

Courses planned for the academic year 2026/2027 (subject to modifications!)

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Winter semester of 2026/2027	Summer semester of 2027
<i>Introduction courses</i>	<i>Introduction courses</i>
Introduction Course: From research proposal to successful public presentation	Introduction Course: From research proposal to successful public presentation
<i>Completion courses</i>	<i>Completion courses</i>
	Completion Course: The last steps towards completing your doctoral studies
<i>Research colloquia</i>	<i>Research colloquia</i>
Citizenship studies and citizenship education	Democracy, governance and representation
Family care, primary health care, long-term care, and palliative care	Human-machine-communications
Health and society	Visual and multimodal methods for the social sciences
Research colloquium for doctoral candidates in STS	
Research colloquium for doctoral candidates: Quantitative research design and methods	
<i>Theory seminars</i>	<i>Theory seminars</i>
Recent debates in international politics and international political economy	Digital humanism and polycrisis
Relational theory of state in times of authoritarianism	Environing the social sciences: From political ecology to multi-species ethnography
	Farewell to modernisation? The theory of modernisation and value shift in the 21st century
	Philosophy and practice of science: Understanding knowledge, applying methods, being a researcher
<i>Methods seminars</i>	<i>Methods seminars</i>
Advanced topics in regression analysis	Affective research methods
Case studies and comparisons	Conducting qualitative research in international contexts in the social sciences
Causal inference for observational data	Ethnographic methods
Interpretative Methodologien sowie Verfahren der Datenerhebung und -auswertung	Panel data analysis
Methodological challenges of doing research with vulnerable groups	Research design from a quantitative perspective
Qualitative content/discourse analysis	Survey design
<i>Advanced methods seminars*</i>	<i>Advanced methods seminars*</i>
Advanced quantitative text analysis	Advanced qualitative content/discourse analyses
	Ethnographic writing and theory building
	Experimental design and analysis
<i>Research workshops*</i>	<i>Research workshops*</i>
From research design to synthesis: Comprehensive discussion in paper-based dissertations	Writing as thinking: Experimenting and working with writing as knowledge practice

* Prerequisite for participation in advanced methods seminars and research workshops is the conclusion of the doctoral thesis agreement.