



## Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2021

### 6,312: Comparative Political Economy

ECTS credits: 4

#### Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Central - Written examination (100%, 90 mins.)

Examination time: inter-term break

#### Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[6,312,1.00 Comparative Political Economy](#) -- Englisch -- [Emmenegger Patrick](#)

#### Course information

##### Course prerequisites

None. Knowledge of fundamentals of political science and economics are helpful, but not necessary, as the course is largely self-contained.

##### Learning objectives

Students acquire the analytical tools indispensable for an understanding of the dynamic interdependencies between politics and the economy in today's world. They learn to look at key issues from a historically informed perspective comprising the main political economy regimes of the 20th and 21st centuries in advanced capitalist societies. They are able to discuss the systematic tensions inherent in market-based political regimes. Selected cases familiarize students with analytical challenges in political and economic matters. In the course, we will, amongst others, cover topics such as state capacity and taxation, the welfare state and the politics of redistribution, industrial relations and neo-corporatism, models of capitalism and rising levels of inequality, models of finance and corporate governance, and the political economy of debt.

##### Course content

Comparative Political Economy sits at the intersection of economics and politics, as it addresses the seminal question: who gets what, when, and how? Comparative Political Economy concerns itself with the comparative study of distributional outcomes across countries and thus, albeit more indirectly, among individuals. Why are some countries collectively wealthier than others? Why do some countries continue on an upward trajectory of economic growth, while other stagnate and decline? Why do certain countries excel at high value added high quality production in high tech electronic goods or automobiles? Why do sectors characterized by fast-moving technological development flourish in some countries, but are scarce in others? How is the wealth generated, redistributed, and reinvested? What provisions are there for individuals to prosper and advance their economic fortunes? What are the implications of national economic regulation in terms of life chances and career trajectories at the micro level? The course will discuss these questions and more. Empirically, we will focus on a comparative discussion of advanced industrialized democracies.

##### Course structure

The course comprises eleven sessions. Students are expected to attend each class session and participate fully in class discussions. Readings must be completed prior to each class. Further readings may be provided online. The mandatory readings as well as the other course material provided online will be in English.

##### Course literature

Textbook: Menz, Georg (2017). Comparative Political Economy. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Selected journal articles (available on Canvas).



## Additional course information

In the case of the President's Board having to implement new directives due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in the Spring Semester 2021, the course information listed above will be changed as follows:

- The course will move to online and be conducted via the online platform Zoom.
- The course will be recorded and recordings will be available for 30 days from date posted.
- Should there be any changed implementation modalities of the course the lecturer will inform students via Canvas & email.

## Examination information

### Examination sub part/s

#### 1. Examination sub part (1/1)

##### Examination time and form

Central - Written examination (100%, 90 mins.)

Examination time: inter-term break

##### Remark

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##### Examination-aid rule

Extended Closed Book

The use of aids is limited; any additional aids permitted are exhaustively listed under "Supplementary aids". Basically, the following is applicable:

- At such examinations, all the pocket calculators of the Texas Instruments TI-30 series and mono- or bilingual dictionaries (no subject-specific dictionaries) without hand-written notes are admissible. Any other pocket calculator models and any electronic dictionaries are inadmissible.
- In addition, any type of communication, as well as any electronic devices that can be programmed and are capable of communication such as notebooks, tablets, mobile telephones and others, are inadmissible.
- Students are themselves responsible for the procurement of examination aids.

##### Supplementary aids

No additional aids allowed.

##### Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

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## Examination content

The exam will cover the literature, information and contents of the class sessions as well as the mandatory readings.

## Examination relevant literature

The relevant literature, apart from the course textbook, will be provided online during the semester (as of 17 May 2021 at the latest).



### 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 (CW21) at the latest. In the case of centrally organised mid-term examinations, the documents and materials up to CW 12 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 04 (Thursday, 28 January 2021);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 12 (Monday, 22 March 2021);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 12 (Monday, 22 March 2021);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before the end of the registration period in CW 14 (Thursday, 8 April 2021).