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Political science is multi-faceted and multi-sited field of inquiry. Diverse epistemological assumptions inform research excellence and subfield-specific practices with profound effects on the construction of the objects of research. This online discussion might help explicate the manifold epistemic and ontological presuppositions that inform research design, concept formation, construction of evidence, and strategies of argumentation within the discipline.

[1] Beyond visual metaphors of transparency that seem to imply correspondence notions of truth, theoretical fit or data uniformity, what other evaluative criteria in research practices are used within political science?

[2] What epistemic frames inform, tacitly or explicitly, various qualitative and interpretive methods?

[3] How can alternative epistemic frames expand and enhance conceptualizations of the political, and in so doing contribute to the discipline?

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