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1. Research & Advising Profile

General Academic Field: What is your academic field, and what are your areas of supervision?

In the field of Comparative Politics, Christine Reh has a long-standing interest in the European Union's institutions, politics and legitimacy. Hitherto, her work has been motivated by an interest in the informal politics and everyday negotiation behind constitutional, political and legislative decisions, and in their democratic implications. Christine's current research explores the interplay between domestic politics and supranational governance in the EU's increasingly contested multi-level system, with a particular focus on electoral politics and political parties.

Specific Expertise: What is your specific area of expertise, and what topics are you supervising?

- EU institutions, politics, policies and decision-making
- Europeanisation of EU member states
- Politicisation and contested governance (EU & global)
- Informal politics
- International negotiation
- Legitimate governance beyond the state.

Methodology: What methodologies and methods are you able to supervise?

Qualitative (positivist; both deductive and inductive)

Supervision Style:

- Supervision will take place through 3 colloquia and 3 individual meetings.
- Colloquia are designed to introduce principles of research design and to provide room for group discussion and peer-to-peer feedback.
- One-on-one meetings allow for in-depth discussion of students' research projects.
- Students will be set precise tasks and will be provided with detailed feedback on these tasks.
- Tasks set will take the form of written outlines and colloquium presentations.
- I will read and comment on written outlines but not on individual chapters or a full draft.
- I welcome students working individually or in teams.

Examples of Previously Supervised Thesis Topics:

- "Do Informal Governance Institutions Influence the EU? The Case of the G20 in Financial Regulation".
- "Governance with the People: A Case Study of how the Dutch Climate Agreement Strengthens International Responsiveness".
- "Using Multiple Arenas? National Parliamentary Scrutiny of EU External Trade Policy".

2. Recommended General Readings

The following texts are general readings material relevant for all advisees:

- Brady, H.E. and D. Collier (eds.). (2010). Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards. 2nd ed. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers.
- Geddes, B. (2003). Paradigms and Sand Castles: Theory Building and Research Design in Comparative Politics. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press (in particular Chapter 2).
- George, A.L. and A. Bennett (2005). Case Studies and Theory Development in the Social Sciences. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- Halperin, S. and O. Heath (2016). Political Research: Methods and Practical Skills. 2nd ed. Oxford: Oxford UP.
- Mahoney, J. (2006). "A Tale of Two Cultures: Contrasting Quantitative and Qualitative Research". Political Analysis 14(3): 227-249. Ill Seawright, J. and J. Gerring (2008). "Case Selection Techniques in Case Study Research: A Menu of Qualitative and Quantitative Options". Political Research Quarterly 61(2): 294-308.
- Van Evera, S. (1997). Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science. Ithaca: Cornell UP.

More concrete reading suggestions to follow, depending on the thematic profile of my advisees.

Proposed Projects: *(if applicable)*

Project Title	Practice Partner (if applicable)
N/A	N/A

3. Rules & Regulations

Plagiarism:

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It is vital to keep track of your sources and to cite all material properly.

The Library will offer a session available to all students on resource management and proper citation.

Attendance:

Students receive 8 ECTS for the Master's thesis colloquium. Attendance for supervision—whether in the form of a colloquium or an individual meeting—is compulsory. Students are expected to be present, prepared, and engaged in each session, and to adhere to deadlines set for assignments.

In case of an excused absence, students must notify their supervisor. Absence must be compensated with an additional assignment.

Students on an academic exchange programme in the Fall Semester will be given the opportunity of remote supervision.

4. Sessions & Tasks

Participation & Tasks:

- 1. November 2020.**
 - Elaborate thesis proposal.
- 2. December 2020.**
 - Research question.
 - Theoretical approach & contribution.
 - Research design I: overall methodology, methods used & data required.
- 3. Mid-February 2021.**
 - Theoretical argument & framework.
 - Research design II: data collection & analysis (e.g., interview questionnaire, coding).
- 4. Mid-March 2021.**
 - Presentation, discussion & visualisation of first empirical results.
 - Detailed table of contents.
- 5. Early April 2021.**
 - Colloquium presentation.

Session Overview:

Session	Session Date	Session Title
1	Nov. 2020	Colloquium 1. Research questions & approaches.
2	Dec. 2020	Colloquium 2. Research design & methodology.
3	Dec. 2020	Meeting 1. Research question, approach & overall design.
4	Feb. 2021	Meeting 2. Argument & research design (data collection & analysis).
5	Mar. 2021	Meeting 3. Empirical findings (presentation & visualisation) & structure.
6	Apr. 2021	Colloquium 3. Project presentations.

A detailed schedule as well as specific readings and tasks will be provided at the start of supervision.