Einladung
zur Neueröffnung
des Forschungszentrums
„Spheres of Governance:
Institutions and Agency“

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“Spheres of Governance: Institutions and Agency” – Mission Statement

This Research Centre is devoted to the study of governance – understood as the sum of activities relating to the collective making of normative orders and public policies. Manifestations of governance can be found at different levels, stretching from local to global, and constitute distinct and yet interacting ‘spheres of governance’. The research agenda of this unit, which came to life as a joint project of political science and sociology, is based on the acknowledgement that institutions matter. Institutions shape the interactions between different actors, and no inquiry into different governance regimes could ever claim to be complete without substantive institutional analysis. That said, institutions do not themselves act nor do they determine the behavior of actors. The social and political reality in different governance regimes depends strongly on what actors do, when and how. Thus, only the study of institutions and agency can do justice to the dynamic complexities of different governance regimes. The research areas currently gathered at the Centre include, inter alia, the creation, change and reform of political institutions and orders; executive politics and political leadership; global governance, conflict, resistance and contestation, as well as issues of political legitimation, inclusion and exclusion.

Inaugural Keynote Speaker: Professor Gerry Stoker

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