



**Summer Semester 2021**

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**Governance & 'Politik'**

**(35540/35541 – 3 SWS)**

## **Topics for Voluntary Presentations**

12. Democracy & Populism

- 12.1 Liberalism vs. Populism: Two Approaches to Democracy [18 May]
- 12.2 What is Populism? [18 May]
- 12.3 Populism and Democracy [19 May]
- 12.4 Causes and Responses to Populism [19 May]
- 12.5 The Crisis of Liberal Democracy [26 May]
- 12.6 Origins of the Crisis of Liberal Democracy [26 May]
- 12.7 The Democratic Fatigue Syndrome: Symptoms and Diagnoses [01 June]

13. Electoral Representation and Electoral Reforms

- 13.1 The Crisis of (Liberal) Democracy – A Crisis of Electoral Representation? [01 June]
- 13.2 The Dual Purpose of Elections & How to Think about Electoral Systems [01 June]
- 13.3 Proportional Representation and the Alternative to it & The Dual-Vote Device: The German Federal Electoral System [02 June]
- 13.4 Who Will Win? Who ought to Win? & Majority Preferences [02 June]
- 13.5 Rival Criteria & Systems Based on Criteria [08 June]
- 13.6 Proportional Representation & The Principles of Electoral Reform [08 June]

14. Examining and Revising the German Federal Electoral System

- 14.1 Inconsistencies Between Votes and Seats [08 June]

15. Democracy of the Future

- 15.1 Direct Voting and Proxy Voting [09 June]
- 15.2 Representative Democracy via Random Selection [15 June]
- 15.3 Liquid Democracy: Potentials, Problems, and Perspectives [15 June]

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16. Against Democracy – A Case for Epistocracy
    - 16.1 Ignorant, Irrational, Misinformed Nationalists? [15 June]
    - 16.2 Political Participation Corrupts? [16 June]
    - 16.3 Empowerment of Whom? [16 June]
  17. Non-Democratic Regimes
    - 17.1 Studying Non-Democratic Regimes & The Three Phases of Modernizing the Non-Democratic Rule [06 July]
    - 17.2 Theoretical Approaches to Non-Democratic Regimes [06 July]
    - 17.3 Disguised Dictatorship [06 July]

**Note:** The relevant literature for each topic can be found in the course description. The dates in brackets are indications for the dates of the presentations. The actual dates of the presentations will be announced about one week in advance.

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