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***RES 901/CDSS Workshop (Political Science)***

**Fall 2012**

**Time Wednesday, 12:00 – 13:30 h**

**Place D 7, 307**

Description: The goal of this course is to provide support and crucial feedback for second and third year students on their ongoing dissertation project. In this workshop students are expected to play two roles. They should present their own work in order to receive feedback.

Each student is expected to give a progress report of where he or she stands right now. The format will be flexible to fit the specific needs of each student's project. I therefore will not assign formal discussants. You may present parts of your ongoing research, motivate questions about theory, concepts, measures, data, methods or research design.

You may also bring in any other challenges you currently face with your dissertation research or try out potential framing strategies for a journal submission.

I suggest at least a short presentation (5-10 min) to facilitate each participant with a minimum of context about your work so that we can easily relate to the questions you might have for us later on and to help us providing you with additional feedback. Do not expect us to be specialists for your dissertation work. You may email us some additional material (at least a week in advance) if you think that this would help us provide feedback. As a general rule: Present as long as you need in order to help us understand the issues at stake in each week. Keep in mind that we also need some time to address all the issues you raise or other issues that potentially arise in the context of our discussion. My guess would be that short presentations (<10 min) as well as long presentations (>45 min) are less effective in provoking feedback from us.

*Moreover, be prepared to provide a quick summary about what you have done so far towards your dissertation, what you have to do next and what is missing towards the defense of your dissertation.*

26 September	11:30 – 13:30	Rebecca Rothkehl, Matthias Haber
10 October	12:00 – 13:00	Dominik Nyhuis
24 October	12:00 – 13:00	Eva Onnudottir
14 November	11:30 - 13:30	Moritz Osnabrügge, Elena Frech
21 November	12:00 – 13:00	Stefanie Walter
28 November	12:00 – 13:00	Jens Brandenburg
5 December	12:00 – 13:00	Christian Wältermann