University of St.Gallen

7,352: State and Economy

Subject information

ECTS-Credits: 6

Attached courses

Timetable	Language	Lecturer
7,352,1.00 State and Economy	**English**	**Weber Ralph**

Course information

Course prerequisites

Course content

Important note: The course 7,352 "State and Economy" will be conducted entirely in English and also the exam will be held in English. Alternatively, you may choose the course 7,350, which is in German.

Learning Aims and Objectives

Students acquire the analytical tools indispensable for an understanding of the dynamic interdependencies between politics and the economy in today's world. They learn to look at key issues from a historically informed perspective comprising the main political economy regimes of the 20th century and since. They are able to discuss the systematic and normative tensions inherent in market-based political regimes. Selected cases familiarize students with the challenges of practical reflection in political and economic matters.

Contents

The course begins by focusing on democracy and the market from historical and systematic perspectives. Subjects covered are

- The International Political Economy, International Politics, and Political Regimes in the 20th Century

- The Political Economy of the Western Market-System - The Last Thirty Years

- International Economic Integration, Politics, and the State

- Democracy and the Market-System: Relations and Logics

- Democracy and the Market-System: Functional and Normative Tensions

- Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy

In its second half, the course looks at democracy, the market, and society from an angle emphasizing normative and practical aspects. Topics discussed are

- Liberal Market Society: Equality as Core Idea

- Liberal Market Society: Freedom as Core Idea

- Liberal Market Society: Blurring What Has No Clear Boundaries Anyway

- Case I: Deliberative Polling - A Novel Form of Democracy?

- Case II: Ruled by an Unaccountable Elite?

Course structure

There will be a weekly class session throughout the semester.

Students are expected to attend each class session and participate fully in class discussions. Readings must be completed prior to each class. Study assignments on the StudyNet 2.0 help participants to focus on the relevant themes.

Course material, study assignments on the StudyNet 2.0 and all additional course information will be in English.

However, students are free to choose whether to attend the class taught in English or German.

- Teaching and discussion in the class on Wednesday (8-10) will be in German (Professor Dr. Dr. Roland Kley)

- Teaching and discussion in the class on Wednesday (12-14) will be in English (Dr. Ralph Weber)

Students wishing to do the oral exam in German will bid for Professor Kley's course (7,350 Staat und Wirtschaft).

Students wishing to do the oral exam in English will bid for Dr. Weber's course (7,352 State and Economy).

Course literature

The Reader "Staat und Wirtschaft/State and Economy" contains the relevant literature. The Reader is available at the students' Script Commission.

Weekly study assignments and further course information are posted on the StudyNet 2.0.

Course additional information

Information about the Examination

Examination type

central - Oral examination (individual examination) (100%, 30 mins.)

Examination aids

Closed Book

The following rules apply to all examinations irrespective of requirements and use:

- A simple pocket calculator is admissible (for the definition of simple pocket calculators incapable of communication, cf. general regulations concerning examination aids of 14 December 2010 and note the "Pocket calculators" fact sheet). Any other EDP and electronic means of communication such as notebooks, PDAs and mobile telephones, etc., are inadmissible.
- A bilingual dictionary (without handwritten notes) may be used if the examination questions and/or answers are not in the candidate's native language. Electronic dictionaries are inadmissible.
- The procurement of these examination aids is exclusively the students' responsibility.
- No other examination aids are admissible.

Question language: **English**
Answer language: **English**

Examination content

The exam will cover the literature, information, and contents of the class sessions as well as the study assignment on the StudyNet 2.0 (as of 21 December 2012).

Exam-relevant literature

The exam will cover the literature contained in the Reader "Staat und Wirtschaft/State and Economy" as well as the contents and information on the StudyNet 2.0 (as of 21 December 2012)

Attention please:

We would like to point out to you that this fact sheet has absolute priority over other information such as StudyNet, faculty members' personal databases, information provided in lectures, etc.

When will the fact sheets become binding?
Information about courses and examination type (central/decentral and grading form): from the start of the bidding process on 23 August 2012
Information about decentral examinations (examination aids, examination content, exam-relevant literature): after the 4th semester week on 15 October 2012
Information about central examinations (examination aids, examination content, exam-relevant literature): from the start of the enrolment period for the examinations on 5 November 2012

Please look at the fact sheet once more after these deadlines have expired.