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BA-Seminar “Comparative Government in Europe”

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BA Recht und Politik – Vertiefung

6 ECTS

Dienstag, 14:15-15:45 Uhr

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Between World War II and today, European democracies have developed in different sequences and in different types, in particular regarding the 40 years of division into a Western and an Eastern “bloc” from 1949 – 1989. This seminar is devoted to the analysis of political systems as well as democratic development and processes in selected European democracies in West and East. The seminar first addresses analytical tools and central topics of comparative politics, including the political culture and functioning of democracy and its institutions, parties and party systems, and decision-making and public policies. Then, special attention is paid to the particularities of important country cases such as Great Britain, France, and Germany in the West, Poland, and Hungary in the East. The last section of the seminar is dedicated to cross-country topics in comparative politics such as changing voter alignments, welfare policies, immigration, and populism and the radical right.

Literatur: G.A. Almond, R.J. Dalton, Russell, G.B. Powell, and K. Strøm (eds.). *European Politics Today*. 4th ed. London: Longman, 2009; H. Kriesi, “Is There a Crisis of Democracy in Europe?” *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* (2020) 61, S. 237-260.

Hinweis: Das Seminar findet auf Englisch statt.

Teilnahmevoraussetzungen: good command of English language (active and passive).

Leistungsnachweise/Grading: Regular class attendance and participation (20%), student presentation (ca. 20 mins.) with handout (Referat mit Thesenpapier) (30%), research paper (10-15 pp.), in English or in German (50%).