

Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Module M.WIWI-VWL.0147: Empirical Political Economy	6 C 4 WLH
<p>Learning outcome, core skills:</p> <p>In this course, students learn about relevant issues of political economy by reading and discussing empirical papers that address the interlinkages between economics and politics.</p> <p>After completing the course students will acquire the following competencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be familiar with a range of currently relevant issues in political economy: know about the role of elections, political participation and accountability, the role of various political institutions, the role of media and individual politicians as well as the connections between economics and politics, • be able to read and assess new empirical papers on the topic. More specifically, • be able to discuss the research questions of new papers in the light of the existing literature, • be able to assess the pros and cons of various causal identification strategies and assess the strength (and potential problems) of identification strategies of new empirical papers, • be able to interpret the results of new empirical studies and discuss the strengths and potential limitations of the study designs. 	<p>Workload:</p> <p>Attendance time: 56 h</p> <p>Self-study time: 124 h</p>
<p>Course: M.WIWI-VWL.0147.Lec Empirical political economy (Lecture)</p> <p><i>Contents:</i></p> <p>The lecture is organized as a weekly reading course and discusses recent empirical papers on various issues of political economy. It addresses the role of elections and voting, political participation and franchise, electoral rules, gender representation in politics, the role of media and propaganda, the role of individual politicians and political connections, the role of media, as well as political accountability and institutions. Each course participant is expected to read the papers in advance and to be willing to participate in classroom discussion based on the papers.</p> <p>The required readings will consist of one empirical paper per week, recently published in well-known (top-tier) economic journals.</p> <p><i>Course outline:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Voting 2. Electoral process 3. Returns to politics 4. Social networks 5. Further selected topics 	2 WLH
<p>Course: M.WIWI-VWL.0147.Ex Empirical political economy (Exercise)</p> <p><i>Contents:</i></p> <p>In the practical part, students practice developing empirical research designs related to the topic of the lecture. In the first few practical sessions a short introduction into empirical research designs and dealing with issues of causal identification will be given.</p>	2 WLH

Examination: Written examination (180 minutes) M.WIWI-VWL.0147.Mp: Empirical Political Economy Examination prerequisites: In the written exam students are expected to read a short empirical paper that has not yet been discussed in the course and answer questions related to the paper. The exam is open-book.		4 C
Examination: Presentation (approx. 5 minutes, exactly 1 slide) with written elaboration (max. 1.500 words) in the form of a research proposal in groups of 2 students M.WIWI-VWL.0147.2: Empirical Political Economy Examination requirements: The first examination requirement consists of a classroom assignment (a research proposal of maximal 1,500 words) on the topic of empirical political economy. Students are required to develop an empirical research design and present their research idea briefly (using exactly 1 slide) during the last lecture. The assignment should be completed in groups of two students.		2 C
Admission requirements: none	Recommended previous knowledge: M.WIWI-QMW.0004 Econometrics I M.WIWI-QMW.0005 Econometrics II	
Language: English	Person responsible for module: Prof. Dr. Krisztina Kis-Katos	
Course frequency: each summer semester	Duration: 1 semester[s]	
Number of repeat examinations permitted: twice	Recommended semester: 2 - 4	
Maximum number of students: not limited		