

Research project

**"Perceptions of Nord Stream 2- between energy security,
climate policy and national energy policies"**

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Agenda:

1. Research question

2. Theoretical background

3. Method

4. Innovative strength of the research approach

1. Main research question::

What role do legal conceptions and legal-political conceptions play in the political process? –

a discourse network analysis using the example of the discussion about Nord Stream 2

2. Theoretical Background:

Advocacy Coalitions-approach (Sabatier/Jenkins-Smith 1993): key assumptions:

- **Advocacy Coalitions understood as “people from a variety of positions (elected and agency officials, interest group leaders, researchers) who share a particular belief system—i.e. a set of basic values, causal assumptions, and problem perceptions—and who show a non-trivial degree of coordinated activity over time” (Sabatier 1988: S. 139)**
- **Multi-Level-Governance-approach: „multiple actors and levels of government”(Sabatier/Weible 2007)**

3. Methodological approach:

Discourse network analysis (Janning et al. 2009, Nagel 2016):

- **Actors and concepts of discourses are recorded in a database:
Qualitative-quantitative approach: data sources: newspaper articles, statements on websites, procedural/court documents**
- **Allows representations of concept networks and actor networks and their relationship to concepts**
- **Makes it possible to test quantitative hypotheses about network structures**

4. Innovative strength of the research approach

- **Academic relevance of the study**
Interdisciplinary approach
 - **Practical relevance of the study:**
Understanding the relevance and importance of legal/legal-political argumentation within fragmented approaches towards energy transformation
- => Requirement for the development of legal as well as political governance integration strategies**
- => regional energy cooperation as a condition "sine qua non for the energy transition in the region"**
(Karimi / Rodi 2021: 463)

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