by states and non-state actors. - Explain how security threats are constructed through processes of securitization. - Evaluate the role of international institutions in addressing global security issues. - Strengthen their analytical and critical thinking skills in the field.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: keine		
Studierende anderer Studiengänge: mindestens zwei einschlägige BA-Veranstaltungen aus dem Teilgebiet		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: jährlich nach Bedarf WS oder SS	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester
Lehrveranstaltungen		
Seminar: Foreign and Security Policy Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich		2,00 SWS
Prüfung Sonstiges Beschreibung: Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar.		

Announcement of the course language in the first session. The examination language corresponds to the course language.	
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Modul PWM-IR-Lec Lecture: International Institutions		6 ECTS / 180 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Monika Heupel		
Inhalte: This lecture explores the effectiveness and legitimacy of international institutions. Drawing on examples from diverse policy fields—including the UN Security Council, NATO, the World Trade Organization, the World Bank, and the World Health Organization—it addresses several key questions: Why do states delegate specific powers to international institutions? Under what conditions can these institutions effectively fulfil their mandates? When and how do they engage with NGOs, and how do they coordinate with other international institutions within regime complexes? Which institutions are regarded as legitimate, and for what reasons? How does the ongoing crisis of the liberal international order affect them? In addition to formal organizations, the lecture also examines informal institutions such as the G7 and G20.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: The participants should learn about the emergence, functions, and challenges faced by international institutions. They should understand why states transfer competencies to international institutions and how these institutions can develop into independent actors. Furthermore, they should acquire the ability to explain why some institutions are more powerful than others, how international institutions influence their environment, and how they change over time.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: keine Studierende anderer Studiengänge: mindestens zwei einschlägige BA-Veranstaltungen aus dem Teilgebiet		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester
Lehrveranstaltungen		
Lecture: International Institutions Lehrformen: Vorlesung Sprache: Englisch Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich		2,00 SWS
Prüfung schriftliche Prüfung (Klausur) / Prüfungsdauer: 90 Minuten Beschreibung: Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar. Announcement of the course language in the first session. The examination language corresponds to the course language.		

Modul PWM-IR-Res Research Seminar International Relations		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Monika Heupel		
Inhalte: In this research seminar, students will design and conduct their own research project on a selected topic in International Relations. The seminar begins with an in-depth exploration of key academic texts, focusing on a specific theme—such as global power shifts—while critically engaging with central questions and findings. Building on this foundation, students will learn essential qualitative research methods and analytical techniques, including qualitative content analysis and process tracing, to independently investigate their chosen topic. The seminar aims to equip students with a comprehensive understanding of the relevant literature, practical experience in applied research, and the skills necessary to develop and answer their own empirical research questions. Throughout the course, students will present their project progress, receiving constructive feedback from the instructor. Students are encouraged to complete course PWM-ME-QL Qualitative Methods in Political Science before enrolling in this seminar.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: After completing the seminar, students will be able to: - design and conduct an independent research project in the field of International Relations; - critically engage with and synthesize relevant academic literature; - apply appropriate research methods and analytical techniques, including qualitative content analysis and process tracing; - formulate and answer their own empirical research questions		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: keine		
Studierende anderer Studiengänge: mindestens zwei einschlägige BA-Veranstaltungen aus dem Teilgebiet		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: Grundlegende Kenntnisse qualitative Methoden		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester: ab dem 3.	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester
Lehrveranstaltungen		
Research Seminar International Relations Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich		2,00 SWS
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Modul PWM-ME-APS Argumentation in Political Science		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Johannes Marx		
Inhalte: This course introduces students to the terminology and basic methods of argumentation for political scientists. In the beginning of the seminar, we will deal with the appropriate form and function of arguments. By analyzing text samples, we will learn to identify valid and invalid forms of argumentation. Subsequently, the method of reconstruction will be introduced, which is applied to evaluate arguments. At the same time participants will become familiar with basic logic. In the end, students are taught to identify and avoid typical fallacies in argumentation. The aim of this course is to develop a critical stance towards scientific terminology and to acquire the competence of writing proper scientific texts.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: By the end of this course, students will be able to: - understand and apply the basic terminology and methods of argumentation used in philosophy and political science; - identify and analyze valid and invalid forms of reasoning in academic and political texts; - reconstruct arguments systematically in order to assess their logical structure and strength; - recognize and avoid common fallacies in reasoning and academic writing; - develop and defend a coherent argument on a political science topic in both oral and written form; - engage critically with scientific terminology and produce well-structured academic texts in English.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: keine		
Studierende anderer Studiengänge: mindestens zwei einschlägige BA-Veranstaltungen aus dem Teilgebiet		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester
Lehrveranstaltungen		
Argumentation in Political Science Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch/Deutsch Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich		2,00 SWS
Prüfung Portfolio Beschreibung:		

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Modul PWM-ME-QL Qualitative Methods in Political Science		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Monika Heupel		
Inhalte: The seminar covers basic and advanced qualitative methods applied in the social sciences. Using practical examples from political science research, students will acquire fundamental knowledge of research design, the connection between theory and empirical analysis, as well as available strategies for analysing individual cases and developing and executing small-N studies. The various methods including qualitative content analysis, process tracing and interviews are first introduced theoretically and then applied to specific questions in political science research.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: Successful participants of the seminar will be able to identify and apply methods used in qualitative social research to address complex research questions in a reflective manner. Moreover, they will be capable of critically assessing the strengths and limitations of these methods, understanding the logic of scientific inquiry in social science research, and engaging critically with theory building and hypothesis testing in the texts and materials discussed.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: keine		
Studierende anderer Studiengänge: mindestens zwei einschlägige BA-Veranstaltungen aus dem Teilgebiet		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester: ab dem 1.	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester

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Qualitative Methods in Political Science Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich	2,00 SWS

Prüfung Portfolio Beschreibung: Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar. Announcement of the course language in the first session. The examination language corresponds to the course language.	
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Modul PWM-ME-QN1 Intermediate Quantitative Methods in Political Science		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Ulrich Sieberer		
Inhalte: The course teaches basic and intermediate quantitative methods in political science with a focus on application. The main topics covered are descriptive statistics, linear regression and logistic regression. For each method, the course covers the theoretical basics and then applies them to practical problems in political science research. Students actively apply all methods in class and in outside assignments. All statistical analyses are implemented in the statistical language R using primarily the tidyverse package collection.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: Students understand and apply basic and intermediate quantitative methods of political science. They understand the basic assumptions underlying different methods and can critically reflect on their applicability for specific research questions. Students can use statistical software independently to conduct their own data analysis using these methods.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: none Studierende anderer Studiengänge: Successful completion of at least two pertinent BA-level courses in comparative politics, political sociology or another quantitatively oriented social science discipline		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: Basic knowledge of the statistical language R equivalent to those taught in the module PWM-WS1 are required.		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester: ab dem 1.	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester
Lehrveranstaltungen		
Intermediate Quantitative Methods in Political Science Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch/Deutsch Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich		2,00 SWS
Prüfung Portfolio Beschreibung: Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar. Announcement of the course language in the first session. The examination language corresponds to the course language.		

Modul PWM-ME-QN2 Advanced Quantitative Methods in Political Science		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Sabrina Mayer		
Inhalte: The seminar builds on the content taught in the Political Science Methods III module and deals with advanced analytical methods in quantitative political science research (including attitude and behavioural research). These are introduced theoretically and then applied to specific research questions in the field. Standard analysis software used in quantitative political research is employed.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: Students should acquire the ability to identify and apply methods suitable for analysing methodologically demanding questions in quantitative political science research (including attitude and behavioural research). After successfully completing the module, they should be able to use appropriate analysis software to empirically investigate methodologically challenging problems in quantitative political science research and reflect on them critically.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: none Studierende anderer Studiengänge: Successful completion of at least two pertinent BA-level courses in comparative politics, political sociology or another quantitatively oriented social science discipline		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: Fundamentals of data analysis, which can be acquired in the form of the module PWM-RE-QN1 or equivalent knowledge		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester

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Advanced Quantitative Methods in Political Science Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch/Deutsch Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich	2,00 SWS

Prüfung Portfolio Beschreibung: Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar. Announcement of the course language in the first session. The examination language corresponds to the course language.	
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Modul PWM-ME-RD Research Design and Causal Inference in Political Science		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Ulrich Sieberer		
Inhalte: The course introduces students to foundational questions of empirical-analytical research designs in political science with a focus on valid causal inference. Conceptually it covers the potential outcomes framework as well as the mechanistic approach to causality. The seminar focuses on the following questions in particular: (1) Which are the foundational steps to be taken in designing an empirical-analytical research project? (2) What do we mean when speaking of causality in social science explanations? (3) How and under what assumptions can we draw valid causal conclusions from empirical social science data? (4) How does causal inference proceed using experimental as well as quantitative and qualitative observational data? The seminar addresses these questions based on methodological literature as well as applications from different subdisciplines of political science and includes replication exercises to apply specific methods in practice. Given the focus on the conceptual problems of developing research designs, specific methods are primarily discussed in terms of their assumptions and logic of inference rather than their statistical properties and technical details.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: Students develop an advanced conceptual understanding of causally oriented, empirical-analytical research in political science. They understand the typical steps and challenges in theory-guided empirical research. They identify causal questions and formulate different research designs to answer these questions. They can critically reflect on the strengths and limits of different designs and choose the most appropriate one for their purposes. On this basis, they can develop research designs for their future research projects independently and identify appropriate methods for their implementation.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: none		
Studierende anderer Studiengänge: Successful completion of at least two pertinent BA-level courses in comparative politics, political sociology or another quantitatively oriented social science discipline		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: Basic knowledge of the statistical language R equivalent to those taught in the module PWM-WS1 are required.		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester
Lehrveranstaltungen		
Research Design and Causal Inference in Political Science Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch/Deutsch		2,00 SWS

Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich	
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Modul PWM-P Praktikum <i>PWM-P: Internship</i>		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit WS25/26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Andreas Jungherr		
Inhalte: In the internship module, students must complete an internship comprising at least 240 hours, which is not graded. The internship may be completed full-time (6 weeks) or part-time over a correspondingly longer period. The internship must be completed in organizations relevant to politics or political science. These include, for example, public authorities, associations, political parties, media organizations, and research institutions. Internships at private-sector companies are accepted only if either the company's main focus or the specific tasks performed are clearly related to political or political-science content. Student assistant positions or similar employment are not accepted. The organizational unit in which the internship is completed must have a permanent, full-time administrative office. Completion of the internship must be documented with an internship certificate issued by the hosting organization and submitted to the Examinations Office under the academic responsibility of the Examination Board.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: Students are expected to gain in-depth insight into at least one professional field relevant to political scientists. In addition, they should establish contacts with potential employers.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: keine		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: ECTS-Bedingungen de
Angebotshäufigkeit:	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: Semester
Benotung: Das Modul ist unbenotet!		
Lehrveranstaltungen		
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Modul PWM-PP-A Seminar: Public Policies in a Globalized World		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Carina Schmitt		
Inhalte: In an era of globalization and expanding global communication, states are more interconnected than ever. Crises such as wars, climate change, and economic disruptions increasingly shape the decision-making space for national policymakers. This seminar explores how international interdependencies influence national policy-making, with a focus on key factors such as conflicts, economic relationships, and migration. By examining these dynamics, students will gain valuable insights into the complex interplay between global forces and domestic policies, fostering a deeper understanding of governance in an interconnected world.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: After completing the seminar, students will be able to: - explain how global interdependencies shape national policy-making - analyze the influence of conflicts, economic relations, and migration on domestic policies - apply theoretical perspectives to understand the interaction between global and national governance - critically assess policy responses to global challenges in an interconnected world		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: keine		
Studierende anderer Studiengänge: mindestens zwei einschlägige BA-Veranstaltungen aus dem Teilgebiet		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester

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Seminar: Public Policies in a Globalized World Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch/Deutsch Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich	2,00 SWS

Prüfung Sonstiges Beschreibung: Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar. Announcement of the course language in the first session. The examination language corresponds to the course language.	
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Modul PWM-PP-B Seminar: National Public Policies and International Organisations		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Carina Schmitt		
Inhalte: Since World War II, the number of international organizations (IOs) has grown significantly, with institutions such as the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, the World Bank, or the World Health Organization playing crucial roles in global governance. But how do these organizations influence public policies? Which IOs shape which policies, and through what mechanisms? This seminar explores the extent to which policy ideas and norms as well as regulations promoted at the international and transnational levels affect domestic policymaking. It also examines whether this influence has declined in recent years, coinciding with shifts in global politics. Students will gain valuable insights into the impact of IOs on national policies, with a focus on economic, social, and environmental policymaking. Through this seminar, participants will develop a deeper understanding of the complex interactions between international and domestic arenas and how they shape policies that influence our daily lives.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: After completing the seminar, students will be able to: - explain how international organizations influence national policy-making - evaluate how factors such as economic development and regime type shape interactions between IOs and national governments - assess changes in the influence of IOs in light of recent global political shifts		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: keine Studierende anderer Studiengänge: mindestens zwei einschlägige BA-Veranstaltungen aus dem Teilgebiet		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester
Lehrveranstaltungen		
Seminar: National Public Policies and International Organisations Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch/Deutsch Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich		2,00 SWS
Prüfung Sonstiges Beschreibung: Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar.		

Announcement of the course language in the first session. The examination language corresponds to the course language.	
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Modul PWM-PP-Lec Lecture: Global Challenges for Public Policy		6 ECTS / 180 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Carina Schmitt		
Inhalte: This lecture examines how global challenges—such as wars, migration, and climate change—and international institutions shape national policy-making. We investigate the dynamic relationship between international relations and public policy by addressing key questions: How do institutions like the ILO, WTO, and UN influence domestic policies? What impact do international power shifts and conflicts have on areas such as social, economic, and environmental policy? How do factors like trade partnerships and migration flows affect state decisions? Additionally, we explore how global challenges are reshaping state sovereignty and the scope of action available to national policymakers. By combining theoretical frameworks with real-world examples, this lecture equips students with a nuanced understanding of the complexities involved in policy-making in an increasingly interconnected world.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: After completing the course, students will be able to: - understand how global challenges and international institutions influence national policy-making; - apply key theoretical approaches to analyze interactions between international relations and public policy; - assess the impact of global power shifts, conflicts, and transnational dynamics on domestic policies; critically reflect on the changing nature of state sovereignty and policy autonomy in an interconnected world.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: keine Studierende anderer Studiengänge: mindestens zwei einschlägige BA-Veranstaltungen aus dem Teilgebiet		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester
Lehrveranstaltungen		
Lecture: Global Challenges for Public Policy Lehrformen: Vorlesung Sprache: Englisch/Deutsch Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich		2,00 SWS
Prüfung schriftliche Prüfung (Klausur) / Prüfungsdauer: 90 Minuten		

Beschreibung:

Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar.

Announcement of the course language in the first session. The examination language corresponds to the course language.

Modul PWM-PP-Res Research Seminar Global Public Policy		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Carina Schmitt		
Inhalte: In this research seminar, students will design and conduct their own research project on a selected topic in Global Public Policy. The seminar begins with an in-depth exploration of key academic texts, focusing on a specific theme—such as the impact of war and conflicts on national public policies—while critically engaging with central questions and findings. Building on this foundation, students will learn essential research methods and analytical techniques, including computer-assisted empirical analysis, to independently investigate their chosen topic. The seminar aims to equip students with a comprehensive understanding of the relevant literature, practical experience in applied research, and the skills necessary to develop and execute their own empirical research questions. Throughout the course, students will present their project progress, receiving constructive feedback from the instructor. Students are strongly encouraged to complete the Quantitative Methods course before enrolling in this seminar.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: After completing the seminar, students will be able to: - design and conduct an independent research project in the field of Global Public Policy; - critically engage with and synthesize relevant academic literature; - apply appropriate research methods and analytical techniques, including computer-assisted empirical analysis; - formulate and test their own empirical research questions		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: keine Studierende anderer Studiengänge: mindestens zwei einschlägige BA-Veranstaltungen aus dem Teilgebiet		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester

Lehrveranstaltungen	
Research Seminar Global Public Policy Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch/Deutsch Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich	2,00 SWS

Prüfung Sonstiges Beschreibung:	
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Modul PWM-PS-A Seminar: The Psychological Roots of Political Behaviour and Intergroup Conflict		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Sabrina Mayer		
Inhalte: The seminar covers the psychological foundations of political attitudes and behaviour. It focuses on individual factors such as values, personality traits, identities and emotions, as well as their significance for political conflicts and political participation. It also addresses how political actors use emotions and collective identities to mobilise voters. The theoretical approaches are applied to various empirical questions, such as political polarisation, xenophobia and political participation. Both experimental and observational studies are considered in terms of methodology.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: Students should be able to develop theory-driven questions about political attitudes and behaviours and examine those using appropriate quantitative methods. They learn to critically evaluate research literature, classify empirical findings and present their own analyses in a well-founded manner, both orally and in writing. In addition, they will gain an in-depth understanding of psychological explanatory approaches in political attitude and behaviour research.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: none		
Studierende anderer Studiengänge: Successful completion of at least two pertinent BA-level courses in comparative politics, political sociology or another quantitatively oriented social science discipline		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester: ab dem 1.	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester

Lehrveranstaltungen	
Seminar: The Psychological Roots of Political Behaviour and Intergroup Conflict Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch/Deutsch Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich	2,00 SWS

Prüfung Sonstiges Beschreibung: Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar. Announcement of the course language in the first session. The examination language corresponds to the course language.	
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Modul PWM-PS-B Seminar: Immigration and Democracy		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Sabrina Mayer		
Inhalte: The seminar deals with processes of political integration and representation of social groups. The focus is on the question of how different social, ethnic or cultural groups are integrated into political systems and how they participate in political decision-making processes. Both structural conditions such as political institutions, regimes and integration policies as well as individual factors such as political attitudes, participation and representation are considered. The seminar incorporates theoretical and empirical work from various national and international contexts and considers both experimental and observational research approaches.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: Students will gain an in-depth understanding of the theoretical and empirical foundations of political integration. They will learn to analyse the political participation and representation of migrants using appropriate quantitative methods, to critically evaluate research literature and to present their findings independently. In addition, they should be able to compare international research perspectives and apply them to current integration debates.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: none Studierende anderer Studiengänge: Successful completion of at least two pertinent BA-level courses in comparative politics, political sociology or another quantitatively oriented social science discipline		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester: ab dem 1.	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester
Lehrveranstaltungen		
Seminar: Immigration and Democracy Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch/Deutsch Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich		2,00 SWS
Prüfung Sonstiges Beschreibung: Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar. Announcement of the course language in the first session. The examination language corresponds to the course language.		

Modul PWM-PS-Lec Lecture: Understanding Political Attitudes and Behaviour		6 ECTS / 180 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Sabrina Mayer		
Inhalte: The lecture provides an overview of political science research on attitudes and behaviour. It covers key topics, theories, methodological approaches and findings in this subfield. The focus is on analysing political judgement and political behaviour resulting from the interaction of individual dispositions and external conditions. Learning objectives/skills.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: Students should develop in-depth and independent ideas about the central topics, theories, methodological approaches and findings of political science research on attitudes and behaviour. They should be familiar with the controversies and development of this subfield and be able to classify current developments and issues in light of these concepts and ideas.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: none Studierende anderer Studiengänge: mindestens zwei einschlägige BA-Veranstaltungen aus dem Teilgebiet		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester: ab dem 1.	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester

Lehrveranstaltungen	
Lecture: Understanding Political Attitudes and Behaviour Lehrformen: Vorlesung Sprache: Englisch/Deutsch Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich	2,00 SWS

Prüfung schriftliche Prüfung (Klausur) / Prüfungsdauer: 90 Minuten Beschreibung: Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar. Announcement of the course language in the first session. The examination language corresponds to the course language.	
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Modul PWM-PS-Res Research Seminar Political Sociology		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Sabrina Mayer		
Inhalte: In this seminar, students design and work on their own research project on a selected topic in political sociology. Possible topics include 'Causes and Consequences of Affective Polarization,' 'Xenophobia,' or 'Right- and Left-Wing Populism.' The seminar consists of two parts: On the one hand, the theoretical foundations of the respective topics are discussed; on the other hand, students conduct their own research projects, either based on secondary data analyses or by collecting (survey-experimental) data. Throughout the seminar, students regularly present the progress of their projects and receive constructive feedback from the instructor. The results may also serve as a starting point for a master's thesis. Attending two PS courses (PS-lec, PS-A, or PS-B) is strongly recommended prior to participating in this seminar.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: After completing the seminar, students will be able to: • design and carry out an independent research project in the field of political sociology; • critically engage with relevant scholarly literature and synthesize it; • apply appropriate research methods and analytical techniques; • formulate and assess their own empirical research questions.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: keine		
Studierende anderer Studiengänge: mindestens zwei einschlägige BA-Veranstaltungen aus dem Teilgebiet		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: Methoden III oder IV		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester: ab dem 3.	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester

Lehrveranstaltungen	
Research Seminar Political Sociology Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch/Deutsch Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich	2,00 SWS

Prüfung Sonstiges Beschreibung: Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar.	
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Modul PWM-PT-A Seminar: Theories of Democratic Politics		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Johannes Marx		
Inhalte: The seminar "Theories of Democratic Politics" delves into the fundamental theories and principles underpinning democratic politics, concentrating on three core areas: the normative justification of democracy, the epistemic dimension of democratic decision-making, and the normative aspects of representation. Participants will engage with philosophical arguments supporting democracy, focusing on values like autonomy, equality, and fairness, exploring how these values justify democracy as a desirable system of governance. The seminar will investigate how democratic processes can harness collective intelligence and improve decision quality through inclusive deliberation and voting, while addressing challenges such as misinformation, cognitive biases, and the influence of technology on public discourse. Additionally, participants will explore different models of representation, examining ethical considerations and strategies for improving representational practices to ensure inclusivity and responsiveness in democratic institutions. By the end of the seminar, participants will have a deeper understanding of the theoretical foundations, ethical considerations, and practical challenges in democratic politics.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: After completing the seminar, students will be able to: - understand and critically engage with central normative and epistemic theories of democratic politics; - analyze and evaluate philosophical arguments concerning the justification and practice of democracy; - identify and discuss key methodological and conceptual approaches in contemporary democratic theory; - compare and assess different models of democratic representation with respect to their normative implications; - develop and articulate well-reasoned positions on current debates in democratic theory.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: keine		
Studierende anderer Studiengänge: mindestens zwei einschlägige BA-Veranstaltungen aus dem Teilgebiet		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: PWM-ME-APS: Argumentation in Political Science		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester
Lehrveranstaltungen		
Seminar: Theories of Democratic Politics Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch/Deutsch Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich		2,00 SWS

Prüfung

Sonstiges

Beschreibung:

Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar.

Announcement of the course language in the first session. The examination language corresponds to the course language.

Modul PWM-PT-B Seminar: Theories of Global Justice		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26)		
Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Johannes Marx		
Inhalte: The seminar „Theories of Global Justice“ explores the central theories and debates surrounding the concept of global justice, offering a comprehensive introduction to its principles and applications. It examines the differences and interconnections between notions of justice at national and international levels, with a focus on their implications in a global context. Key theories such as cosmopolitanism, global distributive justice, egalitarianism, and communitarianism are analyzed to understand their relevance for addressing global inequalities, fairness, and responsibility. Through critical engagement with these perspectives, the seminar equips students with the analytical tools to contribute to discussions on justice and equity in a globalized world.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: After completing the seminar, students will be able to: - understand and critically engage with key theoretical approaches to global justice. - analyze and compare major positions such as cosmopolitanism, egalitarianism, and communitarianism; - evaluate normative arguments concerning fairness, responsibility, and equality in a global context; - identify and apply conceptual distinctions between domestic, international, and global justice; - develop and articulate well-reasoned perspectives on contemporary debates in global justice theory.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: keine		
Studierende anderer Studiengänge: mindestens zwei einschlägige BA-Veranstaltungen aus dem Teilgebiet [mein Vorschlag]		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: PWM-ME-APS: Argumentation in Political Science		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester

Lehrveranstaltungen	
Seminar: Theories of Global Justice Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch/Deutsch Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich	2,00 SWS

Prüfung Sonstiges Beschreibung: Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar.	
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Modul PWM-PT-C Seminar: Modeling Complex Systems		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Johannes Marx		
Inhalte: This seminar provides an in-depth introduction to the principles and applications of Agent-Based Modelling (ABM) as a powerful tool for understanding complex systems. Students will explore the theoretical foundations of ABM, its purposes, and its relevance across various fields. The course begins with an examination of the key concepts and methodologies underlying agent-based simulations, followed by an in-depth analysis of selected classic models. Building on these foundational insights, students will be guided to develop their own models, which they will implement and simulate using software such as NetLogo. The seminar emphasizes hands-on experience and critical reflection, equipping students with the skills to apply ABM in addressing dynamic and interdisciplinary research questions. The final assignment involves creating and documenting a custom simulation model, forming the basis for the module's assessment.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: After completing the seminar, students will be able to: - understand the theoretical foundations and methodological principles of agent-based modelling; - analyze and interpret classic models to explain how individual interactions generate complex collective outcomes; - design, implement, and simulate their own agent-based models using appropriate software tools such as NetLogo; - critically evaluate the strengths, limitations, and applicability of ABM for different types of research questions; - document, present, and reflect on their modelling process and results in a scientifically rigorous manner.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: keine		
Studierende anderer Studiengänge: mindestens zwei einschlägige BA-Veranstaltungen aus dem Teilgebiet		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: PWM-ME-APS: Argumentation in Political Science		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester
Lehrveranstaltungen		
Seminar: Modeling Complex Systems Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch/Deutsch Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich		2,00 SWS

Prüfung

Sonstiges

Beschreibung:

Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar.

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Modul PWM-PT-Res Research Seminar Political Theory		8 ECTS / 240 h
(seit SS26) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Johannes Marx		
Inhalte: In this research seminar, students will design and conduct their own research project on a selected topic in Political Theory. The seminar begins with an in-depth exploration of key academic texts, focusing on a specific theme—such as ethics and public policy, political epistemology or human rights theory—while critically engaging with central questions and findings. Building on this foundation, students will learn essential research methods and analytical techniques, including argument (re-)construction, (formal) model building or conceptual analysis and conceptual engineering, to independently investigate their chosen topic. The seminar aims to equip students with a comprehensive understanding of the relevant literature, practical experience in applied research, and the skills necessary to develop and execute their own research questions in normative or positive political theory. Throughout the course, students will present their project progress, receiving constructive feedback from the instructor.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: After completing the seminar, students will be able to: - design and conduct an independent research project in the field of political theory; - critically engage with and synthesize relevant academic literature; - apply appropriate research methods and analytical techniques, including argumentation, modelling or conceptual work; - formulate and test their own research questions in positive or normative political theory.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: für Master Politikwissenschaft: keine		
Studierende anderer Studiengänge: mindestens zwei einschlägige BA-Veranstaltungen aus dem Teilgebiet		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls: 1 Semester
Lehrveranstaltungen		
Research Seminar Political Theory Lehrformen: Hauptseminar Sprache: Englisch/Deutsch Angebotshäufigkeit: SS, jährlich		2,00 SWS
Prüfung		

Sonstiges

Beschreibung:

Exam requirements are announced in the first session of the seminar.

Announcement of the course language in the first session. The examination language corresponds to the course language.

Modul PWM-WS1 Workshop Introduction to R <i>Workshop Introduction to R</i>		3 ECTS / 90 h
(seit SS25) Modulverantwortliche/r: Prof. Dr. Ulrich Sieberer		
Inhalte: This hands-on workshop offers a gentle yet thorough introduction to R, a freely available software package designed for statistical computing and data visualization. R is among the most popular data analysis tools in academia and industry, and it is used in several seminars across the master's curriculum. The workshop introduces participants to the fundamental features of R, using the RStudio editor and the tidyverse package collection. The goal of the workshop is to lay a foundation for more advanced applications that participants may encounter in other seminars and enable them to conduct basic statistical analyses for their own projects as part of a term paper or master thesis. The workshop is organized around the typical steps of a data analysis project, including data importing, cleaning, transformation for statistical modeling, data visualization, and basic descriptive and inferential analysis. Participants will also learn best practices for project organization and coding style guidelines. This workshop is suitable for complete novices as well as those with experience in other statistical software packages who are interested in learning R. Note that this workshop does NOT count as one of the two methods courses that you have to take according to the <i>Prüfungsordnung</i>. The 3 ECTS points can be used in the <i>Erweiterungsbereich</i>.		
Lernziele/Kompetenzen: Participants who successfully complete this workshop will be able to: • Identify the core elements of the RStudio integrated development environment (IDE) and explain their functions. • Install and load packages from the official Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN). • Identify resources that provide documentation and help. • Import external data into R for analysis. • Clean and manipulate data using the dplyr package. • Compute basic summary statistics. • Create effective data visualizations using the ggplot2 package. • Estimate a simple statistical model. • Develop R code to solve data analysis problems according to given specifications.		
Sonstige Informationen: Verwendbarkeit: Workshop im Umfang von 3 ECTS für 1. MA Politikwissenschaft Das Modul kann im Erweiterungsbereich eingebracht werden. Es ist NICHT im Methodenblock anrechenbar, dort müssen zwei Methodenseminare mit je 8 ECTS erbracht werden.		
Zulassungsvoraussetzung für die Belegung des Moduls: Master Politikwissenschaft: keine		
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: keine		Besondere Bestehensvoraussetzungen: keine
Angebotshäufigkeit: WS, jährlich	Empfohlenes Fachsemester:	Minimale Dauer des Moduls:

	ab dem 1.	1 Semester
Lehrveranstaltungen		
Workshop (blocked format at the beginning of the term)		1,00 SWS
Lehrformen: kein Typ gewählt		
Sprache: Englisch		
Prüfung		
Portfolio		
Beschreibung:		
Quizzes and problem sets		