

Module title		Abbreviation
Comparative Democracies A		o6-PSSc-VDA-212-mo1
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Comparative Politics and German Politics		Chair of Comparative Politics and German Politics
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	May not be combined with o6-PSSc-VDB.
Contents		
In-depth study of theoretical and empirical-analytical questions from the field of comparative democracy research.		
Intended learning outcomes		
The student has in-depth knowledge of selected theoretical as well as empirical-analytical research approaches in comparative democracy research and in this context acquires the ability to independently classify and work on problems, positions and discourses in the field of comparative democracy research.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
S (2) Module taught in: German and/or English and potentially other language		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
a) written examination (approx. 90 minutes, numerical grade) or b) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes, numerical grade) or c) term paper (approx. 25 pages, numerical grade) or d) presentation (approx. 30 minutes, numerical grade) and term paper (approx. 25 pages, numerical grade), weighted 1:4 or f) portfolio (approx. 50 hours total, numerical grade) or g) research report (approx. 15 pages, numerical grade) Language of assessment: German and/or English and potentially other language creditable for bonus		
Allocation of places		
5 places. There are no restrictions with regard to available places for students of Political and Social Sciences (Master's, 120, 45 ECTS credits) or Social Sustainability Sciences. The number specified is the total number of places that will be allocated to students of other degree subjects in the SFB (list of modules) of which this module is listed. Should the number of applications exceed the number of available places, places will be allocated according to the number of subject semesters. Among applicants with the same number of subject semesters, places will be allocated by lot. A waiting list will be maintained and places re-allocated by lot as they become available.		
Additional information		
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Workload		
150 h		
Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		

Master's degree (1 major) Social Science Sustainability Studies (2021)
Exchange Program Political and Social Studies (2023)
Master's degree (1 major) Chinese Politics and Society (2025)