

Research Colloquium of the Dept. of Politics and Economics

Research Centre for East European Studies (FSO) at the University of Bremen

The idea of the colloquium is to bring a small group of early-stage researchers together for an intensive discussion of texts produced by participants of the colloquium (i.e. PhD proposals, thesis or book chapters, conference papers, journal articles or grant applications).

Participants meet about once a month on a Friday afternoon in the seminar room of the Research Centre. Meetings start at 13:55 and last until the evening.

At each meeting up to three texts can be discussed. The input text for each presentation should be sent by email to Heiko (pleines@uni-bremen.de) at least a week before the meeting, so that all participants are well prepared for the discussion. The text should not be longer than a standard journal article. If a short form for references is used in the text, please add a bibliography. Please indicate at the beginning of your text the format (conference paper etc.), the current state (early draft etc.). If relevant, also indicate which kind of feedback you would like to get (e.g. focus on general line of argument, on small details because this is a close to final version, on justification of case selection, on empirics in case study on ...)

At the meeting the presentation should be no longer than 10 minutes (as all participants have already read the related text). The presentation should summarize the text and highlight open questions or challenges. PowerPoint presentations can be used. After the presentation there is a feedback round, in which every participant shortly outlines the most important strong and weak points of the text/project. After the feedback round there is a free discussion, which lasts until everything has been said.

Unfortunately, the Research Centre is not able to cover travel expenses of external participants.

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