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Research Methods in the Study of Europe and Germany (54699)

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Structure of the Class

1. Course Rationale and Goals
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3. Why and how to research?
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Why a Course on Research Methods in European Studies?



Operation Porcupine

Ukraine Develops New Tactics for the Never-Ending War



Russian President Vladimir Putin appears uninterested in peace in Ukraine, and there is no end to the war in sight. Kyiv has increasingly reached the conclusion that the country must do all it can to guarantee its own security. By Alexander Sarovic und Fedir Petrov (Photos)

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Ukraine

Zelenskyy calls for more US Patriot air defences after Trump again sides with Putin

Ukrainian president ready to join Putin-Trump summit and asks for additional anti-missile batteries, paid for with frozen Russian assets

● **Trump suggests carving up Ukraine's Donbas region to end war after meeting with Zelenskyy**

Peter Beaumont in Kyiv

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POLITIQUE • NICOLAS SARKOZY

Emmanuel Macron a reçu Nicolas Sarkozy à l'Élysée le 17 octobre, quatre jours avant son incarcération

L'ancien chef de l'Etat doit être écroué mardi, près d'un mois après sa condamnation à cinq ans de prison dans l'affaire du financement libyen de sa campagne de 2007. A la Santé, M. Sarkozy devrait être installé seul dans l'une des quinze cellules de 9 m2 du quartier de l'isolement.

Le Monde avec AFP

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Nicolas Sarkozy à Paris, le 20 octobre 2025. GONZALO FUENTES/REUTERS

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Yolanda Díaz: “Europa ha decidido no regular la IA y eso tiene riesgos”



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Le ultime ore di Matilde Lorenzi: chi c'era con lei, la zona della pista senza reti. «Sarebbe dovuta andare in Svezia, 1

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L'Ue impone i dazi sulle auto elettriche cinesi (dal 31 ottobre): l'impatto per Byd, Geely e Saic

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di Redazione Economia

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Why and how to research?



Research political phenomena based on:

- Behavior of leaders(political)
- Behavior of individuals
- Government policies
- Institutes
- Movements and organizations
- Countries
- Interactions between these players.





Empirical Research

- Research that makes claims about how the world works and substantiates these claims with evidence.
- Locating a topic/ phenomenon that we are interested in researching
- Decision on research strategy (how will we investigate? where? with what data?)
- Gathering the necessary data
- Analyzing the data we collected



Syllabus: contents, classes, assignments.



Grading

- 20% class participation [attendance requirement 80%].
- 20% assignments.
- 30% presentation of project.
- 30% research project.



Next class



Next Class

- Lesson 2) What do we “know” and “how” do we know?
 - Theory, ontology, epistemology, methodology, empirics.
 - The meaning of science (versus art?).
 - Positivism.
 - Contingency and determinism.



Thanks!

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