



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2020

10,384: Political Economics of Development

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (40%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Group examination paper with presentation (all given the same grades) (40%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Examination time: term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[10,384,1.00 Political Economics of Development](#) -- Englisch -- [Hodler Roland](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

Master-level knowledge in econometrics/quantitative methods is required. Knowledge in development economics, political economics and game theory is a plus, but not necessary as the course is largely self-contained.

Students who plan to take this course as an *optional* course and *without an examination* should not register via the bidding system. They should register directly with the lecturer.

Learning objectives

1. To know the literature in key research areas in the intersection of political economics and development economics.
2. To understand what it takes to produce cutting-edge empirical research in political economy or development economics.

Course content

This course focuses on key research areas in the intersection of political economics and development economics. It thereby underscores the interdependences between institutions, politics and economic development. The following research area could be discussed:

1. Democracy, institutional change, and economic development
2. Ethnic diversity, ethnic politics, and developmental effects
3. Natural resources and developmental effects
4. Foreign aid: allocation and developmental effects

Course structure

The course consists of six 4-hour sessions. The first session introduces the course.

The next four sessions are devoted to four different research areas. Each of these sessions consists of a lecture providing an overview of the current state of the theoretical and empirical literature in the respective research area, and 1-3 student



presentations of cutting-edge empirical working papers.

The last session is devoted to the discussion of the students' research proposals (written in groups of 1-2 students).

Course literature

Journal articles and working papers become available on Canvas at the beginning of the course.

Lecture slides become available on Canvas during the semester.

Additional course information

In the case of the President's Board having to implement new directives due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in AS2020, the course information listed above will be changed as follows:

- The course is conducted online via the platform Zoom;
- The recordings of the course are available for 30 day;
- The lecturer informs via StudyNet on the changed implementation modalities of the course;

The examination information listed below would be changed as follows:

- The presentations are conducted online and are being recorded.

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/3)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (40%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

Presentation of cutting-edge empirical paper

Examination-aid rule

Practical examination

No examination-aid rule is necessary for such examination types. The rules and regulations of the University of St. Gallen apply in a subsidiary fashion.

Supplementary aids

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

2. Examination sub part (2/3)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Group examination paper with presentation (all given the same grades) (40%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

Research proposal

Examination-aid rule

Term papers



Term papers must be written without anyone else's help and in accordance with the known quotation standards, and they must contain a declaration of authorship which is a published template in StudentWeb.

The documentation of sources (quotations, bibliography) has to be done throughout and consistently in accordance with the chosen citation standard such as APA or MLA.

For papers in law, the legal standard is recommended (by way of example, cf. FORSTMOSER, P., OGOREK R. et SCHINDLER B., Juristisches Arbeiten: Eine Anleitung für Studierende, newest edition respectively, or according to the recommendations of the Law School).

The indications of the sources of information taken over verbatim or in paraphrase (quotations) must be integrated into texts in accordance with the precepts of the applicable quotation standard, while informative and bibliographical notes must be added as footnotes (recommendations and standards can be found, for example, in METZGER, C., Lern- und Arbeitsstrategien, newest edition respectively).

For any work written at the HSG, the indication of the page numbers is mandatory independent of the chosen citation standard. Where there are no page numbers in sources, precise references must be provided in a different way: titles of chapters or sections, section numbers, acts, scenes, verses, etc.

Supplementary aids

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

3. Examination sub part (3/3)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

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Examination-aid rule

Practical examination

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Supplementary aids

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Examination content

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Examination relevant literature

Lecture slides, journal articles, and working papers are available on Canvas.



Please note

Please note that only this fact sheet and the examination schedule published at the time of bidding are binding and takes precedence over other information, such as information on StudyNet (Canvas), on lecturers' websites and information in lectures etc.

Any references and links to third-party content within the fact sheet are only of a supplementary, informative nature and lie outside the area of responsibility of the University of St.Gallen.

Documents and materials are only relevant for central examinations if they are available by the end of the lecture period (CW51) at the latest. In the case of centrally organised mid-term examinations, the documents and materials up to CW 42 are relevant for testing.

Binding nature of the fact sheets:

- Course information as well as examination date (organised centrally/decentrally) and form of examination: from bidding start in CW 34 (Thursday, 20 August 2020);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 12 October 2020);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 12 October 2020);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before the end of the registration period in CW 44 (Thursday, 29 October 2020).