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“Institutions and the Political Economy of Development”

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Grading

Class participation (20%); referee report (take-home exam, 80%).

Organization

Lectures: 25 hours in total.

The course takes place from Monday 16.09 until Friday 20.09. Class hours are 9.30am-12pm and 1.30pm-4pm. This is an intensive course. Please read all articles marked with an asterisk already before the course-week starts.


About the Instructor

Axel Dreher is professor of International and Development Politics at Heidelberg University. He is Affiliated Professor at the University of Goettingen and the KOF Swiss Economic Institute, a Research Fellow at CEPR and CESifo, a member of the European Development Network (EUDN), the Academia Europaea, and a Faculty Associate of AidData. He was President of the European Public Choice Society, and is Editor of the Review of International Organizations as well as the chairman of the Development Economics Section of the German Economic Association (Verein fuer Socialpolitik). Most of his work is in the fields of development economics and political economy.
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.

Structure

I. The Political Economy of Foreign Aid


II. The Political Economy of Migration and Institutions

III. The Political Economy of International Organizations

The World Trade Organization


The United Nations Security Council


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


