

Spring Semester 2024

Professor Dr. Harald Schoen

Lecture: Comparative Political Behavior

Time: Monday, 10.15-11.45

Room: B 244, A5,6

Start: 12.2.2024

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

Week 1 (12 February): Introduction

Week 2 (19 February): Political information processing (Jerit and Kam 2023)

Week 3 (26 February): Political communication and citizen attitudes (Druckman and Lupia 2016)

Week 4 (4 March): Political socialization (Neundorf and Smets 2017)

Week 5 (11 March): Values, identities, and political attitudes (Feldman 2003; Mason 2023)

Week 6 (18 March): Citizen attitudes toward the political system (Singh and Mayne 2023)

Easter Break

Week 7 (8 April): Political behavior: participation and choice

Week 8 (15 April): Cleavages and political behavior (von Schoultz 2017)

Week 9 (22 April): Party competition, campaigning, and political behavior (Johnston 2017; Spies and Franzmann 2019)

Week 10 (29 April): Economic conditions and political behavior (Lewis-Beck and Stegmaier 2019)

Week 11 (6 May): Institutions and political behavior (Blais and Degan 2019)

Week 12 (13 May): Events and political behavior (Baccini and Leeman 2021)

Pentecost

Week 13 (27 May): Concluding session

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