

Course: Analyzing Culture with WVS Data  
Instructor: Christian Welzel  
Language: English  
Venue: Leningrad region, Russia  
Time: August 22 – August 26

**Thematic Overview.** The seminar will take advantage of the rich data source of the World Values Surveys (WVS) in order to familiarize students with the conceptual as well as practical complications in the analyses of survey data to study cross-cultural differences and cultural change.

**Organization.** The sessions are organized as lectures with open-class discussion following the below specified theme plan.

**Course Reading.** The course reading is a book manuscript that will be made available electronically.

**Session Plan:**

Session 1

**Theorizing Emancipative Values**

*Reading:* Welzel, Emancipative Values, *Chapter 1.*

Session 2

**Measuring Emancipative Values**

*Reading:* Welzel, Emancipative Values, *Chapter 2.*

Session 3

**The Multi-Level Determinants of Emancipative Values**

*Reading:* Welzel, Emancipative Values, *Chapters 2 and 3.*

Session 4

**Explaining Change in Emancipative Values**

*Reading:* Welzel, Emancipative Values, *Chapter 3.*

Session 5

**Democratizing Consequences of Emancipative Values**

*Reading:* Welzel, Emancipative Values, *Chapter 8.*

**Bibliography.** Welzel, Christian (2011). *Breakthrough: People Power, Emancipation, and the Quest for Freedoms.* Unpublished Manuscript.