

Third term, Academic Year 2025-2026

## **Workshop: Theory in Practice**

Time and Place: **14-15 May and 26-27 May 2026**

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### **Seminar Description and Objectives**

This course teaches students how to effectively use theory in the everyday practice of social and political science research. It covers a broad array of approaches to theory, including different versions of empirical theorising in quantitative studies (theory-driven hypothesis testing, model building, mechanism-based explanation), in qualitative and interpretivist approaches (e.g. theory comparison, case study and theory development, theory in ethnographic research), as well as non-empirical theorising (concept analysis, ontological theorising). Researchers are expected to bring concrete research to the workshop.