

Course Description for AGEP Network

Name of Module/Course	Methods in Peace and Conflict Studies: An Overview			
Short description				
Name of Programme	Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS)			
Name of University	Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg			
Name of Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Alexander Spencer			
Responsible University lecturer	Prof. Dr. Alexander Spencer			
Credit Points	SWS	Attendance (h)	Self-study (h)	Total workload (h)
4,6 or 10	2 or 4	28	72 (4cp), 122 (6cp), 222 (10cp)	100 (4cp), 150 (6cp), 250 (10cp)
Start & end dates, WS		timeslot:		
06.04.2022 – 14.07.2022		Tutorial: Thursday 13-15 via Zoom Conference: 13.07.22; 12-19; 14.07.22, 09-19		
Registration until		Number of possible AGEP participants		
30.03.2022		4		
Content and goals of qualification	<p>The seminar will give an overview of a range of different methods in Peace & Conflict Studies and will be taught by a range of different lecturers in the form of a “ring seminar” with online videos. It will be structured in three parts. The first part is concerned with more general questions surrounding the research process, including reflections on different epistemological perspectives on research methods, research questions and research practices. The second part of the seminar will turn to positivist methods including comparative case studies design, surveys, interviews and content analysis. Part three will turn to post-positivist approaches and include session on discourse and visual analysis, ethnographic approaches and participatory action research. Each session will be accompanied by a tutorial in which the participants have time to complete and discuss an exercise set by the corresponding lecturer.</p> <p>The seminar this term will be held partly online. This means that the entire module will be organised in four parts:</p> <p>1.) Online lecture: Each session will be composed of a recorded video lecture by the respective teacher. This video together with the reading will be available on E-Learning (login details below). The lecture will NOT be live and will be uploaded in the week of the session at the latest. The videos for each session will be in three parts: 1.) Basic idea of the method 2.) How to guide. 3.) Problems and limits. You can watch the videos in</p>			

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	<p>your own time. But please note down questions you have when watching and discuss them in the tutorial.</p> <p>2.) Home study: The home study element of the seminar is composed of doing the reading as well as watching the video.</p> <p>3.) Tutorial: Each topic will be followed by a tutorial session in which you will have the time to ask questions and discuss the topics covered so far.</p> <p>4.) PACS & EUS Methods Conference: At the end of the seminar there will be a live student conference over 2 days in which you will present your ideas and the methods you intend to use in your term paper. We aim to hold this in person in Magdeburg. The conference will be organized like a normal conference with 3-4 presenters per session plus discussant and chair. The sessions will be organised along the methods you intend to use in the term paper.</p>
<p>Preconditions for participation</p>	<p>At least 30 ECTS in the social sciences.</p>
<p>Teaching Methods</p>	<p>Online videos, tutorials; presentation and conference participation</p> <p>The Methods Conference: The conference will be held on the 13th and 14th of July 2022. We will compile a final program and it will be open to all PACS/AGEP Students just like a normal conference.</p> <p>For the conference you will have to complete following tasks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Exposé: Write an exposé for you term paper (3 pages max) which outlines the research question and your methodology (how will you go about answering your questions?). Please read all Exposés and do not free ride! 2.) Presentation: Present your ideas at the conference using PPT. You will have 8 minutes to present your ideas for your term paper and your methodology in your slot. 3.) Discussant: You will be assigned to the role of a discussant of a fellow students' presentation & exposé which is NOT your own method you will be working with in your term paper. You will give your comments, criticism and suggestions live at the conference following the presenter of the exposé (5 minutes max). 4.) Chair: For the conference we will need volunteers who will chair one of the sessions and moderate the discussion. This will be a good

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	<p>chance to practice your moderations skills and will surely come in handy in your later work life.</p> <p>5.) Participation: Apart from the presentations and discussant comments each session will also include time for discussion amongst all participants. Do please take part and help each other to make your term papers better. We should have 30 minutes for discussion.</p>
lesson format (online/face-to-face)	Online plus face-to-face during the conference (13-14. July)
Assessment method	Presentation (4 cp), Presentation + Term paper (12 pages) (6cp); Presentation + Term paper (18 pages) (10cp)
language	English
Inscription external student	Via Email to Alexander.spencer@ovgu.de