

**THEORY, ANALYSIS AND EMPIRICAL STUDY OF INSTITUTIONS AND  
ORGANISATIONS  
PH. D. WORKSHOP**

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**Course Description**

Aim

Participants:

- are familiar with theories and frameworks which are used for researching and analysing institutions and organisations.
- are able to discuss theoretical concepts and implications of frameworks.
- are able to use these theories and frameworks in order to design research.
- are familiar with selected methodological approaches to researching institutions and organisations
- reflect on and discuss their own work and that of colleagues in the light of the contents of the course and overall doctoral research.

Contents

- Situate research and analysis of institutions and organisations in wider social research and social science disciplines (structure agency debate, quantitative and qualitative research paradigms, micro and macro visions, different institutionalisms)
- Insights into a selection of theories (property rights theory, transactions cost theory) and frameworks (IAD, IoS, Integrative and Segregative Institutions (ISI)), which conceptualise institutions and organisations and the way they relate to the specificities of interactions between humans and their physical environment
- Insights into methodology and data gathering methods for researching and analysing institutions and organisations (quantitative, qualitative, case study research, analytic narratives, network analysis)
- Development of design for research of institutions and organisations in a specific case
- Apply the above knowledge in groups and in an exemplary fashion to a practical case
- Exchange of experiences about the process of working on and writing a doctoral, social science thesis
- Exchange about and discussion of research projects of participants

## Course outline

- Monday:** *Introduction and overview* – a) theory of science perspective on the course content, b) situating analysis of institutions and organisations in broader context of social theories (e.g. structure – agency, micro-macro debate)
- Tuesday:** *Frameworks* (IAD, IoS, ISI) and *theories* (Transaction cost theory and property rights theory) and the specificities of applying them to interactions between humans and the physical environment
- Wednesday:** *Methods* – empirical methods of data gathering, network analysis, quantitative methods, analytical narratives
- Thursday:** *Examples of doctoral research* looking at institutions and organisations, *group work* - research design for case study.
- Friday:** *Case study visit* (in or close to Berlin), evaluation of the case study, evaluation and conclusion of the overall module
- Daily:** *Seminars* in which participants have the opportunity (if desired) to present their own work.  
If papers are submitted at least two weeks ahead of the course (20. August 2006) comments will be prepared by at least one of the lecturers as “discussant”. This may enhance the discussion of the work and its value for the student. Paper contributions are obligatory in order to obtain credits for the course.

## Teaching Methods

Lectures: 50%, seminars 30%, group work 10%, excursion 10%

## Grading

- Certificate of attendance, if all sessions are attended.
- To obtain credits: short paper (ca. 2000 words, focus to be agreed bilaterally) (due 4 weeks after the course - 70%), oral paper presentation throughout the course (30%), alternatively to presentation contribution to design of case study visit (30%)

## Credit points

3

## Requirements

M.Sc. or Diplom/ Magister, social science background

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### Language

English (if 25% of participants only English speaking) or German depending on participants, presentations can always be done in German, if desired

### Miscellaneous

Advice on accomodation in Berlin can be provided

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