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Political Economy (5ER2019)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Master en économie appliquée	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	3
Master of Science en innovation	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	3

ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Printemps

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The course will start with an overview of the field of political economy and in particular, with a discussion of how institutions shape policy decisions and of the functioning (and the origins) of modern states. Some basic "tools" of political economics are introduced. We then focus on political determinants of policy choices in modern democracies. Thus, we ask how electoral rules shape economic performances. We discuss the asymmetries of information and the conflict of interest between opportunistic politicians and the general public. And we examine under what conditions this conflict might be more easily resolved. The next part of the course will address the origins of modern democracies and institutional set-ups (i.e. constitutions) and their relevance for growth and development. Finally, we will turn to two topics highly relevant in the current historical conjuncture: the emergence of Eurosceptic and populist political forces and the relationship between culture and compliance to public health measures.

Forme de l'évaluation

2-hour written exam during the exam session at the end of the semester (100%).

Retake: 2-hour written exam (100%) during the exam session

No documents or connected objects are allowed during the exams. Any violation of these rules will be considered as fraud, leading to the withdrawal of unauthorized items and possibly exam failure.

Documentation

Matt Golder, Sona Nadenichek Golder, William Roberts Clark. 2012. Principles of Comparative Politics (2nd edition). ISBN: 978-1-60871-679-1. Lecture slides and hand-outs available on the webpage of the course.

URLs
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) http://college.cqpress.com/Sites/Default.aspx?alias=college.cqpress.com/sites/principlescp 2) http://whynationsfail.com/ 3) http://www.voxeu.org/content/topics/politics-and-economics 4) www.piergiuseppefortunato.info