**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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**Grading**

Class participation (20 %); referee report

**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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**Dreher and Langlotz, 2017, University Discussion Paper 635.**


**The World Trade Organization**


*Mikulaschek, 2018, Harvard University.


**The International Monetary Fund & the World Bank**

*Dreher, Lang, Rosendorff and Vreeland, 2018, CEPR Discussion Paper.


**The United Nations Security Council**


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