Syllabus

Politics in Time and Political Analysis SS 2012

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Overview

Time with its many roles and faces is a major player in the field of politics, for example as institutional time constraint, political planning horizon, and decision making speed. Based on the newest literature in the field of politics and time, the seminar will investigate the temporal dimension of politics on a national and international level systematically. In addition, it will be shown which tools and methods are present in the social sciences to analyze the influence of time on politics adequately.

By the end of the course, students should be able to

- Identify the time rules, constraints, and strategies of diverse actors in democratic systems
- Understand the effect of these temporal features on political behavior
- Analyze temporal phenomena in politics with the appropriate methods.

Introduction

24.04.12 Overview:

Schedler, A. and Santiso, J. (1998): Democracy and Time: An Invitation, *International Political Science Review*; 19; pp5-18.

I Time Traces: Politics in Time

08.05.12 Long-Term Processes in Politics

Pierson, P. (2004): Politics in Time, Chapter 3: Long-Term Processes, Princeton University Press, pp. 79-102

Grzymala-Busse, A. (2011): Time Will Tell? Temporality and the Analysis of Causal Mechanisms and Processes, *Comparative Political Studies,* 44, pp 1267-1297.

15.05.12 Historical Sequences as Political Processes

Aminzade, R (1992): Historical Sociology and Time, *Sociological Methods Research,* 20; pp.

Howlett, M. and Rayner, J. (2006): Understanding the Historical Turn in the Policy Sciences: A Critique of Stochastic, Narrative, Path Dependency and Process-Sequencing Models of Policy-Making over Time, *Policy Sciences* 39, pp. 1–18

II Time Rules: The Timescape Model

22.05.12: The European Timescape

Meyer-Sahling, J. and Goetz, K. H. (2009): The EU Timescape: From Notion to Research Agenda, *Journal of European Public Policy*,16, pp. 325 — 336

Goetz, K. H. (2009): How Does the EU Tick? Five Propositions on Political Time, *Journal of European Public Policy*,16, pp. 202 — 220

Adam, B. (2008): OF TIMESCAPES, FUTURESCAPES AND TIMEPRINTS, Talk at Lüneburg University, 17 June 2008

29.05.12: The Time of European Governance

Ekengren, M. (2002) *The Time of European Governance*, Manchester: Manchester University of Press.

Jerneck, M. (2000): EUROPEANIZATION, TERRITORIALITY AND POLITICAL TIME, *YEARBOOK OF EUROPEAN STUDIES* 14, pp. 27-49.

III Time Constraints: Democracy and Synchronization

05.06.12 Democratic Time Constraints

Linz, J.J. (1998): Democracy's Time Constraint, *International Political Science Review*, 19, pp. 19-37

Goodin, R.E. (1998): Keeping Political Time: The Rhythms of Democracy, *International Political Science Review*, 19, pp. 38-56.

König/Schulz: Decision Speed EU

12.06.12 Social Acceleration and Democracy

Chesneaux, J. (2000): Speed and Democracy. An Uneasy Dialogue, *Social Science Information* 39, pp. 407-427.

Scheuerman, W.E. (2001): Liberal Democracy and the Empire of Speed', Polity XXXIV, pp. 41–67.

Scheuerman, W.E. (2004): *Liberal Democracy and the Social Acceleration of Time*, Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press.

IV Time Strategies: Actors Time Games

19.06.12: Timetable Control

Döring, H. (1995): Time as Scarce Resource: Government Control of the Agenda, in H. Döring (ed.): *Parliaments and Majority Rule in Western Europe*, MZSE, pp. 223-247.

26.06.12.: Timing of Integration

Kovats, L. (2009): Do Elections Set the Pace? A quantitative assessment of the timing of European legislation, *Journal of European Public Policy*, 16, pp. 239-255.

Ecker, A., Jenny, M. and W. C. Müller (2009): Dynamic Representation: Does the Electoral Cycle Matter? A study of 65 Parties in 14 European Democracies, Working Paper

V Time Horizons: Justifying and Planning in Comparative Perspective

03.07.12 Governing with the Past and the Future

10.07.12: Poster Session