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Current Topics in Public Administration Research: State Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Seminar (BA) ohne Tut
18 Studierende
Politik- & Verwaltungswissenschaft

Inspirationsbox Digitale Lehre

Academic Staff Development

Zur Veranstaltung

Inhalte

The seminar introduces students to current research on crisis management in the field of public administration. We will take the Covid-19 pandemic as a case study and compare how states across the world are responding to a common challenge. How do democracies and autocracies differ in their measures? To what extent is federalism and multi-level governance a burden or an advantage? Where do we observe successful leadership, high governance capacity and legitimacy? Probing the practical utility of current public administration research, we will assess whether recent conceptual innovations like collaborative governance, new public value governance, or pragmatism help us understand how states manage the pandemic, and why some are more successful than others.

Lernziele

The seminar has a substantive learning goal and topic (crisis management), and a skill learning goal (scholarly writing). This is reflected in the modalities and requirements: During weekly webinars, we discuss key texts on crisis management and state capacity. As a first assignment during the semester, student teams develop wikis compiling and presenting information about how a state of their choice has responded to Covid-19 and present their main insights briefly during the weekly webinar. As the collection grows, students add links between wikis, thereby enabling a comparative perspective. Basic seminars also serve to introduce students to techniques of scholarly writing. Some sessions are therefore exclusively devoted to scholarly writing skills. To this goal, there is also a cooperation with Judith Heeg from the library. As a second assignment, students will write a literature review zooming in on an aspect of crisis management that most interests them (e.g. leadership, technocratic expertise and democratic legitimacy, meaning-making, etc.) during the semester break. The literature review should be of appr. 3000 words (double spaced). It must be uploaded to Ilias in pdf format (pdf labelled with your surname) by 15 September 2020, midnight.

Herausforderungen & Highlights

Das funktionierte gut

Die eigene Erstellung eines Wikis in Ilias - alle Studierenden suchten sich ein Land aus und verfolgten im Verlauf des Semesters die Entwicklung des Krisenmanagements und legten ihren Eintrag im Wiki dazu an. Die Einträge sind sehr informativ geworden und alle waren sehr motiviert bei der Sache. Den Wiki haben wir am Ende des Semesters im Web publiziert:
https://www.uni-konstanz.de/polver/zu-ber/covid-19-student-wiki/

Beim nächsten Mal anders

Mehr Zeit einplanen, über die Wikis in der Online Konferenz zu sprechen - diese zu präsentieren - ich hatte hier wg. der Anzahl der TN nur ca. 5 Minuten pro Wiki eingeplant, aber nach der intensiven Recherche gab es ein komplett nachvollziehbares und auch sinnvolles Bedürfnis auf Seiten der TN länger über ihr Wiki vorzustellen.

Sonstige verwendete Plattformen

Wiki-Erstellung über Ilias

Methoden

Referate

Wiki-Erstellung über Ilias

Kommunikation und Plattformen

ILIAS für was

Wikis, Forum, Literatur

Peer-to-Peer Tipps

Auf jeden Fall einmal mit dem Wiki Tool auf Ilias arbeiten!

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