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Hauptseminar / Vertiefungskurs / Masterkurs  
Main-Course/ Deepening-Course/ Master-Course

## **Civil Society and Democracy in Europe**

time: Mo., 2-4 pm

place: room 011 (IfPol)

start: 07.04.2008

course-number: 063786

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### *1. Core Subjects*

There are many reasons why social scientists and policy experts alike are increasingly turning to civil society in their search for reform concepts, new ideas and progressive initiatives. In times of globalization and Europeanization, nation-state based democracy has lost power and steering capacity. Civil society might provide avenues for getting closer to the people and for making public policy more efficient. However, civil society not unlike democracy constitutes a multi-faceted term with many notions and different meanings.

The seminar will take a closer look at the concept of democracy and of civil society. We will discuss how and to what extent the two approaches are interrelated. There is no doubt that both, democratic theory as well as the civil society approach, stand for the normative turn in political science. Rooted in the tradition of political theory, currently both concepts are widely used for the analysis of empirical developments and trends. Particularly the civil society approach has gained momentum against the background of the ongoing governance debate. Civil society organizations are supposed to enhance democratic governance and hence participatory democracy. However, is this indeed the case? The seminar will investigate chances and pitfalls of the civil society discussion by going through and discussing carefully selected readings that summarize the ongoing debate.

### *2. Requirements*

- Readings: Students are expected to read the assigned literature before each class meeting.
- Oral Presentations: For each class meeting, two students will make short (15 minutes) oral presentations summarizing and critically discussing the readings for the week.
- Papers: Students have to write a final paper (Hausarbeit) of 15 to 20 pages on a topic of their choice which, however, has to be either related to the current development of democratic theory or alternatively to the ongoing debate on civil society.

### *3. Literature*

- Held, David, 2006 (third edition): *Models of Democracy, Part III: What should democracy mean today?* Stanford: Stanford Univ. Press, 259-311.
- Kocka, Jürgen, 2006: *Civil Society in Historical Perspective*. In: Keane, John (ed.): *Civil Society*. Berlin Perspectives. New York: Berghahn Books, 37-50.

#### 4. Schedule

Week	Topics
07.04.2008	<p><b>Introductory Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the aims of the course?</li> <li>• What has to be done?</li> <li>• Who will prepare which session?</li> </ul>
14.04.2008	<p><b>What are the minimum standards of modern democracy?</b></p> <p><i>Compulsory:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dahl, Robert (1998): On Democracy. New Haven: Yale University Press, pp. 35-118.</li> </ul>
21.04.2008	<p><b>How to measure democracy?</b></p> <p><i>Compulsory:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Berg-Schlosser: Concepts, Measurements and Sub-Types in Democratization Research. In: Berg-Schlosser, Dirk (ed.): Democratization. The State of the Art. Wiesbaden: VS, pp. 51-64.</li> </ul> <p><i>Presenter's Texts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bühlmann, Marc/Merkel, Wolfgang/Wessels, Bernhard (2007): The Quality of Democracy: Democracy Barometer for Established Democracies. Working Paper No. 10 of the National Centre of Competence in Research.</li> <li>• Freedom House (2008): Freedom in the World Index 2007. Washington (www.freedomhouse.org), please find this media in the internet.</li> </ul>
28.04.2008	<p><b>Conceptions of civil society and civic culture</b></p> <p><i>Compulsory:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Almond, Gabriel A./Verba, Sidney (1963): The Civic Culture. Political Attitudes and Democracy in Five Nations. Newbury u.a.: SAGE. pp. 3-43.</li> </ul> <p><i>Presenter's Texts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kocka, Jürgen (2006): Civil Society in Historical Perspective. In: Keane, John (ed.): Civil Society. Berlin Perspectives. Oxford: Berghahn, pp. 37-50.</li> <li>• Freise, Matthias (2008): European Civil Society between societal grievances and utopian ideas. In: Freise, Matthias (ed.): European Civil Society on the Road to Success? Baden-Baden: Nomos, pp. 25-45.</li> </ul>

05.05.2008	<p><b>Limits of representative democracy: elitisms and opinion making</b></p> <p><i>Compulsory:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dahl, Robert (1994): A Democratic Dilemma: System Effectiveness versus Citizen Participation. In: Political Science Quarterly, 109(1), pp. 23-34.</li> </ul> <p><i>Presenter's Texts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walker, Jack L. (1966): A critique of the elitist theory of democracy. In: The American Political Science Review, Vol. LX, pp. 285-295.</li> </ul>
12.05.2008	<p><b>PENTECOST HOLIDAYS</b></p>
19.05.2008	<p><b>Governance and legitimacy</b></p> <p><i>Compulsory:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dogan, Mattei (2004): Conceptions of Legitimacy. In: Hawkesworth, Mary/Kogan, Maurice (eds.): Encyclopedia of Government and Politics. London: Routledge, pp. 110-119.</li> </ul> <p><i>Presenter's Texts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scharpf, Fritz (2007): Reflections on Multilevel Legitimacy. MPIfG Working Paper 3/2007. Köln.</li> <li>• Kohler-Koch, Beate/Rittberger, Berthold: Charting Crowded Territory: Debating the Democratic Legitimacy of the European Union, pp. 1-32.</li> </ul>
26.05.2008	<p><b>Democracy beyond the national state</b></p> <p><i>Compulsory:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held, David/McGrew, Anthony/Goldblatt, David/Perraton, Jonathan (2002): Global Transformations. Politics, Economics and Culture. Stanford: Stanford Univ. Press, pp. 49-86.</li> </ul> <p><i>Presenter's Texts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zürn, Michael (2000): Democratic Governance Beyond the Nation-State: The EU and Other International Institutions. In: European Journal of International Relations 6(2), 183–221.</li> <li>• Steffek, Jens/Nanz, Patrizia (2007): Emergent Patterns of Civil Society Participation in Global and European Governance. In: Steffek, Jens/Kissling, Claudia/Nanz, Patrizia (eds.): Civil Society Participation in European and Global Governance A Cure for the Democratic Deficit? London: Palgrave, pp. 1-29.</li> </ul>

02.06.2008	<p><b>Corporatism, pluralism and associational democracy</b></p> <p><i>Compulsory:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held, David (2006): Models of Democracy. Stanford: Stanford Univ. Press (Chapter 6: Pluralism, Corporate Capitalism and the State), pp. 158-184.</li> </ul> <p><i>Presenter's Texts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baccaro, Lucio (2006): Civil society meets the state: towards associational democracy? In: Socio-Economic Review 4(2), pp. 185-208.</li> </ul>
09.06.2008	<p><b>Deliberative Democracy and reflexive civil society</b></p> <p><i>Compulsory:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Habermas, Jürgen (1996): Three normative models of democracy. In: Benhabib, Seyla (ed.): Democracy and Difference. Contesting the Boundaries of the Political. New Haven: Princeton Univ. Press, pp. 21-31.</li> </ul> <p><i>Presenter's Texts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sanders, Lynn (1997): Against Deliberation. In: Political Theory 25(3), pp. 1-17.</li> <li>Young, Iris Marion (2001): Activist Challenges to deliberative Democracy. In: Political Theory 29(5), pp. 670-690.</li> </ul>
16.06.2008	<p><b>Is there a democratic deficit of the European Union?</b></p> <p><i>Compulsory:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moravcsik, Andrew (2002): In Defence of the 'Democratic Deficit': Reassessing Legitimacy in the European Union. In: Journal of Common Market Studies, 40(4), pp. 603-624.</li> </ul> <p><i>Presenter's Texts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Culpepper, Pepper D./Fung, Archon (2007): Do all bridges collapse? Possibilities for democracy in the European Union. In: Politische Vierteljahresschrift 48(4), pp. 730-739.</li> <li>Kaina, Viktoria/Karolewski, Ireneusz P. (2007): Why we should not believe every lesson Andrew Moravcsik teaches us: a response. In: Politische Vierteljahresschrift 48(4) pp. 740-757.</li> </ul>

23.06.2008	<p><b>How to promote a democratic civil society from the top? Perspectives of the European institutions</b></p> <p><i>Compulsory:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quittkat, Christine/Finke, Barbara 2008: The EU Commission Consultation Regime. In: Kohler-Koch, Beate/De Bièvre, Dirk/Maloney, William A. (Hg.): Opening EU-Governance to Civil Society. Gains and Challenges. Mannheim: CONNEX, S. 184-222.</li> </ul> <p><i>Presenter's Texts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hüller, Thorsten (2007): Assessing EU Strategies for Publicity. In: Journal of European Public Policy 14(4), pp. 563-581.</li> </ul>
30.06.2008	<p><b>How to influence policy making from the bottom? Interest representation and democracy in the European Union</b></p> <p><i>Compulsory:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kohler-Koch, Beate (2007): The Organizations of Interest and Democracy in the European Union. In: Kohler-Koch, Beate/Rittberger, Berthold (eds.): Debating the Democratic Legitimacy of the European Union. Lanham: Rowman &amp; Littlefield, pp. 255-271.</li> </ul> <p><i>Presenter's Texts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greenwood, Justin (2007): Governance and organised civil society at the European Union level: the search for 'input legitimacy' through elite groups. In: Della Sala, Vincent/Ruzza, Carlo (eds.): Governance and civil society in the European Union. Vol. 2: Exploring policy issues. Manchester: Manchester Univ. Press, pp. 31-46.</li> </ul>
07.07.2008	<p><b>Civil Society involvement in European policy fields: Case Studies</b></p> <p><i>Compulsory:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dąbrowska, Patrycja (2007): Civil Society Involvement in the EU Regulations on GMOs: From the Design of a Participatory Garden to Growing Trees of European Public Debate. In: Journal of Civil Society, 3(3), pp. 287-304.</li> </ul> <p><i>Presenter's Texts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• O'Mahony, Joan/Coffey, Clare (2007): From Civic Choice to Civic Voice: the Changing Role of Society in European Fisheries Governance. In: Journal of Civil Society 3(3), pp. 239-251.</li> </ul>
14.07.2008	<p><b>Conclusion: Civil Society as a Panacea for European Democracy?</b></p>