



Syllabus

Political Economy of Development (Politische Ökonomie der Entwicklung)

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1. General information

1.1 Course content

This course offers insights into the politico-economic analysis of economic development processes. Students will be empowered to understand the connections between economic development and institutions, conflicts, corruption, and natural resources. In addition, they will deal with politico-economic aspects of international organizations, international development policy, and China's economic rise.

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Chapter 1:	Introduction
Chapter 2:	Geography and institutions I
Chapter 3:	Geography and institutions II
Chapter 4:	Natural resources
Chapter 5:	Ethnicities and borders
Chapter 6:	Social capital and religion
Chapter 7:	Globalization
Chapter 8:	Development aid
Chapter 9:	International organizations
Chapter 10:	The (recent) rise of China

1.2 Course goals

Students learn to analyze problems of economic development with politico-economic theories and empirical methods.

1.3 Prerequisites

No formal requirements. Knowledge in the following areas is useful: microeconomics, macroeconomics, mathematics, and empirical economic research.

1.4 Credit points

4 ECTS-LP (3 TWS).

1.5 Registration

Please register via the Campus Management System (CMS).

2. Course overview

2.1 Description of the teaching and learning methods

The lecture is supplemented by self-study based on provided materials and literature. The accompanying exercise session complements the lecture content. It introduces the statistics software Stata. Selected research papers discussed in the lecture will be replicated with Stata in the exercise session. **Course language is English.**

2.2 Meetings

Lecture (*Vorlesung*):

- (1) January 09, 9:45-11:15, Building H01, SR 0105
- (2) January 16, 9:45-11:15, Building H01, SR 0105
- (3) January 30, 9:45-11:15, Building H01, SR 0105
- (4) February 06, 9:45-11:15, Building H01, SR 0105
- (5) February 13, 9:45-11:15, Building H01, SR 0105
- (6) February 20, 9:45-11:15, Building H01, SR 0105
- (7) February 27, 9:45-11:15, Building H01, SR 0105
- (8) March 06, 9:45-11:15, Building H01, SR 0105
- (9) March 13, 9:45-11:15, Building H01, SR 0105
- (10) March 20, 9:45-11:15, Building H01, SR 0105
- (11) March 21, 17:00-18:00, Building H01, Room TBA (!)
(Guest lecture by Dr. Valentin Lang, UZH)

Please note: There will be no lecture on January 23rd. There will be a guest lecture on March 21st instead.

Exercise session (*Übung*):

- (1) January 22, 09:45-11:15, Building H01, EDV-Labor WISO
- (2) February 05, 09:45-11:15, Building H01, EDV-Labor WISO
- (3) February 19, 09:45-11:15, Building H01, EDV-Labor WISO
- (4) March 05, 09:45-11:15, Building H01, EDV-Labor WISO
- (5) March 19, **08:00-09:30**, Building H01, EDV-Labor WISO (!)

2.3 Examination and grading of the module

The module ends with a final exam. The duration is 60 minutes.

2.4 Course materials

- We will read two research papers per lecture. The required readings will be announced one week before the respective lecture.
- Supplementary course materials will be announced at the beginning of each lecture and/or published on ILIAS.
- Exercises will be announced during the tutorial and/or published on ILIAS.

Recommended textbooks for those who lack prior knowledge of development economics:

- Todaro, Michael P. and Stephen C. Smith (2015). *Economic Development* (12th edition). Pearson.
- Weil, David (2012). *Economic Growth: International Student Edition (International Edition)* (3rd edition). Pearson.

Recommended textbook for those who need to build up Stata skills are:

- Cameron, Colin A. and Pravin K. Trivedi (2010). *Microeconometrics Using Stata* (revised edition). Stata Press.
- Kohler, Ulrich and Frauke Kreuter (2016). *Datenanalyse mit Stata: allgemeine Konzepte der Datenanalyse und ihre praktische Anwendung* (5th edition). Walter de Gruyter.

Note: Dates and contents subject to change!