



Winter Semester 2018-2019

**Hauptseminar Vergleichenden Politikwissenschaft III
(Module Methodological Problems in Comparative Politics)**

Survival Analysis

Time: Wednesdays, 12:00-14:00
Venue: FMA01.20 and RZ/00.07
Start date: 17 October 2018
Registration via
FlexNow!: 01.10.- 16.10.2018 (deregistration until 23.10.2018) – doctoral fellows register in the first session
Instructor: Prof. Dr. Thomas Saalfeld

Entry Requirements

BA in Political Science and familiarity with basic techniques of quantitative data analysis for social scientists. This module is open to Masters students and doctoral fellows of the Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences (BAGSS). For Masters students, it is recommended to take this module after having passed the modules Politikwissenschaftliche Methoden III and IV, unless they are already familiar with the material covered in these modules. Knowledge of R and RStudio is beneficial but not essential. Members of BAGSS are expected to have equivalent knowledge. Throughout the seminar, a DataCamp Classroom provides you with voluntary supporting exercises in R. You will receive the invitation link in the first session.

Requirements for credit

Masters students requiring credit need to submit a portfolio of completed exercises (50%) and a replication study (50%). Doctoral fellows at BAGSS will need to submit all exercises and attend regularly to have the module registered.
ECTS credits: 8

Content

Survival analysis or “time to event“ models are used in many areas of the social sciences, for example in the study of the duration of governments, regimes and wars – or in the modelling of events such as the time between adolescence and child birth, the duration of marriages, transitions from education to the labour market and similar processes. Survival analysis has advantages over traditional regression models including the statistical modelling of processes and the treatment of censored records. In this module students will acquire basic knowledge of the statistical foundations of survival analysis and apply these to specific research questions. We will use a variety of data sets to explore the strengths and weaknesses of survival analysis. The emphasis of this module will be on the application of survival models rather than statistical theory. Participation is only recommended for students with an interest in quantitative methods. The language of instruction will be English. The replication studies can be submitted in English or German.

Recommended introductory reading

Steffensmeier, Janet und Bradford Jones: *Event-History Modeling: A Guide for Social Scientists*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2004.

Mills, Melinda: *Introducing Survival and Event History Analysis*. Newbury Park: SAGE Publications 2011.

Wenzelburger, Georg, Jäckle, Sebastian, & König, Pascal: *Weiterführende statistische Methoden für Politikwissenschaftler: Eine anwendungsbezogene Einführung mit Stata*. München: DeGruyter Oldenbourg 2014, pp. 161-209 (available as an e-book).

Topics covered (subject to slight adjustments)

	Datum	Thema
1	17.10.2018	Introduction
2	24.10.2018	Basics
3	31.10.2018	Survival Analysis in R: A first introduction
4	07.11.2018	Specific properties of time-to-event data
5	14.11.2018	Non-parametric models: Nicht-parametrische Modelle: the Kaplan-Meier estimator
6	21.11.2018	The semi-parametric Cox Model
7	28.11.2018	Parametric models
8	05.12.2018	Model specification and diagnostics
9	12.12.2018	Frailty and repeated events
10	19.12.2018	Discrete-time models
		Christmas break
11	09.01.2019	Competing risks in Cox models
12	16.01.2019	Effect plots and discussion of student projects
13	23.01.2019	Discussion of student projects
14	30.01.2019	Discussion of student projects
15	06.02.2019	Conclusions and feedback

Please note: the first two sessions will be held in FMA01.20. From the third session, we will move to the Computing Centre (00.07).

Datasets for download and replication

Datensatz	Link
European Representative Democracy (ERD)	http://www.erdda.se/index.php/projects/erd/data-archive
Correlates of War (CoW)	http://www.correlatesofwar.org/data-sets/COW-war
Archigos: A Database of Political Leaders	http://privatewww.essex.ac.uk/~ksg/archigos.html
Political Institutions and Political Events (PIPE)	https://sites.google.com/a/nyu.edu/adam-przeworski/home/data
	<i>(will be added to)</i>

Further Reading (literature on applications currently taken from political science only)

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