M.A. Political Science

Welcome Session

Prof. Dr. Sven-Oliver Proksch
Dr. Tobias Kunstein

02.10.2018, 11 h, Hörsaal II (Main Building)
The Political Science Faculty in Cologne

CCCP – The Cologne Center of Comparative Politics

Prof. Dr. André Kaiser
Comparative Political Institutions

Prof. Dr. Christine Trampusch
International Comparative Political Economy and Economic Sociology

Prof. Ingo Rohlfing, PhD
Methods of Comparative Political Research

Prof. Dr. Sven-Oliver Proksch
European and Multi-Level Politics

Prof. Dr. Thomas Jäger
International Relations

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Leidhold
Political Theory and History of Ideas
Additional instructors in our Master Program

**POLITICAL THEORY**
- Dr. Sarah Berens
- Dr. Jan Sauermann
- Dr. Michael Schwan
- Dr. Bruno Silva
- Dr. Johannes Clessienne
- Dr. Hermann Halbeisen

**COMPARATIVE POLITICS**

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**
- Katharina Berninger
- Maja Henke
- Dr. Marcus Klein
- Prof. Dr. Holger Mey
- Prof. Dr. M. Zimmer
Our Master Program

- Take courses across a range of subfields, high flexibility
- International (share of 33% first year students with international educational background)
- Enable you to analyze political phenomena using a range of state-of-the-art research methods
- Develop and carry out an independent research project
- Participate in guest lectures, speaker series, workshops
- Connect to current research projects (most recently: Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute)

Our goal: train the next generation of political scientists, enabling you to embark on a professional career in many areas of politics
Participate!

International Workshop

Theoretical and Methodological Innovations in Comparative Politics

November 22-23, 2018

Career Perspectives

International Lecture Series

Microfoundations of Politics
Social Preferences and Political Behavior

Debate Event

NRW debattiert Europa

Simulations

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M.A. Political Science:
Module areas

Comparative Analysis of Political Institutions (I)
Comparative Political Economy (II)

Political Theory and History of Ideas (III)
International Relations (IV)

European and Multilevel Politics (V)
NEW: Political Science Methods (VI)
Courses, Modules, Groups, Sections

COURSES
Lectures
Advanced seminars
Research projects

MODULES
6 or 9 credits

M.A. STUDY PROGRAMME
120 credits

(GROUPS OR) SECTIONS
6 or 9 or 12 or 24 credits
M.A. Political Science

- **Core Section**: Three lectures (Int‘l Relations: seminar) (18 credits)
- **Specialisation Section**: Three research projects (27 credits) Colloquium (9 credits)
- **Supplementary Section**: Two seminars (18 credits)
- **Core Section 1**: Three lectures (Int‘l Relations: seminar) (18 credits)
- **Core Section 2**: Two seminars (18 credits)
- **Supplementary Section**: Three research projects (27 credits) Colloquium (9 credits)
- **Total 120 credits = 4 semesters regular period of study**

- **Master’s Thesis**: (24 credits)
- **Modules from other areas/faculties; studies abroad**: (2x12 or 1x24 credits)

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Programme overview M.A. Political Science

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M.A. Political Science: New module area „Political Science Methods“

Three modules with introductory courses focusing on methods

- „Research Logic & Design“ (André Kaiser) – summer (core module)
- „Introduction to Quantitative Methods (in R)“ (Bruno Silva) – winter (core module seminar)
- „Introduction to Qualitative Methods“ (Ingo Rohlfing) – winter (specialization module)
Research Logic and Design
(instructor: Prof. Kaiser)

Type: Seminar. Examination: Presentation + Term paper.
Cycle: Summer term

Content:
• Research Questions
• Conceptualisation
• Hypotheses
• Research designs
• Case selection strategies
• Compiling and analysing data
• Seminal studies in political science
Introduction to Quantitative Methods  
(instructor: Dr. Silva)

Type: Seminar. Examination: Portfolio. Cycle: Winter term

Content:

• Learn statistical programming language R
• Sampling and statistical inference
• Estimation and interpretation of the linear regression model
• Automated data collection and visualisation
• Seminal quantitative studies in political science
• Prerequisite for some advanced seminars
Introduction to Qualitative Methods
(instructor: Prof. Rohlfing)

Type: Seminar. Examination: Portfolio. Cycle: Winter term

Content:
• Characteristics of the qualitative paradigm of research
• Seminal qualitative studies in political science
• Qualitative research designs
• Strategies of case selection in qualitative research
• Case study techniques
• Causal effects and causal mechanisms
• Process tracing
Which courses should I take?

• We offer a highly flexible program, but you can take one module only once
• Possible to combine basic methods training with substantive courses
• Some advanced courses with specific methods (e.g. causal inference, big data analysis) will require "intro to quantitative methods"
Advanced methods

Advanced methods – while dealing with substantive questions – are also taught in research projects of module areas I-V. Recommended to take introductory courses prior to advanced.

• Winter term 2018/19:
  – “Research Designs and Case Studies in Comparative Political Economy” (Tue, 4:00-5:30pm, Christine Trampusch)

• Summer term 2019
  – “Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA)” (Ingo Rohlfing)
  – “Analyzing EU Politics with Big Data” (Sven-Oliver Proksch)
  – “Causal Inference and Public Policy in Europe” (Bruno Silva)
### Supplementary Section (24 LP)

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Each group: 12 credits

Each group: 24 credits

*) a number of elective modules within these groups are also available in English.
Master Thesis

• Registration possible once 48 ECTS credits earned (third or fourth semester)
• Six months starting from registration, 24 ECTS credits
• Approx. 60 pages
• Choose one of the six full professors as examiner
• Check guidelines (e.g. CCCP Master Thesis Guidelines)
• Presentation in political science colloquium mandatory (CCCP Research Seminar, Political Theory, International Relations).
Course registration (KLIPS2)

- IMPORTANT: Registration for a course and registration for an exam are two separate processes.
- Course registration through KLIPS2 is ultimately governed by course instructors. Get in touch with them or the institute manager in case of questions or problems.
- Module exam registration is subject to stricter rules and administrated by the examination office (=no flexibility!). Familiarize yourself with the rules BEFORE registration.
- The WiSo faculty has its own KLIPS2 support: WiSo Faculty → Studies → Organizing Your Studies → Everything about KLIPS 2.0: courses and exam management
Service

WiSo-Career-Service

• Advice, Coaching, Soft-Skills-Training
• Next talk by Political Science graduates, organized jointly with the Institute of Political Science: Tuesday, 29 January 2019, 17:45 h.

WiSo-IT-Service, Regional Computing Center

• Courses, hard- and software

University departments

• E.g. language classes
• Extra-curricular courses (transcript)
Exchange Programmes

• Study Abroad Programme partner universities: Sabanci Univ. Istanbul; Sciences Po Paris; Univ. College Dublin; Univ. of Copenhagen; Charles Univ. Prague; Univ. of Nottingham; Universidad Autónoma de Madrid; and others…

• „Simplified“ credit transfer via the modules „Studies Abroad“ (Supplementary Section, 12 or 24 ECTS) and „Special Aspects of Political Science“ (Core Section, 6 ECTS)

• „Normal“ credit transfer for individual modules 1:1

• Center for International Relations of the WiSo-Faculty (ZIB-WiSo), International Office of the University

• „Study Abroad Exchange Fair“ for Students of Political Science on Tuesday, 16 October 2018, 12-13:30 h
Thank you for your attention!

Q & A