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Education Program WS 2019/20

Seminar: Qualitative Methods of Comparative Social Inquiry

Room: F-21/02.31

Time: Wednesday, 16-18 h

Start: April 16th 2019

Short Description:

This seminar offers a broad but thorough introduction to the field of qualitative methods. It aims to situate the use of qualitative methods in different research traditions in order to uncover their respective advantages and limitations. This course, aimed at students with no prior knowledge of qualitative methods, will focus on sampling, data collection through various field methods such as interviews, and the analysis of data using MaxQDA software. We will also discuss the broader questions of ethics in social science research.

Notes:

The seminar will be taught in English.

Test and grading: paper

Minimum - maximum number of participants: 3 - 25

Attention: students with no prior knowledge of qualitative methods are advised to take the course during the winter term 2019-2020. Students that have some experience with qualitative methods are strongly advised to take the course during the summer term 2020.

Learning goals of the course:

- To understand the role of qualitative research methods in political science
- To list the advantages and disadvantages of various qualitative research methods
- To make a reasoned choice for a certain qualitative field method given a specific research question and theoretical framework.
- To carry out a specific qualitative field method competently in order to answer a specific research question

Literature (mandatory):

E-reader, available online through Virtual Campus.

Test and grading:

The best way to learn methods is by doing them. As such, students are required to carry out a limited research project using field methods. This research is to be carried out during the term. The resulting paper will be graded. More details can be found in the syllabus.

Speaking hours:

Thursday, 11:00-12:00, or shortly before and after the seminar
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