



Spring Term 2012

“Research Colloquium: Current Topics in Organizational Studies”

PhD Seminar

Syllabus

Module Number:

Lectures: UNK-E-2 (Universitätsstrasse 84);

Starting: 14.03.2012 (three intensive session over 5 days)

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Overview

The aim of this seminar is to expose students to different topics falling under the heading organization studies and to support them in developing their doctoral project. Different issues are discussed in small group i.e. how to define a relevant research question, how to find the right theoretical conversation, how to elaborate a research design and how to conduct research leading to strong theoretical contributions.

This seminar provides a unique platform for doctoral students to present and test their ideas and to receive feedback from their fellow colleagues and more senior scholars.

This course is designed to be highly participative.

Objectives

At the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Build a relevant research question
2. Identify an appropriate literature
3. Choose an appropriate methodology

Course prerequisites

None

Exams and Grading

- Reading the papers and prepare for an active participation in the seminar.
- Paper of 5 pages.

Reading Material and Schedule

1. Practice theories on Bourdieu, Foucault and Giddens
Wednesday, March 14th, from 9h00-16h00
2. Michael Lounsbury on institutional theory
Wednesday, April 25th, from 9h00-16h00



3. Project presentations

Tuesday, May 22nd, from 13h00-19h00 and

Wednesday, May 23rd, from 9h00-19h00

Course material

- Academic papers

WWF statutory course policies

- According to WWF study regulations, all exam dates are final as published in the VVZ. This means that the (midterm and) final exam date(s) and time(s) are not negotiable. It will not be possible to take any exams on different dates.
- Check your class schedule for possible exam conflicts at the beginning of the semester, as this is your own responsibility. If you want to avoid heavy workload and taking multiple exams in one day you will have to rearrange your class schedule accordingly before the semester begins.
- Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Anyone caught cheating or engaging in unethical behavior will be reported to the Dean's office.
- Don't forget to officially register using the registration tool of the University of Zurich.

Note: The information in this syllabus supports the official information in the electronic university registration tool (VVZ – Vorlesungsverzeichnis). In case of doubt, the official information at the VVZ is decisive.

Reading and other requirements

- The material covered in the classroom will generally correspond to the material assigned in the textbook, although the lectures may present the material from a different point of view. The lectures and the readings are complementary rather than substitutes.
- Note that reading the slides are not a substitute for the readings.
- You are responsible to keep yourself inform about changes or additions that may be announced during the lecture.

Behavior during the lecture

- Please turn off your cell phones during the lecture.
- No computers allowed during the lecture.
- Please do not eat in class.

Class communication

- Documents for this lecture are available via OLAT: www.olat.uzh.ch
- E-mail is the official method of communication for this lecture. If I send an e-mail to your registered address I consider you to have been informed.

Grading policies

- Grading will be on a curve.
- Your final grade will depend on your rank in the class at the end of the semester.
- Grades are not negotiable.

Students with disabilities

- Students with disability should contact the lecturer and the disability office as early as possible to make the necessary arrangement.