Overview of courses offered in the winter semester 2011/ 12

Minkenberg, Michael

- Einführung in die Methoden der empirischen Sozialforschung
- **Democracy in America (English)**
- Rechtsradikalismus in Mittel- und Osteuropa. Forschungslage und aktuelle Entwicklungen.
- Think and Drink. Politikwissenschaftliches Forschungskolloquium

Wegmarshaus, Gert-Rüdiger

- Politische Theorie II - Das 20. Jahrhundert: Von Max Weber bis John Rawls

Blumberg-Stankiewicz, Katharina

- Migranten und Politik

Dr. Hennig, Anja

- Einwanderungspolitiken im Vergleich: Die Rolle der Religion

Treulieb, Jürgen

- Politikberatung als Beruf

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Democracy in America

This course examines the current state of democracy in the USA. Beginning with a brief introduction into democratic theory and concepts, with particular reference to Alexis de Tocqueville's seminal work, the course proceeds to cover significant areas of American democracy, its major institutions (the branches of government) and organizations (such as parties social movements), along with political culture and in particular religion. The current realities of a highly pluralistic and potentially polarizing and fragmenting society will be contrasted with the requirements of a functioning democratic structure and process in selected political and policy fields.

Literatur: Gillian Peele et al. (eds.) Developments in American Politics. 6th rev. ed. (New York: Palgrave, 2010)

Teilnahmevoraussetzungen: Good command of English, active and passive

Hinweise zur Veranstaltung: Students are expected to attend and participate in all class meetings, prepare carefully with the help of required readings, give a student presentation on a weekly topic, and write a research paper (in English or German)

Leistungsnachweis: regular attendance and participation (30%), student presentation (20%), research paper (50%)

Sprache: English