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HS Comparative Social Movements

This course is for students with a deep interest in comparative politics, particularly as it relates to agenda setting, policy formulation, and political voice. The course will examine how institutional and political cultural factors influence the means of political participation and protest in different political systems. We will examine various policy areas, including gender, social, environmental, equality, and security issues. The professor has particular expertise in the politics of East Asia, Europe, and the United States, and thus, these regions will be emphasized most heavily in the course.

We will examine literatures related to social movements, non-governmental organizations, civil society, voting, protest, and agenda setting. Students will be expected to participate actively in class and to write a research paper.

Language of Instruction: English.

HS Rollenspiel Klimapolitik

This course will look forward to the Mexico Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change and simulate the conference negotiations. The first half of the course will address development in climate change politics and policy making internationally and within Europe and the second half of the course will concentrate on preparing for the weekend-long climate simulation that will be part of the course. The course combines theory with practice. Readings will be made available on Blackboard.

PS Comparative Federalism: the European Union and the United States

This course will be taught in English. It will use comparative and multi-level governance approaches to examine politics and policy making processes in the United States and the European Union. We will consider the similarities and differences of the federal/multi-level governance structures in the US and the EU, discuss decision making processes, and try to explain areas of convergence and divergence in policy outcomes across the Atlantic. The influence of different actors (civil society, business, the states, regions) and interests will be considered along with a study of institutional structures and functions.

The course will include case studies of policy making from different policy areas, including the environment, energy, security, justice, and others to be decided in discussion with the class. There will be a Blackboard site for the course. Language of instruction: a mixture of English and German with some translation of the German for the non-German speakers.

PK International and comparative environmental and climate policy

This course is designed for students who will be writing a major research paper on a comparative or international environmental issue. The course will cover both theoretical and practical issues related to environmental policy and will integrate students own research interests into the discussion. Issues such as climate change, biodiversity loss, energy efficiency and renewable energies, over-fishing will be examined. We will consider questions

of regime formation, comparative policy approaches, and issues of leaders and laggards. Analyzing the factors and causes for success or failure in environmental policy is a precondition for an effective policy. Political scientists could contribute by studying questions, such as: What are the driving forces or hindrances in environmental and climate policy? Which instruments, strategies, institutions are effective? Which actors are influential and by which means? How fair is environmental policy from a global and national perspective?

These and more issues will be dealt with in this course. After a basic introduction to environmental and climate policy and approaches to study this policy field, the participants will address the issues listed above by way of case studies or comparative studies. Some excursions to meet with relevant organizations in the Berlin area will be arranged.

C International Comparative Energy and Environmental Policy

This course is designed for PhD students working in the fields of comparative and international energy and environmental politics. The expectation is that individuals taking this course will have a dissertation topic in mind and during the course will make progress on the research/writing of their dissertation. The course will combine a focus on issues of research design and primarily qualitative research methodologies with presentation and critique of individual participant's dissertation research projects. As all participants in the class will have common interests in energy or environmental matters it is expected that there will be lively critique of dissertation projects and designs. In our weekly meetings, we will consider what is involved in picking a good dissertation research question and appropriate research design. One of the things researchers often find most challenging is moving from a broad general idea of a research topic to formulating a researchable question. In this course, we will consider how different ways of asking questions can influence what and how an environmental or energy issue is researched. The course will consider the use of in-depth interviews, surveys, participant observation, discourse analysis, content analysis, archival research, historical comparisons, and big comparisons. Class participants will be expected to apply most of these methods to their own dissertation research questions as a way of both learning the research method and making progress on their dissertation research. Each PhD student will have multiple opportunities to present aspects of their work to the group and should be prepared to make improvements to their dissertation designs/content based on the critique they receive.

Also check out courses of Kirsten Jörgensen:

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