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Hauptseminar Politikfeldanalyse II:
Historical Institutionalism: Theories of Institutional Change

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<i>Vorbereitung</i>	Fr. den 20.10.2017, 10:00 - 12:00 Uhr, (F21/03.02)
<i>Termin</i>	12.1.2018-27.1.2018 Fr, Sa 9:00 - 18:00 (Zeitangabe vorläufig, genaue Angaben in der Vorbereitung)
<i>Raum</i>	F21/03.02
<i>ECTS-Punkte</i>	8
<i>Anmeldung</i>	FlexNow, spätestens zur ersten Sitzung

Considering institutions as relatively stable causes of political and social outcomes has long been the comfort zone of institutional analysis. More recently, processes of institutional development have attracted scholarly attention. Historical Institutionalism (HI) has been very influential in realizing this analytical shift. The first part of the seminar provides an overview on HI perspectives on institutional change and resilience. We will critically discuss the major concepts including critical junctures and path dependence as well as theories of gradual endogenous institutional change. In the second part of the seminar, the empirical application of the different approaches is in the focus: By means of case studies, we will question to what extent the theories and concepts can be made fruitful for the study of institutional change in different regimes (democratic, hybrid, authoritarian).

The general learning objective of this seminar is to enable students to critically evaluate the discussed approaches and to conduct independent research using HI theories. The class will be held in English (including written work and oral presentations) and as a block seminar. Students need to be willing to engage with English texts and actively participate in discussions.

