

Resilience and the Governance of Complexity

Lecture and colloquium with
Prof. David Chandler (University of Westminster)

Time: 6 December 2012, 14-18h

Place: SFB 700, Bingerstr. 40

Is complexity a barrier to governance or can it be a new means of governing? If we can govern complexity what are the new challenges that this poses for policy-makers? What is the connection between complexity and resilience? The rise of resilience seems to be ubiquitous across government policy-making. However, how resilience works as a governing rationality rather than as a policy prescription or goal is only now becoming a subject of debate in political theory and international relations. This presentation looks at the assumptions made about the nature of our world as complex, non-linear, interdependent and globalised and what this means in terms of how complex life can be governed. Particular emphasis will be placed upon the differences between neoliberal assumptions about complexity and those of resilience-thinking, and on how resilience challenges and builds upon neoliberal understandings.

Schedule:

14 – 14.45h	Lecture by David Chandler
14.45 – 15h	discussant (Prof. Florian Kühn, HU Berlin, <i>tentative</i>)
15 – 15.45h	discussion
15.45-16.15h	coffee break
16.15-18h	colloquium with individual PhD questions

Format:

In the colloquium we would like to offer PhD students an opportunity to discuss a specific question they are currently working on. For those interested, pls. send an email by 20 November with a brief abstract of your thesis (max. 150 words) and the question you would like to discuss with Prof Chandler to peter.finkenbusch@fu-berlin.de.

All other participants are kindly asked to **register by 29 November** (peter.finkenbusch@fu-berlin.de)