

**LEHRSTUHL FÜR STEUERUNG INNOVATIVER  
UND KOMPLEXER TECHNISCHER SYSTEME  
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**Education Program WS 2020/21**

**Colloquium: Governance of Complex Systems V - Colloquium**

**Room:** Online

**Time:** Thursday, 16-18 h s.t.

**Start:** November 5<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Short Description:**

The Kolloquium is addressed to students writing their bachelor or master thesis in political science, specifically with the focal point in the governance of complex technological systems. Possible topics include (but are not limited to): governance, policy and politics complex systems, technological systems, infrastructure, urban planning, ICT, qualitative methods, mixed-methods and evolutionary theories. Please contact the instructor if you are not sure whether your preferred topic would fit in or not.

During the Kolloquium, students will be required to give a presentation on their on-going thesis to receive feedback on their work. A presentation schedule will be organised among the participants. When no presentation is scheduled, the teacher will give instructions on how to structure an academic work (in this case a thesis) according to the main conventions and standards in academic writing in English in order to help you writing up your thesis.

**Note:**

Students should write their thesis in English but, upon request with the teacher, students may write their thesis in German should they really wish so.

**Course structure:**

The seminar will be taught in English. The lectures will take place online (Zoom). Further information on online lectures will be shared in due time on VC. If possible and allowed, occasional face-to-face lectures might be organised following the current hygienic rules and regulations.

## Course Syllabus:

There is no reading material for this course but students might find the following resources useful regarding how to structure their research:

Babbie, E. (2013).

The practice of social research, 13th edition. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Cengage Learning, Chapter 6.

Creswell, J.W. (2014).

Research design, 4th edition. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, Chapter 4.

Rienecker, L., Stray Jørgensen, P., and Skov, S. (2013).

The Good Paper. A Handbook for Writing Papers in Higher Education (e-book).

Copenhagen: Samfundslitteratur. (full text available electronically through the library)

Harvard College (2018).

Strategies for Essay Writing (online guide).

<https://writingcenter.fas.harvard.edu/pages/strategies-essay-writing>

Leicester University (2009)

“Writing essay tour” online study guide.

<https://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/ld/resources/writing/writing-essays-tour>

Leicester University (2010).

Writing essays. <https://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/ld/resources/writing/writing-resources/writing-essays>

Leicester University (2009).

What is critical writing. <https://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/ld/resources/writing/writing-resources/critical-writing>

## The Kolloquium will take place in the following days:

- 5th November 2020
- 12th November 2020
- 19th November 2020
- 26th November 2020
- 3rd December 2020
- 10th December 2020
- 17th December 2020
- 7th January 2021
- 14th January 2021
- 21st January 2021
- 28th January 2021
- 4th February 2021
- 11th February 2021
- 18th February 2021

## Speaking hours:

Thursday, 14-16 h (or by appointment)

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