



Curso
Comparative Methodology and Institutional Theory

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Horas totales: 9

Créditos: 2

Duración: 20 de marzo al 22 de marzo de 2017, de 8 a 11

Requisito: El curso está orientado a estudiantes de nivel de maestría y doctorado.

Objetivos, modalidad y forma de evaluación del curso:

El curso será dictado en la modalidad de dedicación exclusiva, a través de clases magistrales a cargo del Profesor Guy Peters en idioma inglés. Tiene como objetivos profundizar en el debate metodológico en Ciencias Sociales y en particular sobre el análisis comparado de políticas públicas, así como ofrecer una revisión sintética de las distintas vertientes de la Teoría Institucional en la Ciencia Política. El formato de evaluación del curso consiste en la certificación de asistencia y en la entrega de un pequeño trabajo (en español o inglés de entre 2 y 4 carillas) donde se desarrolle el aporte del curso en la perspectiva de la elaboración de la tesis final del alumno.

Contenido y bibliografía básica

I. Comparative Methodology (6 horas)

The first two sessions will cover a number of issues in comparative political methodology. I will begin with Lijphart's seminal discussion of alternative methodologies for social science research in general, and then focus on the comparative method as a particular case. From that point I will proceed to discuss questions of case selection as central for comparative analysis, and the possibilities of using counterfactuals and negative cases. I will also discuss some issues on conceptualization and theory building, and if time permits will discuss some of the important theoretical approaches to comparative politics.

Suggested readings:

Bernhard, M. (2009). "Methodological Disputes in Comparative Politics". *Comparative Politics*, 41, 495-515.

Flyvbjerg, B. (2006). "Five Misunderstandings about Case Study Research". *Qualitative Inquiry*

12.

Geering, J. (2007). "Is There a (Viable) Crucial Case Method?". *Comparative Political Studies* 40, 231-53.

Lijphart, A. (1971). "Comparative Politics and the Comparative Method". *American Political Science Review* 65, 682-93.

Mahoney, J. and G. Goertz, "The Possibility Principle: Choosing Negative Cases in Comparative Research". *American Political Science Review* 98, 653-69.

Sartori, G. (1970). "Concept Misinformation in Comparative Research". *American Political Science Review*, 64, 1033-53.

Sekhorn, J. S and R. Titunik (2012). "When Natural Experiments Are Neither Natural nor Experiments". *American Political Science Review*, 106, 35-57.

II. Institutional Theory (3 horas)

In the third session I will provide an overview of institutional theory in political science, and to a lesser extent the other social sciences. This overview will include at least four versions of institutional theory—normative, rational choice, historical and discursive/constructivist. The discussion will be organized around a number of key questions about institutions, and will also ask to what extent these four approaches can be integrated into a common paradigm for political analysis.

Suggested readings:

Peters, Guy B. *Institutional Theory in Political Science: The New Institutionalism*, London, Continuum, 1999 (version en español, *El nuevo institucionalismo: Teoría institucional en ciencia política*, Barcelona, Gedisa, 2003). Capítulos