



Topics in Political Economy Ramona Schmid, Tuuli Tähtinen LS (Seminar) Wintersemester/winter semester 2025/26

The aim of this course is to introduce students to applied research and current topics in political economy. Some topics of interest include electoral competition and redistributive policies, selection of politicians, women in politics, and populism.

We will also focus on understanding empirical evidence in economics, focusing on data and econometrics methods needed to answer research questions in political economy.

Students will independently conduct their own empirical projects, summarize their findings in a term paper, and present them in class at the end of the seminar.

Studiengang:	MSc
Program:	
Termin Vorbesprechung (tt.mm.jjjj):	15.7.
Date of preliminary meeting (dd.mm.yyyy):	
*Bearbeitungszeitraum für die Hausarbeit:	4 weeks
*Working period for term paper:	
*Seminartermin:	End of November
*Seminar date:	
Veranstaltungsort:	ifo Institute, Poschingerstrasse 5
Venue:	
falls außerhalb: Kostenschätzung:	€
if out of Munich: estimated costs:	
Sprache:	English
Language:	
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse:	Ecoometrics
Recommended courses:	
Methodischer Schwerpunkt:	Basic knowledge of applied econometrics,
Methodological background:	knowledge of R, Stata, or similar.
*Grundlagenliteratur:	Required course material will be provided
*Basic references:	during the course.
	Optional textbook for overview: Persson
	and Tabellini (2000), Political Economics:
	Explaining Economic Policy, MIT Press.
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* Optional (falls schon bekannt) / optionally (if already known)