

Seminar Summer Term 2016
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Mondays 4-6 pm, HS 1222

Comparative Regionalism

Comment:

Katzenstein (2005) as well as Acharya (2014) have convincingly made the case that we live in a world of regions under conditions of multipolarity. By now there are more than 60 regional organizations (RO), in which states cooperate with one another on the basis of regional membership, in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. Thus, governance beyond the nation state is no longer exclusively taking place in IOs and international regimes, but also in ROs, which today cover more policy areas than market creation and the enhancement of inter-state trade.

In the first part of the course, we focus on the emergence of regional organizations all over the globe. How can we explain regional integration and do EU-focused explanations also hold for non-European regions? In the second step, we look at the institutional design of regional organizations in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. In how far do regional organizations look alike and how and why do they differ? In order to answer these questions, we work with different integration theories (including intergovernmentalism, neo-functionalism and supranationalism) as well as institutional design approaches (legalization approach, incomplete contracting, rational design approaches, new institutionalism).

This course is suitable for advanced BA and MA students who already have solid knowledge concerning international relations (IR) and the European Union or another regional organization and a good comprehension of the most common IR theories.

During the course, students learn how to design an explanatory research design and how to select comparative methods in order to shed light on the research questions posed. To this end, the course also provides a very short introduction into qualitative and quantitative methods. This includes case studies as well as linear and logistic regression analysis. This course uses an e-learning module. All exercises are available under https://ilias.uni-freiburg.de/goto.php?target=crs_360306_rcodehXJf8QDBAB&client_id=unifreiburg

Examination requirements:

<http://portal.uni-freiburg.de/politik/medien/pdf/studium/Leistungsanforderungen.pdf>

Overview Literature:

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