Master Urban and Regional Planning Summer 2019

Chair of Planning Theory and Urban-Regional Policy Analysis
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Module M4-B Planning Theory B
Module M9.2 Urban-Regional Research and Critical Policy-Analysis

SE Urban-Regional Research and Critical Policy-Analysis
SE Urban-Regional Research and Critical Policy-Analysis: Research Assignment

Seminar

Tuesday, 16:00-19:00, Room EB 224

Prof. Dr. E. Gualini

Calendar

(subject to change during the seminar)

The seminar consists of the following thematic blocks:

- Urban-Regional research, planning theory and policy analysis
- Policy actors and policy arenas
- Models of the policy process
- Phases of the policy process
- Approaches to critical-interpretive policy analysis

09.04 Introduction: planning and policy analysis
First discussion of topics for research assignment

16.04 Models of the policy process
23.04 ‘Phases’ of the policy process, 1
30.04 ‘Phases’ of the policy process, 2
Second discussion and choice of topics for research assignment

07.05 Policy actors and policy arenas, 1
14.05 Policy actors and policy arenas, 2

21.05 Approaches to critical-interpretive policy analysis, 1

28.05 Third discussion / consultation on topics for research assignment

04.06 Approaches to critical-interpretive policy analysis, 2
11.06 Approaches to critical-interpretive policy analysis, 3

25.06 Presentation and discussion of students’ research assignments
02.07 Presentation and discussion of students’ research assignments

09.07 (t.b.d.)
Literature

general reference:


in addition, selected handbooks of policy analysis should be chosen as a reference by students – criteria for choice are discussed during the seminar

reader:


suggested further reading:


*further literature can be suggested during the seminar*

**General course information**

**Topic**

At the core of the seminar stands the contribution of critical-interpretive policy analysis to urban research. The focus is on theories, concepts and approaches of critical-interpretive policy analysis, on the way they have influenced urban policy and planning research, and on their role in planning theoretical debate.

Against this background, the development of theories and research approaches to urban studies and planning theory as well as new perspectives of research on urban politics are discussed. As a result, a range of thematic subjects will be dealt with, and partly adapted to students’ individual research requirements.

The aim of the seminar is applying critical policy analysis to specific research efforts, and thus learning by doing through empirical application. This takes place in the framework of the ‘research assignment’, which consists of the conception and conduct of case-study analysis (individually or in small groups) under the supervision of the teacher.

**Activities**

The seminar consists of:
- lectures devoted to introducing the themes of the course, possibly including thematic guest-lectures;
- colloquia, during which selected themes of the course are jointly discussed on the basis of the literature and/or of students’ research contributions;
- presentations and discussions of students’ research assignments.

Language: English.

The examination elements of the seminar can be completed in German language upon individual and justified request.

**Learning resources**

All seminar resources including this syllabus, (selected) literature sources and comments/communications are made available on a dedicated ISIS2 course from the start of the semester (password-protected).
Grading and evaluation

Students are required to actively participate in the activities of the seminar.

Individual students’ assessment is based on active participation in discussions and colloquia during the seminar as well as on the presentation of an essay / written report at the end of the seminar; both examination elements are required for passing the seminar.

Assessment is in the form of a portfolio-examination.

Examination elements of final assessment are:
- presentations / active participation in colloquia (individual / groups upon agreement)  weighting: 30%
- written report (individual / groups upon agreement)  weighting: 70%

The examination elements of the seminar can be completed in German language upon individual and justified request.

The seminar can be attended either as Module M9.2 Urban-Regional Research and Critical Policy-Analysis (6 ECTS) – pertaining to Specialization Area V – or as part of Module M4 Planning Theory B (9 ECTS).

For detailed evaluation and grading rules, please refer to descriptions of Modules M4 Planning Theory B and M9.2 Urban-Regional Research and Critical Policy-Analysis.

Deadlines
- 25.06 / 02.07: presentation of the topic of research assignments chosen by students.

Consultation hour

Tuesday, 9:00-10:00h, ISR, Room B 219.
Please sign in at the notice board or contact for reserving a timeslot.