

<b>Titel:</b> Ausgewählte Themen PS II: Political Attitudes and Culture	<b>Verantw.:</b> Deth, Jan Willem. Vrablikova, Katerina <b>Durchf.:</b> Vrablikova, Katerina
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### **Kursbeschreibung:**

Studying stability and functioning of democracies it is important to know what ordinary citizens think and what their values are. Attitudes and values are important predispositions of people's behavior, such as voting and other types of political participation. Also, the influence of citizens' opinion on public policy is not only mediated through activities, such as voting that takes place only once a few years. Public opinion has a direct influence on public policy by signaling dis/approval of policies and elites between elections. The first part of the course explores how attitudes and values of citizens are organized, how people are socialized, and how they process political information and form opinions. The second part of the course focuses on attitudes to particular issues, political tolerance, democratic values, and political culture. The seminars will be based on students' presentations and discussion.