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Causalities in Comparative Research

June 27–28, 2016
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Monday, June 27, 2016

4 pm – 5:15 pm
Opening Session: International comparisons: Why and how?
Introductory statements (each 15-20 minutes) by
Felix Elwert (Inequality and Social Policy, WZB)
David Brady (UCR/USA, WZB Research fellow)
Public discussion
Chair: Heike Solga (Skill Formation and Labor Markets, WZB)

5:15 pm – 5:30 pm Break

5:30 pm – 7 pm
Experimental Approaches
− The Experimental Analysis of Political Institution: Challenges and Emerging Solutions: Macartan Humphreys (WZB research fellow Economic Research Area, Karl-Deutsch Professor 2016)
− All-Mail Voting in Colorado: A Geographic Natural Experiment: Luke Keele (Penn State University/USA)
Chair: Camilla Borgna (Skill Formation and Labor Markets, WZB)

7 pm – BAL-Barbeque

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

9 am – 10:30 am
Multilevel Modelling Approaches
− Multilevel Modelling: Andrew Fullerton (Oklahoma State University)
− Multilevel Modeling with Small Upper-Level Samples: Merlin Schaeffer (University of Cologne)
  Chair: Lena Hipp (Work and Care, WZB)
10:30 am – 11:00 am Break

11 am – 12.30 am
Approaches to complex causalities (QCA)
− Set-Theoretic Multi-Method Research: Cross-Case Causal Effects and Within-Case Causal Mechanisms: Carsten Schneider (Central European University, Budapest)
− Different systems, same inequalities? Post-compulsory education and young adults’ literacy in 18 OECD countries: Camilla Borgna (Skill Formation and Labor Markets, WZB)
Chair: Thomas Biegert (Inequality and Social Policy, WZB)
12.30 am – 1.30 pm Lunch (Cafeteria)

1:30 pm – 3 pm
Counterfactual Approaches
− The Real Worlds of Welfare State Reform: Policy Change and the Consequences of Adverse Life Events in Germany and the United States, 1980-2008: Martin Ehler (Skill Formation and Labor Markets, WZB)
− Synthetic control method: Mircea Trandafir (University of Southern Denmark)
Chair: Agnes Blome (Inequality and Social Policy, WZB)
3 pm – 4 pm
What have we learned: Why and how to compare?
Summary and round up
Reflections by David Brady & Felix Elwert and public debate
Chair: Heike Solga (Skill Formation and Labor Markets, WZB)
End of Conference