

<b>Subject</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL ECONOMY</b>			
	<b>Type</b> (M)	<b>Semester</b> I	<b>ECTS</b> 4	<b>Code</b>
<b>Lecturer</b>				
<b>Aims and Objectives</b>	<p>Evolution of political economy has limited debate on the role of the state to the economy. This debate still continues since the authors of classical political economy. A state should be involved in the fulfillment of individual desires or perhaps individual desires and needs would be met if the mobilization of resources would be left to individuals driven by private interest? Should health care, education and welfare provided by the state or that it be carried out by each individual within the market through free will? These questions present some challenges in political economy. First, the individual will want to realize these goals individually then would have a market to regulate itself? To what extent will reach the individual to realize the fulfillment of his desires and needs through free market exchange? State intervene in the market will prevent or help market? Second, is the issue of the public agenda - what is the relationship between public purpose and private interest? A state should be the only mechanism to regulate relations between private interests or would have had a greater public agenda? Approaches and opinions in political economy, regard vary significantly. The aim of the course is to explain approaches the thoughts about the purpose of private interest, the meaning and the range of individual autonomy, the nature of freedom in the process of exchange between individuals, the significance of collective life and public goods and the types of connections that individuals in a wider group. In this context will be discussed views about state intervention in the economy, stakeholders in the economy and the role of institutions.</p>			
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	<p>Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the history and political economy disciplinary fields</li> <li>• Describe the theories, methods and main approaches to political economy</li> <li>• Understand the application of policy approaches in the market economy, transition and the welfare state.</li> <li>• Identify and analyse the importance of institutions in economy</li> <li>• Understand economic framework and national political restrictions</li> <li>• Identify current examples that explain the political economy approaches</li> <li>• Discuss intellectual political economy issues.</li> </ul>			
<b>Course Content</b>	<b>Course Plan</b>			<b>Week</b>
	Introduction to Political Economy			1
	Key economic concepts and economic systems - Smith, Keynes and Marx.			2
	Economic Indicators			3
	Comparative advantages and international trade			4
	Government, fiscal policies and the free market.			5
	Free competition, monopoly and oligopoly			6
	Midterm Exam 1			7
	Business environment, entrepreneurship and innovation			8
	Economy and the welfare state			9
	State and economic development, transition and economy			10
	Structuralism, institutions and legitimacy – Daron			11
	International production, FDI and economic development			12
	Students presentations			12
Midterm Exam 2			14	

	Presentations and consultations			15
<b>Teaching/Learning Methods</b>	<b>Teaching/Learning Activity</b>			<b>Weight (%)</b>
	1. Lectures			60
	2. Seminars			20
	3. Case studies			20
	4. Problem-based learning			-
	5. Study visits			-
	6. Work placement			-
<b>Assessment Methods</b>	<b>Assessment Activity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Weight (%)</b>
	1. Class Activity		1-15	10%
	2. Seminar work	1	13	10%
	3. Midterm Exam 1 &2	2	7, 14	
	4. Final Exam	1	15	80%
<b>Course resources</b>	<b>Resources</b>			<b>Number</b>
	1. Class			1
	2. Projector			1
	3. Moodle			1
<b>ECTS Workload</b>	<b>Activity</b>		<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Total workload</b>
	Lectures		2	30
	Seminars		1	15
	Intermediary exams		2	4
	Independent studying		3	50
	Exams			1
	Total			100
<b>Literature/References</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caporaso &amp; Levine (2005), Theories of Political Economy, Cambridge University Press</li> <li>• Persson &amp; Tabellini (2000), Political economics: explaining economic policy, MIT Press</li> <li>• Acemoglu &amp; Robinson (2005), Economic origins of democracy and dictatorship, Cambridge University Press</li> <li>• Weingast et al (2007), Oxford Handbook of Political Economy</li> <li>• North, D (1990), Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance, Cambridge University Press</li> <li>• LIM, T. (2014). International Political Economy: An introduction to approaches, regimes and issues. <i>Washington: Saylor Foundation.</i></li> <li>• Robinson, J. A., &amp; Acemoglu, D. (2012). <i>Why nations fail: The origins of power, prosperity and poverty.</i> London: Profile</li> </ul>			
	<b>Contact</b>			