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Lecturer: Harald Schoen

Research seminar: Political behavior in context

Di 12.00-13:30 Uhr, 2 SWS

Raum: B 143

Outline:

Citizens' political behavior takes place in context. This statement is both a truism and a challenge. 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.

Requirements:

Credit points can be obtained for a paper (8,000 words), the oral presentation of this paper, as well as active participation during the sessions.

Recommended for:

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

Office hours: Tuesday, 14.30-16.00, A5, Room A 343

