



**THEORY, ANALYSIS AND EMPIRICAL STUDY OF INSTITUTIONS AND
ORGANISATIONS**

- PART 1 - APPROACH, FRAMEWORKS AND THEORIES -

PH. D. MODULE / PROMOTIONSKOLLEG

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Course Description

Aim

Participants:

- are familiar with the overall problem-based and transdisciplinary approaches to research the role of institutions and organisations in social-ecological interactions
- are familiar with theories and frameworks which are used for researching and analysing institutions and organisations.
- are able to discuss theoretical concepts and implications of frameworks.
- are able to use these theories and frameworks in order to design research.
- are familiar with selected methodological approaches to researching institutions and organisations
- reflect on and discuss their own work and that of colleagues in the light of the contents of the course and overall doctoral research.

Contents

- Situate approach to research and analysis of institutions and organisations in wider social research and social science disciplines (structure agency debate, quantitative and qualitative research paradigms, micro and macro visions, different institutionalisms)
- Insights into a selection of theories (property rights theory, transactions cost theory, theories of institutional change) and frameworks (IAD, IoS, Integrative and Segregative Institutions)

(ISI)), which conceptualise institutions and organisations and the way they relate to the specificities of interactions between humans and their physical environment

- Development of design for research of institutions and organisations in a specific case
- Apply the above knowledge in groups and in an exemplary fashion to a practical case
- Exchange of experiences about the process of working on and writing a doctoral, social science thesis
- Exchange about and discussion of research projects of participants

Teaching Methods

Lectures: 50%, seminars 30%, group work 10%, excursion 10%

Grading

- Certificate of attendance, if all sessions are attended.
- To obtain credits: short paper (ca. 2000 words, focus to be agreed bilaterally) (due 4 weeks after the course - 70%), oral paper presentation throughout the course (30%), alternatively to presentation contribution to design of case study visit (30%)

Credit points

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Requirements

M.Sc. or Diplom/ Magister, social science background

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