Seminar: Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics: Political Behavior in Context

HWS 2021

via Zoom: ZOOM 03

Time: Tuesday, 12.00-13.30
Start: 7. September 2021

Lecturer: Professor Dr. Harald Schoen

Outline:

Political behavior takes place in context. This statement is a truism and implies several challenges at the same time. Context is a multidimensional concept comprising – inter alia – social, political, and institutional features. At the theoretical level, the diversity of dimensions requires careful consideration of how to integrate contextual features into individual-level models of political behavior. Moreover, combining data from different levels of aggregation to examine the role of contexts in individual-level behavior raises several methodological issues. In this seminar, we will address the conceptual, theoretical, and methodological issues in the analysis of contextual effects on individual-level political behavior. Students will review the latest empirical studies in the field and prepare research papers in which they analyze specific questions using available data sets.

Recommended for: M.A. Students in Political Science (3rd semester) and GESS-graduate students

Requirements:

Oral presentation of a literature review and active participation during the sessions

Examination: Term Paper (ca. 8,000 words)

Registration: via Student Portal

Office hours: via appointment only
Course Plan

Session 1 (7 Sep): Introduction


Session 2 (14 Sep): Campaigns


Further Reading:


### Session 3 (21 Sep): Media coverage


### Further Reading:


**Session 4 (28 Sep): Political institutions I**


**Further Reading:**


**Session 5 (5 Oct): Political institutions II**


**Further Reading:**


**Session 6 (12 Oct): Policies**


Further Reading:


**Session 7 (19 Oct): Economic context**


Further Reading:

Session 8 (26 Oct): Social networks and context I


**Further Reading:**


**Session 9 (2 Nov): Social networks and context II**


**Further Reading:**

**Session 10 (9 Nov): Events**

**Further Reading:**


**Session 11 (16 Nov): Student presentations**

**Session 12 (23 Nov): Student presentations**

**Session 13 (30 Nov): Student presentations**

**Session 14 (7 Dec): Concluding session**