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Sommersemester 2018

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

Vorlesung (MA): Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft I

Comparative Political Institutions (in English)

Time: Tuesday, 16.00-18.00
Venue: F1 02.31
Start Date: 10 April 2018
Registration in FlexNow!: 1 April 2018 until 15 June 2018 (Deregistration until 15 June 2018)
Instructor: Prof. Dr. Ulrich Sieberer

Prerequisites/Zulassungsvoraussetzungen

BA or equivalent qualification in Political Science

Assessment/Erwerb eines Leistungsnachweises

Written exam (60 minutes)

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, 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"*. London: Pinter 1999 (or a later edition).

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