VL Selected Topics in Comparative Government: Authoritarian Politics (Lecture)

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Course type: Lecture

ECTS: 7

Course suitable for: Bachelor

Language of instruction: English

Credit hours1: 2

Attendance: Live & on-campus

Examination achievement: Written exam

Instructor(s): Prof. Dr. Richard Traunmüller

Date(s):

Tuesday (weekly) 11.02.2025 – 27.05.2025 08:30 – 10:00 B 243 Hörsaal; A 5, 6 Bauteil B

Description:

This lecture introduces students to theories and methods for explaining how autocratic political systems emerge, how they consolidate and how they fail. Next to a discussion of how to define and measure ‘autocracies’, we will focus on the questions of how autocratic leaders deal with the dual problem of power-sharing among autocratic elites and controlling the mass public. We will also spend time on the role of institutions and public support in autocracies, how censorship and propaganda work and the prospects of protest mobilization. Next to substantive discussion the lecture will put great emphasis on the practice of quantitative political research.