



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2023

7,359: Economics of Nation Building

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

decentral - Presentation, Analog, Group work group grade (55%)

Examination time: Term time

decentral - Active participation, Analog, Individual work individual grade (10%)

Examination time: Term time

decentral - Digital written examination, Digital, Individual work individual grade (35%, 90 Min.)

Examination time: Term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[7,359,1.00 Economics of Nation Building](#) -- English -- [Hodler Roland](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

Intermediate knowledge in quantitative methods or econometrics.

Ability to participate in person on campus on all three seminar days in November.

Learning objectives

Students understand how different policies can (or cannot) contribute to nation building in different contexts.

Students understand empirical journal articles on nation building and to develop a sense of what it takes to produce cutting-edge research in economics and political science (and maybe to get some inspiration for their Master's thesis).

Course content

Social cohesion and national identity are important for a country's economic performance and social well-being. The course studies different policies for nation building such as national languages, (forced) population movements, foreign threats, federal structures, education policies, state media, and propaganda. The focus is on empirical journal articles that study whether and how these policies succeeded in different countries and contexts.

Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

There will be an introductory lecture and three full seminar days on campus. On the first two seminar days, students present empirical journal articles, which we jointly discuss. On the last day, there is a written exam.

Course literature

Overview book: Rohner D., Zhuravskaya E. (eds.), 2023. Nation Building: Big Lessons from Successes and Failures. CEPR Press, London, UK.

Journal articles for student presentations become available on Canvas before the beginning of the course.

Additional course information



This course replaces my previous course on failed states.

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/3)

Examination modalities

Examination type	Presentation
Responsible for organisation	decentral
Examination form	Oral examination
Examination mode	Analog
Time of examination	Term time
Examination execution	Asynchronous
Examination location	On Campus
Grading type	Group work group grade
Weighting	55%
Duration	--

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Remark

Presentation of empirical journal articles

Examination-aid rule

Free aids provision

Basically, students are free to choose aids. Any restrictions are defined by the faculty members in charge of the examination under supplementary aids.

Supplementary aids

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2. Examination sub part (2/3)

Examination modalities

Examination type	Active participation
Responsible for organisation	decentral
Examination form	Oral examination
Examination mode	Analog
Time of examination	Term time
Examination execution	Synchronous
Examination location	On Campus
Grading type	Individual work individual grade
Weighting	10%
Duration	--

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Remark



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Examination-aid rule

Free aids provision

Basically, students are free to choose aids. Any restrictions are defined by the faculty members in charge of the examination under supplementary aids.

Supplementary aids

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3. Examination sub part (3/3)

Examination modalities

Examination type	Digital written examination
Responsible for organisation	decentral
Examination form	Written exam
Examination mode	Digital
Time of examination	Term time
Examination execution	Synchronous
Examination location	On Campus
Grading type	Individual work individual grade
Weighting	35%
Duration	90 Min.

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Remark

Final exam

Examination-aid rule

Closed Book

The use of aids is prohibited as a matter of principle, with the exception of pocket calculator models of the Texas Instruments TI-30 series and, in case of non-language exams, bilingual dictionaries without any handwritten notes. Any other aids that are admissible must be explicitly listed by faculty members in the paragraph entitled "Supplementary aids" of the course and examination fact sheet; this list is exhaustive.

Procuring any aids, as well as ensuring their working order, is the exclusive responsibility of students.

Supplementary aids

The examination will be conducted as a digital examination with the following admissible media:

- **Private notebook** (compulsory) – no tablets!
- **Mains adapter** (compulsory)
- External computer mouse (optional)
- External computer keyboard (optional)

We would like to point out explicitly that the examination cannot be taken with tablets/iPads.

You will need the following for the examination:

- Appliance and system requirements: [cf. StudentWeb](#)
- Special software: [LockDown Browser](#)
- HSG log-in including access modalities
- WLAN – operational access to Eduroam



Please make sure that

- all the updates have been carried out before the examination.
- In the run-up to digitally conducted examinations, technical tests (mock examinations without grades) are carried out. Participation is urgently required!
- You yourself are responsible for the perfect working order of your appliance, [cf. also StudentWeb](#).
- Keyboard stickers in the language in which the examination is conducted (such as English, German, as well as Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Japanese, etc. in language examinations) are permitted. The stickers must be identical with the original characters of the language concerned.

Any use of additional appliances that are not listed above will be strictly prohibited throughout the examination.

Any necessary actions with another software or additional appliances require the express prior approval of the persons in charge of the examination and are only permitted under supervision.

Any infringement of these rules of conduct may be sanctioned as an infringement of the rules of the University.

Examination content

Empirical journal articles for student presentations.

All material presented and discussed during the course for the final exam.

Examination relevant literature

Empirical journal articles for student presentations.

Overview book by Rohner and Zhuravskaya (2023) for the course for final exam.



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, 24 August 2023);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 16 October 2023);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 45 (Monday, 06 November 2023);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before the end of the de-registration period in CW 45 (Monday, 06 November 2023).