

Workshop “Research Design and Choice of Methods I”

Programme

Date, Venue, Attendees

- **Monday, 12th April, 2010**
- 13.00 - 17.30
- Würzburger Str. 35, 01187 Dresden, DLGS: Room 210
- 10 Doctoral Students of DLGS 2, Prof. Dr. Werner Patzelt, Chair for Political Systems and Comparative Politics, Political Science Institute, Department of Philosophy, Dr. Gerd Lintz

Aims of the Workshop

- The workshop aims at providing knowledge on research designs and methods in social sciences. Therefore, basic choices and their rationales are in the foreground of discussion, not details of specific methods.
- The workshop aims at providing knowledge about quantitative and qualitative research and providing some suggestions to deal with the challenges of “mixed methods”.
- PhD Students play an active role in the workshop through contributing to discussion, through assessing pre-selected literature examples, and through summarizing the implications of the workshop for writing their proposals.
- The workshop deals with key questions of how to develop a doctoral thesis. It provides an overview of different research approaches, research designs and case selections and focuses on methodological approaches.

Structure of the Workshop

Time	Content	Comment
13.00-13.05	Welcome and Introduction	Dr. Gerd Lintz
13.05-14.40	Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview over research design and methods (questions and discussion)• An idealized research process leading to a thesis (including questions of limited resources like time, access to research sites) (questions and discussion / short break)	Prof. Dr. Werner Patzelt, TU Dresden
14.40-14.45	<i>Short break</i>	
14.45-16:30	Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Qualitative and quantitative research: theoretical preconditions, criteria for assessing research and its results, functions of questions and hypotheses, designs, and methods (questions and discussion)• Combining quantitative and qualitative methods (questions and discussion)	Prof. Dr. Werner Patzelt, TU Dresden
16.30-17.30	Coffee, Discussion and summary	Dr. Gerd Lintz