Winter Term 2018/19
Specialisation Module Political Science 1 (CGS): Research Project Federalism,
Decentralisation and Multi-Level Governance
Prof. Dr. André Kaiser, Kristina Gushchina (teaching assistant)

Fri 12:00 – 13:30 h
203/2 Hörsaal des Forschungsinstituts
First class 26 October 2018

This course aims at introducing participants into current research on the territorial organisation of the, mostly democratic, state. Ideally, participants develop their own research questions and designs on questions of federalism, decentralisation or multi-level governance while attending the course.

Students are expected to:
• attend sessions regularly
• actively contribute to classroom discussions (oral presentations, written questions on assigned readings, group work)
• complete assigned readings according to schedule
• hand in one research paper of about 15 pages or two research essays of about 7 to 8 pages in length on 10 March 2019 at the latest (late assignments will be penalized, unless prior arrangements are made!). You are free to hand in individual research papers or group research papers.

Office Hour:
Appointments can be arranged via email, André Kaiser (André.Kaiser@uni-koeln.de), Kristina Gushchina (kg@mpifg.de).

Reading assignments:
A reader with the required texts will be made available to participants.

General readings:

Schedule:

26 October 2018  General Introduction: Why is there no unified theory of federalism?


2 November 2018  Symmetric and Asymmetric Federalism

**9 November 2018  Joint Federalism vs Dual Federalism**


**16 November 2018  Federalism in Multiethnic and Multinational Societies**


**7 December 2018  Why Decentralization?**


**21 December 2018  Trends in Established Federal Systems**


**11 January 2019  The Regional Authority Index**


**18 January 2019  Federalism as a Dynamic System I: Belgium**


**25 January 2019  Federalism as a Dynamic System II: Spain**


**Block Seminar, 26 January 2019, 9:00-18:00 h**

**Dynamics of Quasi-Federalism: United Kingdom**


**Federalism, Decentralization and Performance**


**Secession**


**Wrap Up**