



Hauptseminar Politikwissenschaftliche Methoden II

**Qualitative Methods**

Winter term 2021/22

**Language:** English  
**Credits:** 8 ECTS  
**Date:** Thursday, 8 – 10 a.m.

Whether the course will be taught in-class or online has not yet been decided.

**Outline:**

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. The course covers topics such as comparative case studies, content and discourse analysis, and data collection through various field methods such as interviews and observations. We will also discuss the broader questions of ethics in social science research. This is an introductory course, and hence it is primarily addressed to students with no or limited prior knowledge on qualitative methods.

Language of instruction: English; discussions and presentations will be held in English unless all participants agree to change to German. Written work may be submitted in either English or German language.

Requirements for obtaining a certificate will be communicated during the first session.