

Seminar Summer Term 2015

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Tuesdays 2-4 pm, Breisacher Tor Raum 106

Nested Games: Regional Organizations in International Organizations

Comment:

Since the end of World War II (WWII), the numbers of International Organizations (IOs) and Regional Organizations (ROs) have increased tremendously. Today there are hardly any policy areas in which states do not cooperate in IOs and hardly any geographical regions without ROs. As a result of these overlaps, extended systems of multilevel governance emerged (EMLG). While states are formally members in both ROs and IOs, the former tend to rarely obtain full membership in IOs but have either no formal status at all in IOs and international regimes (e.g. CELAC or Mercosur) or only observer rights (e.g. ASEAN, AU, CARICOM, ECOWAS, EFTA or SADC in the International Labour Organisation). Yet, even if an RO has no formal status at all in an IO, its members can and do speak on its behalf. Thus, the class addresses a series of important questions: How active and how influential are ROs in IOs? How does overlapping membership of states in ROs and IOs influence international negotiation dynamics and outcomes? Why are some ROs more active and why are some more influential than others?

To address these questions, the seminar provides an empirical overview of the regionalization of international relations, covers state of the art theories on nested games, and focuses on how the latter can be empirically analyzed on the basis of quantitative and qualitative methods. This seminar is for advanced students of political science who have a strong background in International Relations as well as qualitative and quantitative methods.

Overview Literature:

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