



Max Weber Programme

Multidisciplinary Research Workshop

4 May 2011, 11.00-13.00, at Villa La Fonte, Conference Room

Causality in the Social Sciences

with Dominik Hangartner, University of Bern

Organizers: SPS Academic Practice Group including Alexey Bessudnov

The workshop explores the problem of causality that in recent years has attracted a lot of attention across the social sciences. What does it mean to say that one event caused another? What are the empirical strategies to identifying causal relationships? Can we establish causality from observational data? The workshop will discuss the potential outcomes approach to causality that has become dominant in statistics and econometrics and its applicability in other social sciences.