Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg



Professur für Empirische Politikwissenschaft

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**Sommersemester 2019**

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: 23 April 2019

Registration in FlexNow!: 1 April 2019 until 15 June 2019 (Deregistration until 15 June 2019)

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**

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, 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.