



Sommersemester 2020

Vorlesung (MA) / Lecture-based module (MA)

Vorlesung (MA): Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft I

Comparative Political Institutions (in English)

Time: Tuesday, 16.00-18.00 (for one video conference)
Venue: Virtual seminar offered online
Start Date: 21 April 2020
Registration in FlexNow!: 1 April 2020 until 19 April 2020 (Deregistration until 15 June 2020)
Instructor: Prof. Dr. Ulrich Sieberer

Prerequisites/Zulassungsvoraussetzungen

BA or equivalent qualification in Political Science. A basic understanding of positive political theory is recommended.

Assessment/Erwerb eines Leistungsnachweises

To be announced once legal issues on exams in the summer term 2020 are resolved.
ECTS credits: 6

Program

This lecture first introduces Master students to the most important varieties of institutionalist research in comparative politics including the 'old' institutionalism, rational choice institutionalism, historical institutionalism, and sociological institutionalism. Afterwards, we discuss core areas of (mainly) rational choice institutionalist research including the stabilizing effects of institutions on policy-making, institutions as solutions for collective dilemmas, principal-agent models of delegation, agenda-setting, deliberate institutional design, and informal institutions. At the end of the lecture, students will have a profound knowledge of general debates in institutionalist research and are able to relate these debates to specific research topics in comparative politics.

Introductory Readings

Peters, B. Guy: *Institutional Theory in Political Science: The "New Institutionalism"*. 3rd edition. New York: Continuum.

Rhodes, R.A.W./ Binder, Sarah A. and Rockman, Bert A. (eds.): *The Oxford Handbook of Political Institutions*. Oxford: Oxford University Press 2006.