

Programm

Begabtenförderung und Kultur
Promotionskolleg Soziale Marktwirtschaft



"The Political Economy of European Integration"

Seminar via Video (Zoom)
Curriculum (A 3)

17.-19. February 2021

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

This seminar, taught at a time when European Union and its member states face a spectrum of choices over their future, aims to provide you with tools that help you better understand the politics and economics of European integration. The seminar will address normative and positive issues of European integration; it combines economic, political and legal aspects of the making of European politics; it raises research questions amenable to a variety of theoretical and empirical approaches.

15.00 - 18.00

Introduction and Keynote

Short introduction of participants, their research topics and possible relations to European politics.

Keynote by Elmar Brok on "Towards a European Social market economy"

Discussion

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Thursday, February 18, 2021

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9.30 – 11.00

International Federalism and the history of the European project

What is the EU? Why does it exist? What problems does it purport to solve? What did classical liberals think of national sovereignty and international federalism? Commitment problems in politics.

Readings:

Friedrich August von Hayek (1939). "The Economic Conditions of Interstate Federalism." In Hayek (1948). Individualism and Economic Order, University of Chicago Press, pp. 255-272.

übernimmt Christine Asjoma

Alberto Alesina, Ignazio Angeloni, Ludger Schuknecht (2001). "What Does the European Union Do?" NBER Working Paper 8647 <http://www.nber.org/papers/w8647>.

übernimmt Alexander Lunin

11.30 – 13.00

Populism, authoritarianism, and the future of EU integration

What is populism, and what explains the rise of populist politics in Europe? Does it matter for the EU's future?

Readings:

Cas Mudde (2013). "Three Decades of Populist Radical Right Parties in Western Europe: So What?" European Journal of Political Research, Vol. 52, 1, 1–19.

übernimmt Hans Rusinek

R. Daniel Kelemen (2017). "Europe's Other Democratic Deficit: National Authoritarianism in Europe's Democratic Union." Government and Opposition, Vol. 52, 211–238.

übernimmt Marius May

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14.00 – 15.30

Legitimacy, democracy, subsidiarity in the EU

Can the EU rely on enough democratic (input- or output-) legitimacy for (further) political integration? Does it have / need a constitution? A European demos? How can the principle of subsidiarity be made more effective?

Readings:

Michael Wohlgemuth (2017): Political Union and the Legitimacy Challenge, *European View* 16: 57-66.

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12290-017-0432-z>
übernimmt Matthias Arthkamp

Dieter Grimm (1995): Does Europe Need a Constitution? *European Law Journal* 1(3): 282-302.

übernimmt Arno Blaas

Jürgen Habermas (1995): Remarks on Dieter Grimm's 'Does Europe Need a Constitution?' *European Law Journal* 1(3): 303-307.

übernimmt Arno Blaas

16.00 – 17.30

Harmonization, centralisation or competition amongst jurisdictions

Can interjurisdictional competition driven by the "exit" of mobile resources be an alternative to "one-size-fits-all" integration? Can competitive federalism help curb political power and provide a discovery procedure of new and better political problem solutions?

Readings:

Viktor J. Vanberg (2016): Competitive Federalism, Government's Dual Role and the Power to Tax, *Journal of Institutional Economics* 12 (4): 825-845,

<https://www.econstor.eu/bitstream/10419/118598/1/834735695>
übernimmt Mesfin Mulugeta Woldegiorgis

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Michael Wohlgemuth (2008): Learning through institutional competition, in: Andreas Bergh and Rolf Höijer (eds.), Institutional Competition, Elgar: 67-89.

übernimmt Florian Rester

Friday, February 19, 2021

9.30 – 11.00

Flexible integration: a club-theoretical and constitutional economics perspective

The EU as a club; the optimal club-size of different policy areas, differentiated integration among EU-members and in relation v EU-members, multi-speed Europe or variable geometry.

Readings:

Michael Wohlgemuth and Clara Brandi (2006): Strategies of integration and enlargement of the European Union. A club theoretical and constitutional economics perspective, Freib Discussion Papers on Constitutional Economics 06/6. https://www.econstor.eu/bitstream/10419/4367/1/06_7bw.

übernimmt Lukas Block

11.00 Uhr

End of the seminar

Note to KAS Stipendiaten:

- **Es wird davon ausgegangen, dass alle Teilnehmer die Texte vor dem Seminar gelesen haben.**
- **Jede/r möge sich einen Text aussuchen, den sie/er gerne kurz (10 Minuten) zusammenfassen und (5 Minuten) kommentieren möchte.**
- **Ideen, inwiefern das Thema für das aktuelle Promotionsthema (oder andere laufende Interessen) relevant sein könnte.**

11.30 – 17.00

Sitzung des Promotionskollegs Soziale Marktwirtschaft
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