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SDAC Guest Lecture Series

“I think we can all agree on that”. Informal Decision Procedures in Committee Meetings

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To a large extent, political decision-making takes place in committees, i.e. in small, interacting, face-to-face groups. However, although joint decision-making in committee meetings is an important type of process in the political realm, these interactional contexts have been neglected in theoretical and methodological approaches to political science research.

This lecture will present theoretical principles as well as a set of methods for analyzing processes by which binding decisions are reached in the social context of committee meetings. A specific focus is placed on analyzing informal decision procedures, i.e. on decision procedures that are not based on formal vote counting. The method of analysis includes the collection and documentation of audio-visual data from actual committee meetings. This type of data allows for an in-depth microanalysis of verbal and nonverbal acts of communication in group interaction that hints at typical elements of practices of informal joint decision-making. To illustrate the possibilities of this type of microanalysis, empirical findings from committee meetings at the German Federal State level will be presented.

This event will be held in person.
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