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**GRADUIERTEN
ZENTRUM SOWI**

powi04 lectures #5

An Experimental Approach to Political Science

Vienna University, November 6-7, 2008

powi04, the graduate section of the Austrian Political Science Association (ÖGPW) is proud to announce the visit of **Dr. Mathieu Turgeon** to Vienna University. Dr. Turgeon is Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of North Texas and holds a Ph.D. in Government from the University of Texas at Austin. His research interests center on political behavior, including voting and elections, public opinion, political psychology, political participation, and statistical and survey methodology. His work concerns essentially American politics but extends as well to other countries like Brazil, Britain, Canada, and France and has appeared in refereed journals like the *British Journal of Political Science*, *Electoral Studies*, and *Social Science Quarterly*.

The powi04 lectures are organized by powi04 in cooperation with the Department for Political Science at Vienna University and is supported by the Graduate Centre at the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research. They combine public evening lectures on contemporary issues in political science with seminars organized especially for doctoral students that offer a unique opportunity to get into contact with successful young post-docs from foreign universities, learn about their strategies in conducting research at the PhD level and reflect their own epistemological background.

LECTURE

When: Thursday 6 Nov 2008, 18:00

Where: Seminar room, East Asian Institute, AAKH, Hof 2, Entrance 2.3

'Just Thinking:' Attitude Authenticity and Citizen Competence

The lecture by Dr. Mathieu Turgeon reports from his most recent research in the area of political psychology and behavior. Turgeon conducted survey-experiments in Brazil and the U.S. focusing on how increased thought about already existing knowledge produces authentic, i.e. reflective, attitudes towards politics. The presented work received the 2007 Seymour Sudman Best Student Paper Award by the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR).



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When: Friday 7 Nov 2008, 10:00

Where: Graduate Center at the Faculty of the Social Sciences
Ferstelgasse 5/25, 1090 Vienna, 5th floor

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In the seminar Dr. Turgeon will report from his experiences in the conduction of empirical research using experimental methods and discuss its epistemological backgrounds as well as its practical potentials and problems. In order to assure that the discussion will take place at a high level, those who wish to take part in the seminar are asked to register for a preparatory session (please simply mail to: powi04.politikwissenschaft@univie.ac.at). In the preparatory session we will discuss a paper by Rose McDermott entitled "Experimental Methods in Political Science" and elaborate a catalogue of questions based on this text. A copy of the paper will be made available to all participants who register for the seminar. The preparatory session will take place on Monday November 3, 18:00 at the Graduate Center.

MAP OF VENUES

- 1 Graduate Center, Ferstelgasse 5, 1090 Wien, 5th floor
- 2 East Asian Institute, AAKH, Hof 2, Entrance 2.3

