

## Syllabus

- Titel:** Political Economy.
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- Target group:** Master/PhD students in economics, political economy, and political science.
- Credit points:** 8 ECTS
- Kick-off meeting:** Tuesday, 13.04.2021, 08.15 – 90:45.
- Lecture time:** Tuesday, 08.15 – 09:45; Wednesday, 10:00 – 11:45
- Office hour:** Tuesday, 10.00 – 11:00
- Course material:** Available on ILIAS
- Course description:** In the first part of this course, we will discuss theoretical and empirical political economy studies that examine the process of policy making in democracies. Among other, we will discuss direct voting procedures, standard models of electoral competition in representative systems, and agency models.  
The second part of this lecture focuses on six topics that currently receive great attention in the political economy literature. For each of these six topics, we will study the theoretical foundations. We will also read recent empirical papers on these topics.
- Grading:** The final grade will be a weighted average of (i) a paper presentation, (ii) a research proposal, (iii) a written exam, and (iv) the participation in lectures, tutorials, and reading sessions.
- Textbooks:** T. Persson and G. Tabellini (2000): *Political Economics: Explaining Economic Policy*, MIT Press  
D. Mueller (2012): *Public Choice III*, Cambridge University Press.