

Challenges for Comparative Politics

Conference of the Section "Comparative Politics"

Monday, October 4th, 2021

Via "Zoom"

8:30 – 8:45 // Coffee morning

8.45 – 10.45 // Panel 1 and 2

Panel 1: Doing qualitative research
Chair: Claudia Wiesner and Kristin Annabel Eggeling

" Doing qualitative research: Reflecting principles and principled challenges "
Claudia Wiesner, Fulda University of Applied Sciences

" The Politics of Digital Reading. How to use parliamentary debates as sources of political analysis? "
Kari Palonen, University of Jyväskylä

" Can we practice what we preach? The pedagogy and politics of teaching political science interpretively "
Kristin A. Eggeling and Richard Freeman, University of Copenhagen, University of Edinburgh

" Towards a conception of culture as a cognitive toolkit. An account of the way culture shapes civic and political action "
Baptiste Dufournet Unil-GREC

Panel 2: Challenges of Researching Attitudes
Chair: Norma Osterberg-Kaufmann

" Identifying Ideologues: A Global Dataset of Political Leaders, 1945-2019 "
Bastian Herre, Our World in Data, University of Oxford

" Calling the shots: internal and external legitimation in authoritarian regimes during the Corona pandemic "
Aron Buzogany, Rolf Frankenberger and Patricia Graf, BSP Business School Berlin

" Measuring Democratic Legitimacy in Multi-level Governance "
Andrea Zeller, Universität Koblenz-Landau

10.45 – 11.15 break

11.15 – 13.15 // Panel 3 and 4

Panel 3: Texts, documents and discourses
Chair: Claudia Wiesner and Kristin Annabel Eggeling

" Exploring the use of discourse analysis in public policy studies in the XXI century "
Anna Malandrino, University of Bologna

" Researching blurry and contentious topics in supranational settings: Gender Mainstreaming in the European Parliament and its political groups "
Petra Ahrens and Anna Elomäki, Tampere University, Finland

Panel 4: Plenary Book Panel: Beyond Presidentialism and Parliamentarism: Democratic Design and the Separation of Powers
Chair: Anna Fruhstorfer

Anna Fruhstorfer, University of Potsdam
Jessica Fortin-Rittberger, University of Salzburg
Steffen Ganghof, University Bremen
Philip Manow, University Bremen
Christian Stecker, TU Darmstadt
Armin Schäfer, University of Münster

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| <p>“ Methodological Relationism for political studies in regional (dis)integration: an operationalization of Luhmann’s social systems theory ” <i>Marina Strezhneva, The Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IMEMO)</i></p> <p>“ Actors, concepts, controversies: Towards a micropolitical approach in EU studies ” <i>Claudia Wiesner, Fulda University of Applied Sciences</i></p> | |
| <p>13.15 – 14.15 Break</p> | |
| <p>14.15 – 16.15 // Panel 5 and 6</p> | |
| <p>Panel 5: Visuals, practices, ethnography Chair: Claudia Wiesner and Kristin Annabel Eggeling</p> <p>“ Visual Narrative Analysis in the Study of International Politics ” <i>Katja Freistein and Frank Gadinger, Universität Duisburg-Essen</i></p> <p>“ Picturing Politics: Digital tools and methodologies in interpretive visual ” <i>Aslak Veierud Busch, Vrije Universiteit Brussel</i></p> <p>“ Being in PEGIDA: An Ethnographic Approach to Studying the Political Culture of Farright Populist Protest ” <i>Sabine Volk, Jagiellonian University, Kraków</i></p> <p>“ Ethnographic Approaches to EU’s Participatory Governance ” <i>Katja Mäkinen, University of Jyväskylä</i></p> | <p>Panel 6: Closed Panel des AK Demokratieforschung: „Challenges to Research on Democracy” Chair: Toralf Stark</p> <p>“ From the Varieties of Democracy to the Defense of Liberal Democracy: V-Dem and the reconstitution of liberal hegemony under threat ” <i>Jonas Wolff, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF)</i></p> <p>“ Minority Rights Between Power Sharing and Political Autonomy ” <i>Anna Fruhstorfer, Universität Potsdam</i></p> <p>“ Democracy as a Contested Concept ” <i>Toralf Stark, Christoph Mohamad-Klotzbach and Norma Osterberg-Kaufmann, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Maximilians-Universität Würzburg, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin</i></p> <p>“ Beyond populism: the diversity of thin anti-establishment ideas in turbulent times ” <i>Bartek Pytlas, LMU Munich</i></p> <p>“ What can qualitative Methods contribute to democracy research? ” <i>Rolf Frankenberger, University of Tübingen</i></p> |
| <p>16.15 – 16.45 Break</p> | |
| <p>16.45 – 18.45 // Panel 7 and 8</p> | |
| <p>Panel 7: Comparative Politics and Area Specialization: Making the tensions productive</p> | <p>Panel 8: Challenges in Researching Institutions Chair: Iris Reus</p> |

Chair: Saskia Schäfer and Norma Osterberg-Kaufmann

“ On the intellectual rewards of in-depth research spanning different regions ”
Melis Laebens , Nuffield College Oxford University

“ Comparing social movements cross-nationally: limits and possibilities ”
Janjira Sombatpoonsiri , Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, and German Institute for Global & Area Studies

“ Comparative Study of Radicalised Societies and Terrorism: The Cases of India, Israel, and the United States of America ”
Sangeeta Mahapatra, German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Hamburg

“ What does a comparison among post-communist and post-fascist European countries can tell us about historical legacies and democracy? ”
Elena Semenova, Universität Jena

“ Mixed methods in comparative federalism research ”
Iris Reus and Oliver Wieczorek, Universität Leipzig, Universität Bamberg

“ Beyond the “Considerable Powers” Debate: Assessing the Conceptualisation of Presidential Power(s) in Comparative Studies ”
Philipp Köker and Paul Jahnke, Leibniz Universität Hannover

“ A New Approach to Legislative Significance ”
Christoph Garwe, Leibniz Universität Hannover

“ The gender election gap: why women’s underrepresentation persists in France and Germany ”
Agnes Blome, Miriam Hartlapp, and Kai-Uwe Müller, Freie Universität Berlin/ DIW Berlin

19.00 Roundtable: Glossing over or zooming in? Beyond Western Monism in Political Science

The Roundtable will discuss whether and to what extent Western and in particular German Political Science takes into account approaches, concepts and methods that are currently debated in the disciplinary discourse around the world – and especially in non-Western parts of the world. Are moves towards methodological pluralism and method mixes, or approaches that integrate qualitative and interpretative approaches, provided discursive space? Is the West / the global North still taken as the gold standard for measuring and judging politics? Discussants address the issue of dialogue between different conceptual and methodological approaches and how diverse geographical and cultural backgrounds can be made productive for Political Science research. Is Western and particularly German Political Science attending to the dynamics in the global disciplinary debate, or are there blind spots because research mainly focuses on established methods and approaches?

Panelists:

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