

Dear PhD-student

The Department of Political Science at University of Copenhagen offers the following introductory courses in 2013. The registration is open and there are still a few available seats in all courses.

10-11 June: Research Design in Political Science Part I: Qualitative-Interpretive Methodologies and Methods on Political Problems (with Professor Dvora Yanow, Wageningen University)

This two-day PhD course gives an introduction to the methodologies underpinning of the use of interpretive methods in political analysis and the implications for designing interpretive research projects. The course will enable participants to gain an informed appreciation of interpretive logic as it plays out in the research process.

<https://phdcourses.dk/Course/9248>

1-3 July: Research Design in Political Science Part II: Causal Research Designs, Causality and Case Studies (with Professor John Gerring, Boston University)

This three days PhD course give an intense overview of fundamental causal research designs in political science. The course starts out with the discussion of causality and how causality can be applied in different fields and across different of methods within the discipline of political science. Case studies and case selection are discussed the final day of the course.

<https://phdcourses.dk/Course/9249>

19-23 August: Logic of Qualitative Research in Political Science (with Prof. Lene Hansen and Prof. Peter Dahler-Larsen)

This course offers an introduction to the different logics of reasoning within qualitative research. These different logics seem to coalesce around a number of central issues: What does it mean that research is situated in a particular historical, political, cultural and social context? How can the conceptual framework of a study be understood as process and product embedded in the context described above? If it is expected that qualitative researchers produce causal claims, how do they respond to these expectations? Although we will touch upon causal approaches in this course, a special emphasis will be placed on non-causal approaches and their justification. The course will discuss the following methodologies in particular: field work, interviews, textual analysis (discourse analysis), comparative historical case studies, and genealogy.

<https://phdcourses.dk/Course/9759>

23-27 September: Logic of Quantitative Research in Political Science (with Prof. Kasper Møller Hansen)

The idea behind this five days course is to introduce the logic of quantitative methods in political science. We will focus on variable-oriented approaches to understand and uncover causality. The course will use illustrative examples from the political science literature, without focusing on the implementation of the quantitative approaches in statistical software. The idea is to understand the reasoning behind designs and modeling without the math and detailed hands-on knowledge involved in actual data analysis.

<https://phdcourses.dk/Course/9760>