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University of Cologne

Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences

Cologne Center for Comparative Politics (CCCP)

Chair of International Comparative Political Economy and Economic Sociology

Doctoral/Master Course: Hauptseminar Vergleichende Politische Ökonomie: The Comparative Political Economy of Skills and Welfare

ECTS: 6

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Time: Wednesday, 4.00-5.30pm (First session: October 21, 2015 to December 16, 2015, weekly)

Compact Session: January 8, 2016, 8am to 6.00pm)

Room: Regular Sessions: Hörsaal 2 (Lecture Room 2), Gottfried-Keller-Str. 6

Compact Session: Seminarraum 1 (Seminar Room 1), Gebäude 110 (Building 110)
WiSo Modulbau

Description: This course is about the comparative political economy of skill formation systems and welfare regimes. While skill formation systems are important for the provision of training and education, welfare regimes regulate social security. From a cross-national perspective, we review causal explanations of the emergence and contemporary transformation of welfare and skill regimes and analyze their contemporary challenges. The following issues and their links to welfare and skills are discussed: typologies, industrial relations, employers, religion, farmers, asset-theory and co-evolution of skills and welfare, financial markets, housing markets, internationalization, and inequality. The course also demonstrates how quantitative and qualitative methods are used in this research field and students have the opportunity to present their research designs in class.

Requirements and evidence of academic achievement: Each student has to prepare the compulsory reading in advance. Furthermore, each student has to write one essay which she/he will present in class and will be assigned to be discussant of one of the essays. The essays have to be handed in latest one week before they are discussed in class. In addition, each student has to write a term paper (*Hausarbeit*). Students will be graded on the quality of their presentations and essays and the quality of the term paper. The term papers have to be delivered latest on **March 13, 2016**. The report should not exceed 10.000 words. Own research on literature/data/material is required. All reports are checked for plagiarism. Please read for further information about plagiarism: www.cccp.uni-koeln.de. We use the software "turnitin" to check for plagiarism: <http://www.wiso-it.uni-koeln.de/turnitin.html>. **Essays and term papers have to be written in English language.**

Reading: All texts are made available on the ILLIAS-website of the course.

Time	Topic
21.10	<u>Introduction</u>
28.10	<p><u>The Political Economy of the Welfare State and (Collective) Skill Formation: Overview</u></p> <p>Obligatory reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busemeyer, Marius R./Christine Trampusch (2012): Introduction: The Comparative Political Economy of Collective Skill Formation Systems. In: Busemeyer, Marius R./Christine Trampusch (eds.): <i>The Comparative Political Economy of Collective Skill Formation Systems</i>. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 3-40. • Mares, Isabela (2009): The Comparative Political Economy of the Welfare State. In: <i>Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture, and Structure</i>. 358-375. • The Economist (2015): Hiding in Plain Sight. In: <i>The Economist, August 22nd 2015</i>. 26-27. • The Economist (2015): More Vacancies than Visitors. In: <i>The Economist, August 19th 2015</i>. 24.
4.11	<p><u>Varieties and Worlds of Skill Formation & Welfare States</u></p> <p>Obligatory reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busemeyer, Marius R. (2015): <i>Skills and Inequality</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 123-177 (Chapter 3). <p>Students' essays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay 1 [N.N.]: Iversen, Torben/John D. Stephens (2008): Partisan Politics, the Welfare State, and Three Worlds of Human Capital Formation. In: <i>Comparative Political Studies</i>, 41(4-5), 600-637. • Discussant 1 [N.N.] • Essay 2 [N.N.]: Manow, Philip (2009): Electoral Rules, Class Coalitions and Welfare State Regimes, or how to Explain Esping-Andersen with Stein Rokkan. In: <i>Socio-Economic Review</i>, 7(1), 101-121. • Discussant 2 [N.N.]
11.11	<p><u>Skills, Welfare, and Industrial Relations</u></p> <p>Obligatory reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerr, Clark (1954): Balkanization of Labor Markets. In: Bakke, E. Wight (ed.): <i>Labor Mobility and Economic Opportunity</i>. Cambridge: MIT Press. 92-110. • Streeck, Wolfgang (2005): The Sociology of Labor Markets and Trade Unions. In: Smelser, Neil J./Richard Swedberg (eds.): <i>The Handbook of Economic Sociology</i>. Princeton: Princeton University Press. 254-283. <p>Students' essays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay 3 [N.N.]: Korpi, Walter/Joakim Palme (2003): New Politics and Class Politics in the Context of Austerity and Globalization: Welfare State Regress in 18 Countries, 1975–95. In: <i>American Political Science Review</i>, 97(03), 425-446. • Discussant 2 [N.N.] • Essay 4 [N.N.]: Trampusch, Christine/Pierre Eichenberger (2012): Skills and Industrial Relations in Coordinated Market Economies - Continuing Vocational Training in Denmark, the Netherlands, Austria, and Switzerland. In: <i>British Journal of Industrial Relations</i> 50(4). 644-666. • Discussant 4 [N.N.]

18.11	<p><u>Employers, Welfare, and Skills</u></p> <p>Obligatory reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Korpi, Walter (2006): Power Resources and Employer-Centred Approaches in Explanations of Welfare States and Varieties of Capitalism: Protagonists, Consenters, and Antagonists. In: <i>World Politics</i> 58(2). 167-206. <p>Students' essays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay 5 [N.N.]: Culpepper, Pepper D. (2007): Small States and Skill Specificity Austria, Switzerland, and Interemployer Cleavages in Coordinated Capitalism. In: <i>Comparative Political Studies</i>, 40(6). 611-637. • Discussant 5 [N.N.] • Essay 6 [N.N.]: Martin, Cathie J./Duane Swank (2004): Does the Organization of Capital Matter? Employers and Active Labor Market Policy at the National and Firm Levels. In: <i>American Political Science Review</i>, 98(04). 593-611. • Discussant 6 [N.N.]
25.11	<p><u>Religion & Farmers & Welfare State</u></p> <p>Obligatory reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manow, Philip (2004): The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Esping-Andersen's Regime Typology and the Religious Roots of the Western Welfare State. <i>MPIfG Working Paper 04/3</i>. Cologne: Max-Planck Institute for the Study of Societies. <p>Students' essays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay 7 [N.N.]: Manow, Philip (2015): Workers, Farmers and Catholicism: A History of Political Class Coalitions and the South-European Welfare State Regime. In: <i>Journal of European Social Policy</i>, 25(1). 32-49. • Discussant 7 [N.N.] • Essay 8 [N.N.]: Trampusch, Christine/Dennis C. Spies (2014): Agricultural Interests and the Origins of Capitalism: A Parallel Comparative History of Germany, Denmark, New Zealand, and the United States". In: <i>New Political Economy</i> 19(6). 918-942. • Discussant 8 [N.N.]
2.12	<p><u>Welfare States & Skill Formation & Political Parties</u></p> <p>Obligatory reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Häusermann, Silja/Georg Picot/Dominik Geering (2013): Review Article: Rethinking Party Politics and the Welfare State – Recent Advances in the Literature. In: <i>British Journal of Political Science</i>, 43(01). 221-240. <p>Students' essays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay 9 [N.N.]: Dobbins, Michael/Marius R. Busemeyer (2015): Socio-Economic Institutions, Organized Interests and Partisan Politics: The Development of Vocational Education in Denmark and Sweden. In: <i>Socio-Economic Review</i>, 13(2). 259-284. • Discussant 9 [N.N.] • Essay 10 [N.N.]: Allan, James P./Lyle Scruggs (2004): Political Partisanship and Welfare State Reform in Advanced Industrial Societies. In: <i>American Journal of Political Science</i>, 48(3). 496-512. • Discussant 10 [N.N.]

9.12	<p><u>Asset Theory & Co-evolution of Skills and Welfare</u></p> <p>Obligatory reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iversen, Torben/David Soskice (2001): An Asset Theory of Social Policy Preferences. In: <i>American Political Science Review</i> 95. 875-893. <p>Students' essays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essay 11 [N.N.]: Iversen, Torben/David Soskice (2009): Distribution and Redistribution: The Shadow of the Nineteenth Century. In: <i>World Politics</i> 61 (3). 438–86. Discussant 11 [N.N.] Essay 12 [N.N.]: Trampusch, Christine (2010): Co-evolution of Skills and Welfare in Coordinated Market Economies? A Comparative Historical Analysis of Denmark, the Netherlands, and Switzerland. In: <i>European Journal of Industrial Relations</i> 16(3). 197-220. Discussant 12 [N.N.]
16.12	<p><u>Welfare States & Financial Markets</u></p> <p>Obligatory reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jackson, Gregory/Sigurt Vitols (2001): Between Financial Commitment, Market Liquidity and Corporate Governance. In: Ebbinghaus, Bernhard/Philip Manow (eds.): <i>Comparing Welfare Capitalism</i>. New York: Routledge. 171-189. <p>Students' essays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essay 13 [N.N.]: Wiß, Tobias (2015): Pension Fund Vulnerability to the Financial Market Crisis: The Role of Trade Unions. In: <i>European Journal of Industrial Relations</i>, 21(2). 131-147. Discussant 13 [N.N.] Essay 14 [N.N.]: Naczyk, Marek/Bruno Palier (2014): Feed the Beast: Finance Capitalism and the Spread of Pension Privatisation in Europe. In: <i>Conference Paper: 26. Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Chicago, July 10-12, 2014</i>. Discussant 14 [N.N.]

Compact Session, January 8, 8am to 6.00pm	
8.00 to 9.30	<p><u>Welfare States & Housing Markets</u></p> <p>Obligatory reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schwartz, Herman/Leonard Seabrooke (2008): Varieties of Residential Capitalism in the International Political Economy: Old Welfare States and the new Politics of Housing. In: <i>Comparative European Politics</i>, 6(3). 237-261. <p>Students' essays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay 15 [N.N.]: Ansell, Ben (2014): The Political Economy of Ownership: Housing Markets and the Welfare State. In: <i>American Political Science Review</i>, 108(02). 383-402. Discussant 15 [N.N.] • Essay 16 [N.N.]: Mortensen, Jens L./Leonard Seabrooke (2008): Housing as Social Right or Means to Wealth?: The Politics of Property Booms in Australia and Denmark. In: <i>Comparative European Politics</i>, 6(3). 305-324. Discussant 16 [N.N.]
<u>Coffee Break</u>	
9.45 to 11.15	<p><u>Internationalization & Skill Formation</u></p> <p>Obligatory reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trampusch, Christine (2009): Europeanization and Institutional Change in Vocational Education and Training in Germany and Austria. In: <i>Governance. An International Journal of Policy, Administration and Institutions</i> 22(3). 369-395. <p>Students' essays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay 17 [N.N.]: Voegtle, Eva M./Christoph Knill/ Michael Dobbins (2011): To what Extent does Transnational Communication Drive Cross-National Policy Convergence? The Impact of the Bologna-Process on Domestic Higher Education Policies. In: <i>Higher Education</i>, 61(1). 77-94. Discussant 17 [N.N.] • Essay 18 [N.N.]: Dobbins, Michael/Christoph Knill (2009): Higher Education Policies in Central and Eastern Europe: Convergence Toward a Common Model?. In: <i>Governance</i>, 22(3). 397-430. Discussant 18 [N.N.]
11.15 to 12.30	<u>Presentation and Discussion of Students' Research Designs</u>
<u>Lunch</u>	
1.30 to 2.00	<p><u>Inequality & Skill Formation</u></p> <p>Obligatory reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estévez-Abe, Margarita (2012): Gendered Consequences of Vocational Training. In: Busemeyer, Marius R./Christine Trampusch (eds.): <i>The Comparative Political Economy of Collective Skill Formation Systems</i>. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 259-283. <p>Students' essays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay 19 [N.N.]: Solga, Heike (2014): Education, Economic Inequality and the Promises of the Social Investment State. In: <i>Socio-Economic Review</i> 12 (2). 269-297. Discussant 19 [N.N.] • Essay 20 [N.N.]: Busemeyer, Marius R./Torben Iversen (2012): Collective Skill Systems, Wage Bargaining, and Labor Market Stratification. In: Busemeyer, Marius R./Christine Trampusch (eds.): <i>The Comparative Political Economy of Collective Skill Formation Systems</i>. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 205-233. Discussant 20 [N.N.]
<u>Coffee Break</u>	
2.15 to 6.00	<u>Presentation and Discussion of Students' Research Designs</u>