

<b>Georg-August-Universität Göttingen</b>		6 C
<b>Module M.WIWI-VWL.0116: Special Interest Politics</b>		2 WLH
<b>Learning outcome, core skills:</b> The course provides insights towards understanding interest-group politics from an incentive perspective, and the actual role played by SIGs in real political systems.		<b>Workload:</b> Attendance time: 28 h Self-study time: 152 h
<b>Course: Special Interest Politics (Lecture)</b> <i>Contents:</i> This course focuses on the mechanisms by which groups of pressure (e.g. lobbies) influence policy outcomes in modern democracies and/or in developing countries. Special interest groups (SIGs) are ubiquitous in U.S. politics and in the political systems of most countries. We will ask, and provide answers to, the following questions: What qualifies a voluntary association as a SIG? How do SIGs derive and consolidate their power and influence? Which channels (feasible strategies) do they exploit to bias policy outcomes to their favour? What happens when groups with differing objectives compete for influence?  The course introduces and analyzes several theoretical tools (e.g. campaign giving, influence buying, informational lobbying), progressing from standard constructions to more complex frameworks.		2 WLH
<b>Examination: Written examination (90 minutes)</b>		6 C
<b>Examination requirements:</b> Good understanding of the techniques, methodologies and frameworks developed in the module, and ability to apply them to analyze economic questions related to the role of pressure groups and lobbies in the political arena.		
<b>Admission requirements:</b> none	<b>Recommended previous knowledge:</b> Microeconomic theory, Basic Game theory	
<b>Language:</b> English	<b>Person responsible for module:</b> Jun.-Prof. Dr. Marco Maria Sorge	
<b>Course frequency:</b> every winter semester	<b>Duration:</b> 1 semester[s]	
<b>Number of repeat examinations permitted:</b> twice	<b>Recommended semester:</b> 2 - 3	
<b>Maximum number of students:</b> not limited		