



# WZB

Berlin Social Science Center

PADEMIA Training Workshop 2015

## ANALYZING PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY WITH ADVANCED CONTENT ANALYSIS METHODS

*12–13 November 2015*

WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Germany

### PROGRAMME & DIRECTIONS

## WORKSHOP OUTLINE AND ORGANISATION

This PADEMIA<sup>1</sup> training workshop focuses on methodological and practical considerations in the rigorous analysis of parliamentary democracy in Europe. It addresses the different forms and shapes of the discourses produced in and by parliaments. This ranges from transcripts of plenary debates and committee reports to media and online resonance of parliamentary affairs. These empirically observable outputs of parliamentary activity come mostly as written documents but also in the form of live streams and other vehicles amenable to systematic content analysis methods. We thus discuss the methodological challenges in approaching this wealth of empirical material, including most notably concerns about sampling as well as the reliability and validity of measurement instruments.

The workshop aims to allow doctoral students of parliamentary affairs in Europe to exchange ideas and discuss their research with their peers and senior academic colleagues with a particular focus on methodological options, techniques and practical considerations. To this end it is organised around alternating teaching and presentation sessions.

The *teaching sessions* condense the basic methodological parameters of content analysing the products of parliamentary democracy and will discuss the promises and pitfalls of specific methodological approaches - ranging from human coding, particularly in the form of representative claims analysis, to various forms of automated text analysis. For each session some indicative background literature will be provided to the participants.

In the *paper sessions*, the participants will present their own research projects. The presentation should mainly focus on the purpose of content analyses in the particular project. We kindly ask the presenters to discuss the key concepts (to be) measured, the sampled documents, the methodological options considered and the practical challenges that

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<sup>1</sup> PADEMIA is a Europe-wide network of 56 academic institutions from 31 countries to promote research and teaching in reaction to growing European demands to study parliamentary democracy in Europe. It is financially supported by the European Union Lifelong Learning Programme. PADEMIA seeks to enhance discussion among students, junior and senior researchers, also in exchange with stakeholders, on how to deal with the new challenges that parliaments and citizens across Europe are facing today. [www.pademia.eu](http://www.pademia.eu)

the analyses face. Please do not spend more than 5 minutes on the context of the analysis, including a brief lay out of your PhD project, topic and theory. Assume everyone has read your paper beforehand. The more you can go into details in the remaining 15 minutes about practical problems and options you encountered during the content analysis, including things that failed, the more we all get out of this workshop. Presentations should not exceed 20 mins and will be followed by 20 minutes of group discussion. We expect that everybody reads all submitted project papers before the workshop!

All workshop materials can be accessed via:

<https://cloud.wzb.eu/index.php/s/s7UUcFbMFXCZSH>

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**DAY 1**  
**12.11.2015**  
**WZB ROOM D112/113**

12:45 – 13:00	<b>Welcome</b>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Teaching session (Pieter de Wilde)</b> Content Analyses in Legislative Studies. Why and What?  <i>Recommended literature</i> Bagehot, W. (1867) [2009] <i>The English Constitution</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press. King, Anthony (1976). 'Modes of Executive-Legislative Relations: Great Britain, France, and West Germany', <i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i> , 1:1, 11-36. Müller, Wolfgang C., Torbjörn Bergman, and Kaare Strøm (2003). 'Parliamentary Democracy: Promise and Problems', in Kaare Strøm, Wolfgang C. Müller and Torbjörn Bergman (eds.), <i>Delegation and Accountability in Parliamentary Democracies</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, 3-32. Packenham, Robert A. (1970). 'Legislatures and Political Development', in Allan Kornberg and Lloyd D. Musolf (eds.), <i>Legislatures in Developmental Perspective</i> , Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 521-582.
14:00 – 14:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
14:15 – 15:45	<b>Teaching session (Christian Rauh)</b> Key methodological challenges in quantitative content analysis  <i>Recommended literature</i> Krippendorff, Klaus (2004) <i>Content Analysis: An Introduction to Its Methodology</i> . 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition. London: Sage Publications: Ch. 2, 5, 6, 11 and 13 Neuendorf, Kimberly (2002) <i>The Content Analysis Guidebook</i> . SAGE Publications : Ch. 1-4, 6
15:45 – 16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:00 – 18:00	<b>Paper session</b>  <i>Neslihan Temelat</i> "Europeanization of the Turkish Parliament: A Content Analysis of Domestic Legislation between 2000-2011"  <i>Martijn Mos</i> "Breaching or Broaching Tolerance?: Contesting Ethnic and Sexual Minority Rights in the EU"  <i>Resul Umit</i> "Communication of EU Affairs: An Analysis of Legislative Behaviour on Twitter"
18:00 – 19:00	<b>Break</b>
19:00 –	<b>Workshop Dinner at Restaurant Kuchenkaiser</b>

**DAY 2**  
**13.11.2015**  
**WZB ROOM D118/119**

<b>9:00 – 10:00</b>	<b>Teaching Session (Pieter de Wilde)</b> Human Coding  <i>Recommended literature</i> De Wilde, Pieter (2013) 'Representative claims analysis: theory meets method', <i>Journal of European Public Policy</i> , 20:2, 278-294. Entman, Robert M. (1993). 'Framing: Toward Clarification of a Fractured Paradigm', <i>Journal of Communication</i> , 43:4, 51-58. Kleinnijenhuis, Jan, and Ewald M. Rietberg (1995). 'Parties, Media, the Public and the Economy: Patterns of Societal Agenda-Setting', <i>European Journal of Political Research</i> , 28:1, 95-118. Koopmans, Ruud, and Paul Statham (1999). 'Political Claims Analysis: Integrating Protest Event and Political Discourse Approaches', <i>Mobilization: An International Quarterly</i> , 4:2, 203-221.
<b>10:00 – 10:15</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>10:15 – 12:15</b>	<b>Paper Session</b>  <i>Lucy Kinski</i> "Responsible Trustees or Responsive Delegates? National Parliamentarians' Representation during the Eurozone Crisis"  <i>Nik de Boer</i> "Strengthening EU Democracy through the Courts? Democratic Legitimacy and National Constitutional Courts in the EU"  <i>Mario Gavenda</i> "Speaking to the party and speaking to parliament: Comparing Party positions on European integration in different arenas"
<b>12:15 – 13:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break (WZB Casino)</b>
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Teaching session (Christian Rauh)</b> Automated approaches to quantitative text analysis  <i>Recommended literature</i> Grimmer, Justin, and Brandon Stewart (2013) 'Text as Data: The Promise and Pitfalls of Automatic Content Analysis Methods for Political Texts', <i>Political Analysis</i> 21(3): 267-297. Laver, M., Benoit, K., and Garry, J. (2003) 'Extracting Policy Positions from Political Texts Using Words as Data', <i>The American Political Science Review</i> 97(2): 311-331. Blei, David (2012) 'Probabilistic topic models', <i>Commun. ACM</i> 55(4): 77-84. Rauh, C. (2015) 'Communicating supranational governance? The salience of EU affairs in the German Bundestag, 1991-2013', <i>European Union Politics</i> 16(1): 116-138.
<b>14:00 – 14:15</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>

<b>14:15 – 15:35</b>	<b>Paper Session</b> <i>Jofre Rocabert “Politics without parliaments? Parliaments in EU politicization through national media”</i> <i>Jakub Lysek “Does Moderate Party System Format Always Lead to Strong Party Competition? A Content Analysis of the Czech Local Legislative Debates”</i>
<b>15:35 – 15:45</b>	<b>Conclusion and End</b>

## PARTICIPANTS

### Instructors

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### Paper presenters

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### Guests

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## DIRECTIONS

### TO MARITIM HOTEL BERLIN:

**FROM TEGEL AIRPORT (FLUGHAFEN TEGEL)**, take Bus 109 towards *S+U Zoologischer Garten* to *Bleibtreustraße* (14 stops). From the *Bleibtreustraße* stop, take Bus M29 towards *U Hermannplatz* to *Gedenkstätte Dt. Widerstand* (9 stops). After getting off, walk back to the bridge and cross over the canal to Reichpietschufer. Keep straight ahead along Stauffenbergstraße for about 150 metres and the Maritim Hotel would be to your right. This route takes about 50 minutes.

**FROM SCHÖNEFELD AIRPORT (FLUGHAFEN SCHÖNEFELD)**, take Bus 171 towards *U Hermannplatz* or Bus X7 towards *U Rudow* to *U Rudow* (9 stops). There, take underground line U7 towards *S+U Rathaus Spandau* to *U Mehringdamm* (15 stops). Change to U6 towards *U Französische Straße* to *U Kochstraße/Checkpoint Charlie* (2 stops), from where you take Bus M29 towards *Grunewald, Roseneck* to *Gedenkstätte Dt. Widerstand* (6 stops). Walk towards the direction of the bus and take the first right to Stauffenbergstraße. After 150 metres of walk, the Maritim Hotel would be to your right. This route takes about 1 hour.

**FROM THE CENTRAL STATION (BERLIN HAUPTBAHNHOF)**, walk to the bus stop *Washingtonplatz/Hauptbahnhof* to take Bus M85 towards *S Lichterfelde Süd* to *Kulturforum* (6 stops). Facing the direction of the bus, take the first right into Sigismundstraße. Walk past the Saint Matthew Church (Sankt Matthäuskirche) on the right hand side and walk until the end of Sigismundstraße, until you reach Stauffenbergstraße, where you turn left. The Maritim Hotel would be the building to your left. This route takes about 23 minutes.

### TO THE WZB:

**FROM THE MARITIM HOTEL BERLIN**, walk towards left upon leaving the main entrance until you reach Reichpietschufer, and turn left into it. Walk past the first street (Hitzigallee) on your left. The WZB building would be the one to your left. The main entrance is on the same side of the street.

### TO RESTAURANT KUCHENKAISER:

**FROM THE WZB**, take Bus M29 towards *U Hermannplatz* to *Oranienplatz* from the *Gedenkstätte Dt. Widerstand* stop (12 stops). Cross the street where you get off the bus and you will see the restaurant right in front of you, across the small square with the benches. The bus ride takes about 20 minutes.

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