

Titel: Methoden VR I: Comparative Political Dynamics: An Introduction to Analyzing Questions of Change	
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Kursbeschreibung:

Everything we study changes over time: public opinion about the proper role of government, electoral outcomes, government agendas, etc. Understanding these changes and what drives them involves a whole new vocabulary: autoregression, moving average, integration, stationarity, random walks, differences, trends, Granger causality and more. It further requires a variety of methodological tools: ARIMA models, Box-Jenkins transfer function analysis, event history analysis, pooled time series cross sectional analysis, vector autoregression, to name a few. Still further it requires a whole new way of thinking about interpretation: long and short term effects, lag distributions, error correction rates, and equilibria. This course on comparative political dynamics presents an overview of these concepts in relation to comparative political questions and asks students to think about change and the methods that are available to us to answer dynamic political questions through practical exercises and using these techniques in their own work.