



Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Department of Political Science

Studying in Lucerne: Close Interactions – Wide Connections



THE ACADEMIC PROFILE OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE



Academic Profile



Teaching

Our teaching is characterized by the provision of solid foundations in theory and methods, by intensive interactions among students and lecturers in small courses, and by the fact that we are able to attract many external lecturers from renowned universities in Switzerland and abroad:

- Wide network of renowned external lecturers (see last page)
- Students co-decide on teaching: Students propose their preferred external lecturer
- Research-oriented teaching
- Student-centered learning: Students co-design their curriculum according to their interests; large freedom in choosing courses
- Excellent learning environment: Small classes, personal atmosphere, high quality infrastructure
- Many political science courses are taught in English; writing essays and term papers in English in all courses (optional)

Research

We look at the larger transformations of governance and democracy within the contexts of multi-level systems, migration, and mediatization:

- New forms of governance—from the metropolitan to the global level
- Innovating democracy—evaluating democracies
- Migration and citizenship
- Emerging powers and the transformation of contemporary power structures
- Particularities of Swiss democracy
- Policy making and policy evaluation

Courses in Spring Semester 2015

Course title	Lecturer	Language
World Views, Images of Society and Models of Human Nature (lecture) Welt-, Gesellschafts- und Menschenbilder	Joachim Blatter	G
World Views, Images of Society and Models of Human Nature (seminar) Welt-, Gesellschafts- und Menschenbilder	Julia Maisenbacher	G
Democracy in Multicultural Societies (seminar) Demokratie in multikulturellen Gesellschaften	Nenad Stojanovic	G
New Wars: Asymmetries, Drones and Terrorists (seminar) Neue Kriege: Asymmetrien, Drohnen und Terroristen	Herfried Münkler	G
Media in Conflicts (seminar) Medien in Konflikten	Doreen Spörer- Wagner	G
National, Transnational, Cosmopolitan: Citizenship in the 21st Century (seminar) National, transnational, kosmopolitisch: Bürgerschaft im 21. Jh.	Andrea Schlenker	G
Parliamentarian Politics (seminar) / Parlamentsforschung	Thomas Winzen	G
Political Transformations (seminar)	Edina Szöcsik	E
Comparative Regional Integration (lecture) Vergleichende regionale Integration	Rebecca Welge / Sabine Jenni	G
Introduction to Regional Integration (seminar) Einführung in die regionale Integration	Samuel D. Schmid	G
International Human Rights Protection (lecture) Internationaler Menschenrechtsschutz	Christoph Spenlé	G
Conflicts in International Relations (seminar) Konflikte in den Internationalen Beziehungen	Manuela Spindler	G
Global Policy Diffusion (seminar) / Globale Verbreitung von Policies	Myriam Oehri	G
Economic Giant, Political Dwarf, Military Worm? Focusing on the Foreign Policy of the EU (seminar) Wirtschaftlicher Riese, politischer Zwerg, militärischer Wurm? Die Aussenpolitik der EU im Fokus	Carolin Rüger	G
International Political Economy (seminar)	Omar Serrano	E
International Political Sociology (seminar)	Hans-Martin Jaeger	E
Swiss Politics (lecture) / Schweizer Politik	Andreas Balthasar	G
Introduction to Swiss Politics (seminar) / Einführung in die Schweizer Politik	Lea Meyer	G
Energy Policy (seminar) / Energiepolitik	Stefan Rieder	G
Swiss Democracy: A Model to Export and Emulate? (seminar)	Michal Tomczyk	E
The Practice of Empirical Political Science Research I (research seminar) Methodenseminar zur Praxis der empirischen Sozialwissenschaft I	Joachim Blatter / Tobias Schulz	G
From Idea to Research Concept: Research Designs and Methods in International Relations II (research seminar) Von der Idee zum Forschungskonzept: Forschungsdesigns und Methoden in den Internationalen Beziehungen II	Julian Junk	G
Democratization and Configurational Thinking (seminar)	Markus Siewert	E
Research Colloquium / Kolloquium für Abschlussarbeiten	Joachim Blatter	G
Introduction to Empirical Social and Communication Research I (lecture) Einführung in die Methoden der empirischen Sozial- und Kommunikations- forschung I	Rainer Diaz-Bone	G

Courses in Fall Semester 2015

Course title	Lecturer	Language
Introduction to Political Science (lecture) Einführung in die Politikwissenschaft	Stefan Rieder	G
Theories of Democracy (lecture) Demokratiethorien	Joachim Blatter	G
Introduction to Theories of Democracy (seminar) Einführung in die Demokratiethorien	Joachim Blatter	G
Pragmatism as an Ideology (seminar) Pragmatismus als Ideologie	Olaf Rahmstorf	G
Democratic Legitimacy in Europe: Inside and Outside the EU (seminar)	John-Erik Fossum	E
Empires: Past and Present (seminar) Imperien gestern und heute	Herfried Münkler	G
Comparative Political Science (lecture) Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft	Dominic Höglinger	G
Introduction to Comparative Political Science (seminar) Einführung in die Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft	Doreen Spörer- Wagner	G
Political Parties (seminar)	Sergiu Gherghina	E
Municipal Politics and Spatial Planning (seminar) Gemeindepolitik und Raumplanung	Maarit Ströbele	G
The Politics of Diversity (seminar)	Jean-Thomas Arrighi	E
From International Relations to Global Governance (lecture) Von den Internationalen Beziehungen zur Global Governance	Manuela Spindler	G
Introduction to International Relations (seminar) Einführung in die Internationalen Beziehungen	Michael Buess	G
Gridlock: Why Global Cooperation is Failing When we Need it Most (seminar)	David Held	E
Hard Core and Fuzzy Borders: Differentiated Integration in Europe (seminar) Harter Kern und ausgefranste Grenzen: Differenzierte Integration in Europa	Sabine Jenni	G
China and India in the Global Economy (seminar)	Omar Serrano	E
Elections in Switzerland (seminar) / Wahlen in der Schweiz	Andreas Balthasar	G
The Practice of Empirical Political Science Research II (research seminar) Methodenseminar zur Praxis der empirischen Sozialwissenschaft II	Joachim Blatter / Tobias Schulz	G
From Ideas to Research Concepts: Research Designs and Methods in International Relations I (research seminar) Von der Idee zum Forschungskonzept: Forschungsdesigns und Methoden in den Internationalen Beziehungen I	Julian Junk	G
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External Lecturers (previous years)

Lecturers from Around the World

- John Erik Fossum, University of Oslo
- Tina Freyburg, University of Warwick
- Robert E. Goodin, Australian National University
- Xavier Guillaume, University of Edinburgh
- David Held, Durham University
- Adrienne Héritier, European University Institute, Florence
- Hans-Martin Jaeger, Carleton University, Ottawa
- Julian Junk, Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main
- Jane J. Mansbridge, Harvard University
- Karolina Milewicz, University College Oxford
- Herfried Münkler, Humboldt-University, Berlin
- Thomas Rixen, University of Bamberg
- Stéphan Sberro Picard, Instituto Tecnológico Autonomo de Mexico
- Philippe C. Schmitter, European University Institute, Florence
- Edina Szöcsik, University of Konstanz
- Michael Zürn, Social Science Research Center Berlin

Lecturers from Neighboring Swiss Universities

- Klaus Dingwerth, University of St. Gallen
- Patrick Emmenegger, University of St. Gallen
- Dirk Lehmkuhl, University of St. Gallen
- Wolf Linder, University of Berne
- Katrin Meyer, University of Basel
- Doreen Spörer-Wagner, National Center of Competence in Research – Democracy, Zurich
- Thomas Winzen, ETH Zurich

Practitioners

- Maurus Achermann, Service Civil International
- Philippe Koch, umverkehrR, association for sustainable mobility
- Stefan Rieder, Interface, Policy Consulting, Lucerne
- Tobias Schulz, Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow, and Landscape Research
- Christoph Spenlé, Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Nico van der Heiden, Verband Schweizerischer Assistenz- und Oberärztinnen und -ärzte





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