

**Summer Term 2014**

**University of Cologne**

**Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences**

**Cologne Center for Comparative Politics (CCCP)**

**Chair of International Comparative Political Economy and Economic Sociology**

**Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne & SciencePo, Paris**

**Doctoral/Master Course:** The Comparative Political Economy of Welfare States, Skill Formation and Financial Markets: Case Studies (CGS-Course & MA-Module "Forschungsprojekt Vergleichende Politik")

**ECTS:** 6

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**Time:** Compulsory preparatory meeting: Thursday, 10.04.2014, 4.00-5.30pm; Compact session: Thursday & Friday, 08./09.05.2014, 9.00am-6.00pm.

**Room:** Seminar Room, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Paulstraße 3, Cologne

**Description:** In Comparative Political Economy case study methods are used for theory building and theory tests (in the sense of plausibility probes). This course discusses the methodological approach of classical studies in case oriented comparative political economy. The domains are models of capitalism, comparative political economy of skill formation, comparative welfare state research and comparative political economy of financial markets. The course introduces to the methods the studies apply. In addition, we discuss conceptions of causality and strategies of case selection. Ph.D. students also have the possibility to present their own research designs.

**Requirements and evidence of academic achievement:** Each student has to prepare the compulsory reading in advance. Furthermore, each student has to write one essay which she/he will present in the course. The essays have to be handed in latest on 30.04.2014. In addition, each student has to write a report in which he/she applies a special case study method to address a particular research question or in which she/he gives a critical overview over methodological literature about a special case study method. Students will be graded on the quality of their presentations and essays and the quality of the term paper (*Hausarbeit*). The reports have to be delivered latest at the end of June, 2014. The report should not exceed 10.000 words. Own research on literature/data/material is required. All reports are checked for plagiarism. Please read for further information about plagiarism: [www.cccp.uni-koeln.de](http://www.cccp.uni-koeln.de). We use the software "turnitin" to check for plagiarism: <http://www.wiso-it.uni-koeln.de/turnitin.html> (Both pages are in German).

**Reading:** All texts are made available on the ILIAS-website of the course. All papers mentioned in the syllabus are compulsory.

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	<b><u>Thursday, 10.04.2014, 4.00-5.30pm: Compulsory preparatory meeting</u></b>
	<b><u>Thursday, 08.05.2014</u></b>
09.00-10.30	<p><b><u>Palier &amp; Trampusch: Introduction to Case Study Methods (Lecture)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mahoney, James/Gary Goertz (2006): A Tale of Two Cultures: Contrasting Quantitative and Qualitative Research. In: <i>Political Analysis</i> 14(3). 227-49.</li> </ul>
	<b>Coffee break</b>
10.45-12.15	<p><b><u>Specific Methods</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Comparative Method</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lieberson, Stanley (1991): Small N's and Big Conclusions: An Examination of the Reasoning in Comparative Studies Based on a Small Number of Cases. In: <i>Social Forces</i> 70(2). 307-20.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Parallel Demonstration of Theory &amp; Method of Contrasting Contexts</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skocpol, Theda/Margaret Somers (1980): The Uses of Comparative History in Macrosocial Inquiry. In: <i>Comparative Studies in Society and History</i> 22(2). 174-97.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Process Tracing</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach, Derek/Rasmus Brun Pedersen (2013): <i>Process-Tracing Methods. Foundations and Guidelines</i>. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press. 9-44, 120-43 (Chapters 2, 3 and 7).</li> <li>• Hall, Peter (2008): Systematic Process Analysis: When and How to use it. In: <i>European Political Science</i> 7(3). 304-17.</li> <li>• Trampusch, Christine/Bruno Palier (2014): <i>Process Tracing: A Survey of Practices and Theoretical Contributions</i>. Unpublished paper.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Analytic Narrative</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bates, Robert H./Avner Greif/Margaret Levi/Jean-Laurent Rosenthal/Barry R. Weingast (eds.) (1998): <i>Analytic Narratives</i>. Princeton: Princeton University Press. 3-22, 231-38 (Introduction and Conclusion).</li> <li>• Bates, Robert H./Avner Greif/Margaret Levi/Jean-Laurent Rosenthal/Barry R. Weingast (2000): Review: The Analytical Narrative Project. In: <i>American Political Science Review</i> 94(3). 696-702.</li> <li>• Levi, Margaret (2004): Analytic narrative approach to puzzles and problems. In: Ian Shapiro/Rogers M. Smith/Tarek E. Masoud (eds.): <i>Problems and Methods in the Study of Politics</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 201-226.</li> </ul>
	<b>Lunch break</b>
13.15-14.45	<p><b><u>Models of Capitalism</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trampusch, Christine/Dennis Spies (2013): Agricultural Interests and the Origins of Capitalism: A Parallel Comparative History of Germany, Denmark, New Zealand, and the United States. In: <i>New Political Economy</i>; early view (<b>Parallel demonstration of theory</b>)</li> <li>• Afonso, Alexandre/André Mach (2011): Coming Together but Staying Apart: Continuity and Change in the Swiss and Austrian Varieties of Capitalism. In: Uwe Becker (ed.) <i>The Changing Political Economies of Small West European Countries</i>. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press. 99-124. (<b>Comparative method</b>)</li> </ul>
	<b>Coffee break</b>
15.00-16.30	<p><b><u>Comparative Welfare State Research I</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emmenegger, Patrick (2011): Job Security Regulations in Western Democracies. In: <i>European Journal of Political Research</i> 50(3). 336-64. (<b>QCA</b>)</li> <li>• Häusermann, Silja (2010). Solidarity with whom? Why organized Labor is losing ground in continental pension politics. In: <i>European Journal of Political Research</i> 49(2). 233-56. (<b>Quantitative analysis of actor configurations (coded positions) with in-depth case studies</b>)</li> </ul>

16.30-18.00	<p><b><u>Comparative Welfare State Research II</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palier, Bruno (2010): Ordering change: Understanding the ‘Bismarckian’ Welfare Reform Trajectory. In: <i>ibid.</i> (ed.): <i>A long Good Bye to Bismarck? The Politics of Welfare Reform in Continental Europe</i>. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press. 19-44. <b>(Comparative process tracing)</b></li> <li>• Palier, Bruno (2010): The Long Conservative Corporatist Road to Welfare Reforms. In: <i>ibid.</i> (ed.): <i>A long Good Bye to Bismarck? The Politics of Welfare Reform in Continental Europe</i>. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press. 333-87. <b>(Comparative process tracing)</b></li> <li>• Naczyk, Marek/Bruno Palier (2013): <i>Feed the Beast: Finance Capitalism and the Spread of Pension Privatization in Europe</i>. Unpublished Paper. <b>(Comparative process tracing)</b></li> </ul>
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<b><u>Friday, 09.05.2014</u></b>	
09.00-10.30	<p><b><u>Comparative Political Economy of Skill Formation</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trampusch, Christine (2010): Co-evolution of Skills and Welfare in Coordinated Market Economies? A Comparative Historical Analysis of Denmark, the Netherlands, and Switzerland. In: <i>European Journal of Industrial Relations</i> 16(3). 197-220. <b>(Method of contrasting contexts)</b></li> <li>• Trampusch, Christine (2010): Employers, the State, and the Politics of Institutional Change. Vocational Education and Training in Austria, Germany and Switzerland. In: <i>European Journal of Political Research</i> 49(4). 545-73. <b>(Comparative method)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Coffee break</b>	
10.45-12.15.	<p><b><u>Comparative Political Economy of Financial Markets</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oatley, Thomas/Robert Nabors (1998): Redistributive Cooperation: Market Failure, Wealth Transfers, and the Basle Accord. In: <i>International Organization</i> 52(1). 35-54. <b>(Analytic narrative)</b></li> <li>• Trampusch, Christine (2013): Why Preferences and Institutions Change: A Systematic Process Analysis of Credit Rating in Germany. In: <i>European Journal of Political Research</i>; forthcoming. <b>(Process tracing)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Lunch break</b>	
13.15-14.45	<b><u>Ph.D. Students’ Research Projects</u></b>
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