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Research Seminar

Selected Topics in Comparative Politics: Personality, Values, and Politics

Dozent: H. Schoen

Di. 10.15-13.30, 4st., Raum A 305, B6

Inhalt:

Personality traits and values play an important role in people's everyday life. But do they also make a difference when it comes to political reasoning and political behavior? This seminar will address this question with its manifold ramifications. After an introduction of central theoretical concepts, we will discuss issues in measuring personality traits and values as well as the impact of traits and values on political attitudes and on political behavior. Students will review the latest empirical studies in the field and prepare research papers in which they analyze specific questions using available national and cross-national data sets.

Introductory Literature:

Caprara, G. V., and M. Vecchione. (2013). Personality Approaches to Political Behavior. In: L. Huddy, D. O. Sears, and J. S. Levy (eds.). *The Oxford Handbook of Political Psychology*. 2nd ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press, 23-58.

Mondak, J. J. (2010). *Personality and the Foundations of Political Behavior*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1-23.

Schwartz, S. H. (1994). Are There Universal Aspects in the Structure and Contents of Human Values? In: *Journal of Social Issues* 50 (4), 19-45.

Recommended for:

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

Erworben werden kann:

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.

