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Summer Term 2019

Research Design in the Social Sciences

Venue: FG1 00.06
Start Date: April 24, 2019
Instructor: Prof. Dr. Ulrich Sieberer

Dates: Wed. April 24, 10-12
Monday 10-14 on April 29, May 6, May 13, May 27, June 3, June 24, July 8
Monday, whole day (to be specified) on July 22.

Registration: Please register at the BAGSS Office or courses.bagss@uni-bamberg.de until **April 26**.



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Participants

Required course for all incoming BAGSS students

Program

This course introduces PhD students to the fundamentals of developing a research design in the Social Sciences. The course will cover the essential steps of designing a research project such as finding and specifying a research question, the role of theory, conceptualization and measurement, and different types of research designs. The main focus will be on how to draw valid causal inferences from different types of empirical data. Practical issues of planning and writing a PhD, publication strategies, and applications for funding will also be discussed.

The course will combine lecture-style elements with open discussion and give students the opportunity to discuss and get feedback on the specific challenges they face in developing their PhD project.

Introductory Readings

A detailed syllabus and list of readings will be distributed in the first session.

The course assumes familiarity with basic topics of research design. If did not take a research design course covering these topics in your previous studies, please read one of these introductory texts carefully:

King, Gary, Robert O. Keohane, and Sidney Verba. 1994. *Designing Social Inquiry. Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Toshkov, Dimiter. 2016. *Research Design in Political Science*. London: Palgrave Macmillan Education.

De Vaus, David A. 2001. *Research Design in Social Research*. Los Angeles: Sage.