



**Course Title: Applied Multi Level Analyses in Cross-National Research**

**Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Heiner Meulemann**

Course number	1376
Location/Room	Philosophikum, Room S 69
Time	Thursdays, 12:00am-1:30
Credit Points	6 ECTS
Type of course	PhD course
Course Language	English

### **1. Objectives**

In this seminar, published research (Journal articles as well as books) on multi-level analyses will be analyzed. That is: (1) The justification of the micro and, particularly, macro hypotheses, (2) the adequacy of the chosen country samples and country level indicators, (3) the appropriateness of the analysis methods and (4) the validity of the results will be discussed.

The research discussed in the seminar will refer to four life domains: politics, economics, civil society, comprising family, social security systems and associations; and culture, comprising education, mass communication and religion.

### **2. Prerequisites**

Necessary prerequisites: Knowledge of regression techniques. Target audience: students planning an empirical dissertation.

### **3. Relevance for study programmes**

CGS-students and students of the WiSo-Faculty

### **4. Registration**

Not necessary

### **5. Contents**

Short summary/synopses of the course (with reading list/recommended literature) available at first session.

Reading List:

Curtis, James E. / Baer, Douglas E. / Grabb, Edard G., 2001. Nations of Joiners: Explaining Voluntary Association Membership in Democratic Societies. American Sociological Review 66: 783-805

Meulemann, Heiner (ed.), 2008. Social Capital in Europe: Similarity of Countries and Diversity of People? Multi-level analyses of the European Social Survey. Leiden: Brill





Barone, Carlo; Lucchini, Mario; Simone Sarti, 2007: Class and Political Preferences in Europe: A Multilevel Analysis of Trends Over Time, in: European Sociological Review, Vol. 23 Issue 3, p373-392.

Van Deth, Jan W.; Elff, Martin, 2004: Politicisation, economic development and political interest in Europe, in: European Journal of Political Research, Vol. 43 Issue 3, p477-508.

Yuchtman-Yaar, Ephraim; Alkalay, Yasmin, 2007: Religious zones, economic development and modern value orientations: Individual versus contextual effects, in: Social Science Research, Vol. 36 Issue 2, p789-807.

### **6. Working requirements and assessment method**

Credits can be earned by presenting at least one – depending on length on complexity – such study orally and writing a critical review about it.

### **7. Teaching staff**

Professor of sociology, speaker of SOCLIFE

### **8. Co-ordination/Contact**

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