

Course Goals and content

This course gives a broad overview of the role of international organizations in the political economy of development. It starts with discussing the political economy of foreign aid, migration, and institutions more broadly, and then zooms in on four international organizations: the WTO, the UNSC, the IMF, and the World Bank Group. Most of the lecture will be empirical with a focus on research-, writing-, and publication-strategies.

Lecturer



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Course Content

I. The Political Economy of Foreign Aid

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- *Clemens, Radelet, Bhavnani and Bazzi, 2012, Economic Journal 122(561): 590-617.
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- *Faye and Niehaus, 2012, American Economic Review 102, 7: 3516-30.
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- Nunn and Qian, 2014, American Economic Review 104, 6:1630-1666.
- Rajan and Subramanian, 2008, Review of Economics and Statistics 90, 4: 643-665.
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II. The Political Economy of Migration and Institutions

- *Acemoglu, Johnson and Robinson, 2001, American Economic Review 91, 5: 1369-1401.
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- *Albouy, 2012, American Economic Review 102, 6: 3059-3076.
- *Auer, 2013, Journal of Economic Growth 18, 2: 179-215.
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- *Spilimbergo, 2009, American Economic Review 99, 1: 528-43.

III. The Political Economy of International Organizations

The World Trade Organization

- *Rose, 2004, American Economic Review 94, 1: 98-114.
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The United Nations Security Council

- *Bashir and Lim, 2013, Journal of Conflict Resolution 57, 3: 509-523.
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- Kuziemko and Werker, 2006, Journal of Political Economy 114: 905-930.
- *Mikulasechek, 2018, Harvard University.
- Vreeland and Dreher, 2014, Cambridge University Press.

The International Monetary Fund & the World Bank

- *Dreher, Lang, Rosendorff and Vreeland, 2018, CEPR Discussion Paper.
- *Dreher, Lang and Richert, 2019, Journal of Development Economics, forthcoming.
- Dreher, Sturm and Vreeland, 2009, European Economic Review 53: 742-757.
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Grading

Class participation (20 %); referee report (take-home exam, 80 %). Participants taking this course for credit must attend all lectures and complete the take-home exam.

Organization

The course is intended for PhD students. A limited number of people with relevant professional or academic interest may be also admitted.

Lecture hours: 25 ECTS : 4

Timetable and Registration

The course takes place from Monday to Friday from 9.30 to 12.00 and from 13.30 to 16.00 in the Silva Casa at the World Trade Institute, University of Bern, Hallerstrasse 6, 3012 Bern. This is an intensive course. Please try to complete some of the readings from the suggested bibliography before the course begins.

Tuition fee: 500 CHF.

Available course outlines and reading material can be found under the course listing on the Doctoral Programme webpage.

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