

Master Thesis Supervision Plan Academic Year 2020-2021 MIA/MPP

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Research & Advising Profile:

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

- Comparative political communication
- comparative politics

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

- Political campaigning
- political communication
- populism
- digital campaigning
- participation

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

- Comparative methods
- Survey research
- I lean more towards quantitative research but am open

Supervision Style: Please include information on what your advisees can expect from you in terms of supervision format.

I supervise by colloquium but I do offer individual meetings too. I take single thesis topics, but I find that co-written theses are, on average, of a higher quality. In addition, I believe that students benefit from working with their colleagues. So, I strongly prefer co-authored theses, and I will take students willing to work in groups over single projects. Note that this does NOT mean you have to have someone in mind when you submit your proposal—it suffices if you indicate that you are willing to work with co-author(s). So please indicate in your proposal as to whether you are willing to work with another student(s). I should add that I do supervise a few individual theses.

I will read and comment on your thesis proposal. I also encourage you to submit an outline, and updates of that outline, throughout the process. I never read drafts; when I read your thesis, I am reading it to grade it.

Proposed Projects: (if applicable)

Project Title	Practice Partner (if applicable)
What impact does citizen participation have?	
What is the role and impact of stakeholder dialogue? (Focus should be on agriculture, nutrition or the chemical or automobile industry)	
20 years of citizen participation. What is the current state of affairs? A critical inventory and ways to move forward	
The digitalization of public administration	
Social media and campaigns	
Populism and social media	

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is an infringement of § 11 Good Academic Conduct, 2a: "Infringements of the standards of good academic conduct include for instance to use wordings, ideas or other intellectual work of others in an academic work without clearly indicating the author. The obligation to indicate the authorship of others shall apply irrespective of whether or not the sources used are protected by copyright" (See: Exam Rules, § 11 Good Academic Conduct for more information).

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.

Extra (individual) note on plagiarism

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 should be given the opportunity of remote supervision.

Participation & Milestones:

What do you expect students to prepare for each session?

Possible assignments include (the following are just examples):

- Fully developed thesis proposal
- Literature review
- Argument & hypotheses (where applicable)
- Research design
- Operationalisation
- Methods of analysis
- Overview of empirical findings

Colloquium & Meeting Information:

	Colloquium Dates	Session Title
Meeting times (suggested)	Session 1: November/December 2020	Initial Meeting
	Session 2: November /December 2020	Progress Reports I
	Session 3: Early February 2021	Progress Reports II
	Session 4: Mid-February/Beginning March 2021	Tba
	Session 5: Late March 2021	Tba
	Session 6: Beginning/Mid-April 2021	Tba

Colloquium Sessions:

Session 1: xx.xx.2020 Initial Meeting	
Aim	Discuss thesis proposals
Assignment (e.g. thesis proposal)	This is a first meeting. We will discuss possible topics as well as possible teams of researchers.
Readings (if applicable)	

Session 2: xx.xx.2020	
Progress Reports I	
Aim	
Assignment (e.g. literature review)	
Readings (if applicable)	

Session 3: xx.xx.2021 Progress Reports II	
Aim	Develop thesis proposals.
Assignment (e.g. empirical findings)	You are expected to produce a one-page thesis proposal either alone or with your co-author(s) that is due by the class meeting. There are three components to the proposal. First, provide a research topic/policy question. Second, explain what evidence you need. Third, provide a strategy and timeline for how you will collect that evidence.
Readings (if applicable)	

Session 4: xx.xx.2021 Tha depending on the interests of the students	
Aim	
Assignment (e.g. first chapter)	
Readings (if applicable)	

Session 5: xx.xx.2021	
Tba depending on the interests of the students	
Aim	
Assignment	
Readings (if applicable)	

Session 6: xx.xx.2021	
Tba depending on the interests of the students	
Aim	
Assignment	
Readings (if applicable)	