



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2018

10,400: Philosophical and Methodological Foundations of Social Science Analysis

ECTS credits: 6

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (50%)

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (50%)

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[10,400,1.00 Philosophical and Methodological Foundations of Social Science Analysis](#) -- Englisch -- [Emmenegger Patrick](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

This is a course for students enrolled in the DIA program. Students from other doctoral programs should seek the permission of the course instructor prior to enrolling in this class. Please note: Students who plan to take this course as an optional course and without an examination should not register via the bidding system. They should register directly with the lecturer. Students who plan to take this course as a regular course or as an optional course with an examination should register via the bidding system. Enrollment in a course is binding: students have to attend the course and take the exam. The grade will be shown on the scorecard.

Course content

Scientists, on the one hand, are expected to satisfy quality standards, derived from the philosophy of science, and, on the other hand, are embedded in the practice of their profession. The aim of the seminar is to confront these normative positions on doing science, their philosophical basis, and their methodological implications, as they are being or have been upheld in the social sciences with positive positions on how we are observed actually doing scientific work. At the end of this course, participants will understand on what philosophical assumptions their work (or the work of their peers) is based and what methodological implications these assumptions have for their research.

Course structure

Introductory meeting (September 25, 2018, 4.30-6.00pm) and two-day bloc seminar (October 29/30, 2018).

Course literature

Patrick Thaddeus Jackson (2011): *The Conduct of Inquiry in International Relations: Philosophy of Science and its Implications for the Study of World Politics*. London and New York: Routledge. (More recent editions of this book are also fine.)

Additional course information

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Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/2)



Examination time and form

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (50%)

Remark

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Examination-aid rule

Term papers

- Term papers must be written without anyone else's help and in accordance with the known quotation standards, and they must contain a declaration of authorship.
- The documentation of sources (quotations, bibliography) has to be done throughout and consistently in accordance with the APA or MLA standards. The indications of the sources of information taken over verbatim or in paraphrase (quotations) must be integrated into the text in accordance with the precepts of the applicable quotation standard, while informative and bibliographical notes must be added as footnotes (recommendations and standards can be found, for example, in METZGER, C. (2017), Lern- und Arbeitsstrategien (12th ed., Cornelsen Schweiz).
- For any work written at the HSG, the indication of the page numbers both according to the MLA and the APA standard is never optional.
- Where there are no page numbers in sources, precise references must be provided in a different way: titles of chapters or sections, section numbers, acts, scenes, verses, etc.
- For papers in law, the legal standard is recommended (by way of example, cf. FORSTMOSER, P., OGOREK R. et SCHINDLER B. (2018, Juristisches Arbeiten: Eine Anleitung für Studierende (6. Auflage), Zürich: Schulthess, or the recommendations of the Law School).

Supplementary aids

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

2. Examination sub part (2/2)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (50%)

Remark

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Examination-aid rule

Practical examination

No examination-aid rule is necessary for such examination types. The rules and regulations of the University of St. Gallen apply in a subsidiary fashion.

Supplementary aids

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Examination content

Participants prepare and present one of the seminar topics (weighted 1/2). Subsequently, they write a paper relating their own scholarly work to the philosophical traditions discussed in the seminar (weighted 1/2 of the mark). The final version of the paper of max. 5'000 words is due December 31, 2018.

Examination relevant literature

Candidates should master the literature suggested on the syllabus but also orient themselves within a given subject area by



consulting both historical and contemporary contributions to the relevant debates.

Please note

We would like to point out to you that this fact sheet has absolute priority over other information such as StudyNet, faculty members' personal databases, information provided in lectures, etc. When will the fact sheets become binding?

- Information about courses and examination time (central/decentral and grading form): from the start of the bidding process on 23 August 2018
- Information about decentral examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): after the 4th semester week on 15 October 2018
- Information about central examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): from the start of the enrolment period for the examinations on 05 November 2018

Please look at the fact sheet once more after these deadlines have expired.