Spring Semester 2023

Professor Dr. Harald Schoen

Lecture: Comparative Political Behavior

Time: Monday, 10.15-11.45
Room: B 244, A5,6
Start: 13.2.2023

Course Description:

The main goal of this lecture is to present an advanced introduction to theoretical approaches, key concepts, and substantive issues in comparative political behavior. Building on a multi-level perspective, it will provide an overview of key concepts and theories in the analysis of micro-level processes of political behavior that are embedded in and feed into macro-level processes. Capitalizing on this analytical perspective, the lecture will also address major changes in the relationship between societal and political processes and institutions.

Requirements:

Regular participation is recommended, mandatory reading,

Term paper (Prüfungsleistung)

Registration: via Studienportal

Recommended for:

M.A. Students in Political Science (2nd semester) and GESS-graduate students

Office hour: by appointment only
Course Plan

Session 1 (13 February): Introduction

Session 2 (20 February): Recap/primer: theories, problems, analysis


Further Reading


Session 3 (27 February): Cognitive architecture, information processing, and judgment


Further Reading


**Session 4 (6 March): Dynamics of attitudes and public opinion**


**Further Reading**


**Session 5 (13 March): Political belief systems and sophistication**


**Further Reading**


Session 6 (20 March): Political belief systems and ideology


Further Reading

Session 7 (27 March): Sources of attitudes and behavior: values


Further Reading
Easter break (3 April and 10 April)

Session 8 (17 April): Sources of attitudes and behavior: social identities


Further Reading


Session 9 (24 April): Political participation


Further Reading


Public holiday: 1 May
Session 10 (8 May): Social structure, cleavages, and political behavior


Further Reading


Session 11 (15 May): Political communication and dynamics of political behavior


Further Reading


Schoen, Harald, Hans Rattinger, Maria Preißinger, Konstantin Gavras, and Markus Steinbrecher (assisted by Elena Werner). 2017. *Election Campaigns and Voter Decision-

Session 12 (22 May): Concluding session

Pentecost (29 May)