

Call for bachelor theses

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You would like to write your thesis on one of these topics and have already familiarised yourself with the introductory literature? Then enter your desired topic in the application form on our [homepage](#) and send the completed form by email to soziologie@wu.ac.at. If possible, already narrow down the topic to a sub-area and specify this proposal - preferably in the form of a preliminary research question. The more precise your topic proposal is, the faster we can process your application.

Topic: Measuring Protests (dt. / eng.)

Background: Fridays for Future, Black Lives Matter, anti-corona measures ... the issues that make people go to the streets are at least as diverse as the group of protesters themselves. In order to be able to examine the effects quantitatively, researchers resort to a wide variety of datasets, such as ACLED, SCAD or PolDem. But how do these datasets differ? What information about protests do they collect and how? How accurate and reliable are they? With a bachelor thesis in this field, you will independently research what datasets exist and you will make a comparison. If the data allows it, a focus on a specific protest movement or country is possible.

Your own suggestions for topics in this section are welcome. If you already have your own idea, please mention it in your application form.

Introductory literature:

Vassallo, F. (2018). The Evolution of Protest Research: Measures and Approaches. *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 51(1), 67-72.

Requirements:

A Bachelor thesis in this project requires the ability to conduct an independent literature research. At least a passive knowledge of English is necessary for this. For descriptive, quantitative analyses, knowledge of data processing, e.g. in Excel, SPSS, R or Stata, is required.

Topic: Gendered Repression (dt. / engl.)

Background: For quantitative studies, there are various datasets that reflect a country's respect for human rights. Qualitative information, such as a description of the actors involved, is often available as text. A bachelor thesis in this topic area deals with these datasets and tries to extract available information for selected countries about the victims of repression, e.g. their gender or occupational group, and then to present it descriptively.

Introductory literature: Mainly primary sources / data

Requirements: A bachelor thesis in this project requires an affinity for data and basic knowledge of statistical software, e.g. Stata. Passive English skills are also mandatory in order to be able to evaluate event descriptions and relevant literature.