

## European Societies and Politics

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September 8 Introduction and course organization

### I STATE AND GOVERNANCE

September 15 Nation-state and State Formation

September 22 The Democratic State – And Its Alternatives

September 29 Political Legitimacy and Theories of Crisis

### II CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF CHANGING STATE-SOCIETY-RELATIONS

October 6 Value Change and Individual Modernity

October 13 Electoral Politics and Voting Behavior

October 20 Political Parties

October 27 Organized Interest Groups

November 3 Political Activism and Protest Politics

November 10 Social Movements

November 17 Political Communication

November 24 The Challenged Welfare State

December 1 The Impact of Globalization

### III PROSPECTS FOR DEMOCRACY

December 8 Facing a (New) Crisis?

December 15 Exam

<p><b>Credits:</b> A total of eight credit points (8 ECTS) can be obtained for an exam, session moderation as well as active participation during the sessions.</p>
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