

<b>Titel:</b> Methods in International Relations: Crafting Research in International Relations	
<b>Art der Veranstaltung:</b> Übung	<b>Angeboten im:</b> Frühjahrssemester 2014

**Kursbeschreibung:**

Without method there is not science. This class will introduce its participants to the study of International Relations' research methods. Aiming at the comparison of cases and variables, this class will be focused in the craft of research design. The challenges of scientific research, within the social sciences, are, most of the times, solved by using the appropriate methodological approaches. Going deeper in aspects as: (a) conceptualization; (b) theory formation; (b) theory testing; (c) causal inference; (d) case selection; (e) operationalization; and, (f) measurement, this class will help students to undertaking relevant steps in the path of scientific investigation. It is not the purpose of this class to training students in specific research techniques, but rather, to teach them to choose appropriated methodological views and to think about theoretical problems and their empirical features (hypothesis testing, data collection, etc.).