

<b>Titel:</b> Selected Topics in Comparative Government: Scaling Down: Polity, Policy, and Politics on the Sub-national Level	
<b>Art der Veranstaltung:</b> Hauptseminar	<b>Angeboten im:</b> Frühjahrsemester 2014

**Kursbeschreibung:**

Comparative studies on the national level often face two problems: (1) a limited number of cases, and (2) many results, like in coalition formation studies, are highly country-sensitive. By focussing on the sub-national level, we are able to deal with these two problems. In this seminar, therefore, we study and analyse the institutional setting, the policy-making process, and the party competition both on the regional and the local level in a variety of different countries (West Europe, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America). We will also discuss the impact of different degrees of decentralisation on the behaviour of parties and their representatives in multi-level political systems.