

		The 3 rd International IPSA – HSE Summer School for Methods of Political & Social Research Course Syllabus
Course title:		Case Study Analysis
Instructor:		Professor Cameron G. Thies
ECTS / academic hours		2 ECTS / 72 academic hours: 36 contact hours, 36 self – study hours
Brief course description (up to 100 words):		This course provides participants with a set of methodological tools that enable them to use case study methods in pursuit of causal inference. This introductory course begins with the critical concern of case selection. Case selection often comprises the method in many case study approaches. We then introduce the method of structured, focused comparison as a prototype for case study analysis, before exploring several versions of cross-case comparative methods. We then focus on forms of within-case methods of causal inference, including the congruence method and process tracing.
Indicative concepts (up to 10):		Case, case selection, comparative method, process tracing
Workshops overview:	Day 1	Case Selection
	Day 2	Method of Structured, Focused Comparison
	Day 3	Cross-Case Comparisons
	Day 4	Congruence Method
	Day 5	Process Tracing
Assessment techniques to receive graded certificate:		Daily exercises. A final exam consisting of the construction of a case study research design.
Essential readings:		Articles and book chapters will be provided.
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