

## **ROP Course Advertisement**

**Faculty Member:** Zsuzsa Csergő

**Name of Research Project:** Minority Institutions Database (MID)

**Term:** Winter 2027

**Number of Credits:** 3 credits

### **Project Description**

The Minority Institutions Database (MID) provides publicly accessible data on the organizational activities of ethnic minority communities in Central and Eastern Europe, including Hungarians in Romania, Serbia and Slovakia, Poles and Russian-speakers in Lithuania, and Russian-speakers in Estonia and Latvia. The project contributes to a broader research agenda exploring minority political agency and institutional development in the region.

Students will receive guidance and instructions for collecting, coding, and organizing data related to minority institutions across a range of societal domains. Through this experience, students will gain hands-on research experience in comparative politics, develop skills in qualitative and quantitative data management, and deepen their understanding of minority rights, political participation, and institutional analysis. Written assignments will be determined collaboratively between the supervisor and student, and may include a research report, literature review, or a graduate scholarship proposal.

This opportunity is ideal for students interested in comparative politics, ethnic politics, or European politics, and for those considering graduate studies.

### **Required Skills**

Familiarity with Microsoft Office (especially Excel), strong attention to detail, ability to work independently and meet deadlines, strong reading and analytical skills, experience with data entry and verification, and access to a laptop or desktop computer with internet.

### **Assets**

Coursework in comparative politics or international relations, interest in ethnic politics, minority rights, or European politics, experience with data entry, knowledge of Central and Eastern Europe, ability to synthesize information from multiple sources, completion of POLS 332 and/or POLS 440, and reading knowledge of at least one of the following languages: Estonian, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, or Slovak, with the ability to understand, analyze, and summarize complex texts for research purposes.

**Note**

Please apply even if you meet all required qualifications but do not possess all the listed assets.

**Application Instructions**

Please submit a cover letter, a resumé or CV, and an unofficial transcript to Professor Zsuzsa Csergő at [csergo@queensu.ca](mailto:csergo@queensu.ca) with “ROP Application – Minority Institutions Database” as the subject line.