Introduction, course organization, course requirements

PMCb1006 Political and Media Systems | February 12, 2025

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Course Objectives

◈ different institutional settings (political regimes)

◈ party systems and media systems

◈ politics and political communication

◈ comparative media research

◈ various media systems' typologies

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Course Contents & Organization

◈ Week 2 (The systemic approach to politics and the role of the media) to Week 5 (Politics and media in a multilevel governance – the political system of the European Union)

◈ **Week 6: Midterm test (March 25)**

　◈ max. 10 points, topics of Weeks 2–5, 10 multiple-choice questions

◈ Week 7 (Political journalism from a comparative perspective) to Week 12 (12. Media systems beyond the Western world)

◈ **Week 13: Final exam (May 13)**

　◈ max. 50 points, 6 open-ended questions (each for up to 10 points) → students answer only 5 out of 6 questions

Course Requirements: Position Papers

◈ 4 positions papers (400–600 words each)

◈ summarize and discuss the compulsory readings for the classes & formulate and address questions related to the topics covered by the literature

◈ up to 5 points for each seminar paper (= up to 20 points for all position papers)

◈ position paper 1: **all literature** for Week 3 Political parties and the media, deadline February 27

◈ position paper 2: **all literature** for Week 5 Politics and media in a multilevel governance, deadline March 13

◈ position paper 3: Mancini, Paolo. 2005. Is there a European Model of Journalism? Pp. 77–93 in de Burgh, Hugo (ed.). Making Journalists. Diverse Models, Global Issues. London – New York: Routledge. (Week 10 Typologies of the media systems), deadline April 24

◈ position paper 4: Hallin, D. C., Mancini, P. 2017. Ten years after Comparing media systems: What have we learned? Political Communication 34(2), pp. 155–171. (Week 12 Media systems beyond the Western world), deadline May 8

Course Requirements: Seminar Paper

◈ longer, more comprehensive research paper on one of the topics (see sylabus of the course)

◈ requirements

  ◈ 2,500–3,000 words

  ◈ include proper and relevant academic **references** and a **bibliography**

  ◈ focus on critical analysis and engage in depth with the selected topic

◈ max. 20 points

◈ deadline May 6

AI Policy

◈ please refer to sylabus for detailed AI Policy of the course

◈ any use of generative AI in your work must be disclosed and you must include a statement in which you clearly describe which AI tool was used and how

◈ in any case of using AI, the author of the text is fully responsible for the accuracy, originality, ethics and correctness of the text