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| Titel: Lecture Selected Topics in Political Sociology I: Changing democratic citizenship | Verantw.: Deth, Jan Willem. Vrablikova, Katerina Durchf.: Vrablikova, Katerina |
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Kursbeschreibung:

This course provides a comparative overview of the changes in democratic citizenship in last sixty years. Specifically, the lecture will focus on changes in political values and norms as well as in political and civic activism of citizens in democratic countries. It will cover both developments that are usually positively evaluated and changes that are perceived as new risks for contemporary democracies. In the first sections, processes, such as modernization, globalization, individualization, the development of mass media and the spread of Internet-based social media will be introduced as major sources of these developments. The second section will focus on the changes in civic norms and values. We will discuss the increase of political interest, growing aspirations to affect politics, and the development of more critical and negative approaches to politics as well as the deterioration of traditional civic norms that have been evident in last decades among citizens of Western democracies. The third section of the course covers the over-time developments in political behaviour. The lecture addresses issues, such as declining voter turnout, diversification of repertoires used for political and civic activism, the expansion of non-institutional political participation and the effects of transnationalization, particularly Europeanization, on political engagement and activism. Attention will be also paid to the growth of

radicalism. Focusing on these themes, the lecture will cover core theoretical concepts and empirical evidence from various research fields: political culture, comparative institutions, political behaviour, public opinion, social movements, and democratic theory.