

Title: Public Attitudes on Foreign Policy and Security in the U.S. and Germany	Lecturer: Professor Johannes Rattinger
Type of Course: Research Seminar Comparative Politics	ECTS: 14 Semester: Autumn 2014

Course Description:

In this seminar theories of mass opinion about international relations will be applied to a series of comparative survey studies collected since the change of the millennium. The focus will be on the determinants of such attitudes and on explaining their development over time and their structure. Replication of existing studies will be encouraged. Participants will prepare a comparative research paper over the course of the semester covering all stages of the empirical research process – except data collection and cleaning. Data from the “Transatlantic Trends (TT)” survey series will be made available to participants. These data sets will contain the surveys from the U.S. and Germany. However, data from other TT- countries can also be analyzed if a research question indicates this. Likewise, if a comparison with elite opinions is desired, one can draw on the “TT: Leaders” data.