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SPECIAL SEMINAR IN METHODS OF FIELD RESEARCH ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

A special seminar in methods of field research on international organizations will be held this year under the ICPR summer program. It will meet six times during the summer and will carry one hour credit. This seminar has been arranged in response to the fact that methods of field research remain relatively undeveloped among techniques applied to the study of international organization and need to be adapted to the special requirements of the field if they are to lead to useful results.

Subjects tentatively chosen for the six meetings are these:

- 1) Research design: the interplay of theory and analysis
- 2) Some techniques for measurement
- 3) Causal reasoning
- 4) Sampling techniques
- 5) Interviewing elites
- 6) Coding open-ended questions

Each topic will be developed with special reference to the needs of research on international organization although the discussion leader will typically be a person of general expertise in the technical area.
