

**MIR 518:01: COMPARATIVE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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**Office hours: Wednesdays 17:30-18:30**

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*The aim of the course:*

This course has two aims: One is to introduce the students to comparative political economy and to familiarize them with some of the varieties of capitalisms among advanced industrialized economies with particular emphasis on EU states. The other is to introduce the students some of the fundamental issues and debates surrounding European political economy, including welfare state and its crisis, the pressures of liberalization, the role of labor, the problem of inequality, the Eurozone crisis, Brexit, and immigration. Some prior knowledge of some political economy, its basic assumptions and approaches is a prerequisite for this course.

*The academic honesty principles*

The Department of Political Science and International Relations at Boğaziçi University has the following rules and regulations regarding academic honesty.

1. Copying work from others or giving and receiving answers/information during exams either in written or oral form constitutes cheating.
2. Submitting take-home exams and papers of others as your own, using sentences or paragraphs from another author without the proper acknowledgement of the original author, insufficient acknowledgement of the consulted works in the bibliography, all constitute plagiarism.
3. Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses and will result in:
  - a) an automatic "F" for the assignment or the exam
  - b) an oral explanation before the Departmental Ethics Committee
  - c) losing the opportunity to request and receive any references from the entire faculty
  - d) losing the opportunity to apply in exchange programs
  - e) losing the prospects of becoming a student assistant or a graduate assistant in the department

The students may further be sent to the University Ethics committee or be subject to disciplinary action.

*Requirements of the course:*

A midterm: %20

Two commentary assignments: %30

Attendance, participation: %15

A final exam: %35

Coming to class prepared and having read the assigned readings in a must. Please do not take this course if you are not ready to undertake the reading load. Some of the readings will be heavier than others, so please hang in there.

The lectures will be recorded for your convenience but attendance is mandatory.

*Websites to check out on a regular basis:*

<http://www.voxeu.org/> : A policy-oriented forum, hosted by the Center for European Policy Research, a European network of economists and policy analysts ·

Social Europe Journal (access <http://www.social-europe.eu/>): Has lots of US and EU political scientists, economists, and policy analysts writing interesting pieces. ·

Breugel ([www.bruegel.org/](http://www.bruegel.org/)): The top EU economics think-tank which carries lots of indepth pieces.

Also consider country newspapers: Wall Street Journal, Le Monde: <http://www.lemonde.fr/> , Die Zeit; Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung: <http://www.faz.net/s/homepage.html> ; Repubblica: <http://www.repubblica.it/> ; and El Pais: <http://www.elpais.com/global/>

Also use websites from national governments and international institutions: e.g., US FED, EU Commission ([http://ec.europa.eu/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm) ), the ECB (<http://www.ecb.int/home/html/index.en.html> ).

On the eurozone crisis specifically: [http://ec.europa.eu/economy\\_finance/focuson/crisis/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/focuson/crisis/index_en.htm) EU Commission website on the economic crisis; Robert Schuman Foundation (leading think tank on European affairs) <http://www.robert-schuman.eu/en/>

## **WEEKLY READING ASSIGNMENTS**

### ***WEEK 1 July 26-28: Introduction and discussions on comparative political economy***

Hall, Peter, 1997 "The role of Interests, Institutions and Ideas in Political Economy of Industrialized Nations" in Lichbaj, Mark. I and Zuckerman and Alan S. Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture and Structure. New York. Cambridge University Press: 174-207

Hall Peter, A and David Sockice 2001 Introduction in Hall Peter and David Sockice eds. Varieties of Capitalism: The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage: Oxford University Press: 1-68

Streeck, Wolfgang, E Pluribus Unum? Varieties and Commonalities of Capitalism (October 15, 2010). MPIfG Discussion Paper No. 10/12, Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=1805522> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.1805522>

### ***Week 2: August 2 and 4: Varieties of capitalism and welfare states***

Gerschenkron, Alexander. 1962. Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective: *A Book of Essays*. Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, pp. 5-30.

Boyer, Tobert 2001 "The diversity and future of capitalisms: A regulationist analysis" in *Capitalism in Evolution: Global Contentions East and West*: Aldershot Elgar eds.: 100-121

Esping-Andersen, Gøsta. *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Princeton University Press, 1990. Chapters one & two.

Manow, Philip. "Electoral Rules, Class Coalitions and Welfare State Regimes, or How to Explain Esping-Andersen with Stein Rokkan." *Socio-Economic Review* vol. 7 no. 1 (2008): 101-121.

Evelyn Huber, and John Stephens. "Postindustrial Social Policy." In: Beramendi et al., eds. *The Politics of Advanced Capitalism*. Cambridge University Press, 2015.

Morgan, Kimberly. "Path Shifting of the Welfare State: Electoral Competition and the Expansion of Work-family Policies in Western Europe." *World Politics* vol. 65 no. 1 (2013): 73-115.

### ***August 6<sup>th</sup> Friday: Commentary one is due***

***Week 3: August 9 and 11: Post war IPE and changing European political economy: Keynesianism, liberalization, convergence and divergence debates***

Eichengreen, Barry. *The European Economy Since 1945: Coordinated Capitalism and Beyond*. Princeton University Press, 2008. Chapters one & two.

Schmidt, Vivien. *The Futures of European Capitalism*. Oxford University Press, 2002. Chapter four.

Berman, Sheri. "The Primacy of Economics Versus the Primacy of Politics: Understanding the Ideological Dynamics of the Twentieth Century." *Perspectives on Politics* vol. 7 no. 3 (2009): 561-578.

Thelen, Kathleen. *Varieties of Liberalization and the New Politics of Social Solidarity*. Cambridge University Press, 2014. Chapter one.

Selections from *Resilient liberalism in Europe's political economy* edited by Vivien A. Schmidt and Mark Thatcher.

Recommended:

Ruggie, John. "International Regimes, Transactions, and Change: Embedded Liberalism in the Postwar Economic Order." *International Organization* vol. 36 no. 2 (1982): 379-415.

***Midterm August 11 at 17:00: Please note, exam time is not the class time.***

***Week 4: August 16 and 18: Labor and inequality of Europe***

Palier, Bruno, and Kathleen Thelen. "Institutionalizing Dualism: Complementarities and Change in France and Germany." *Politics & Society* vol. 38 no. 1 (2010): 119-148.

Meyer, Brett. "Learning to Love the Government: Trade Unions and Late Adoption of the Minimum Wage." *World Politics* vol. 68 no. 3 (2016): 538-575.

Hopkin, Jonathan, and Kate Alexander Shaw. "Organized Combat or Structural Advantage? The Politics of Inequality and the Winner-Take-All Economy in the United Kingdom." *Politics & Society* vol. 44 no. 3 (2016): 345-371.

Pontusson, Jonas and Lane Kenworthy, 'Rising Inequality and the Politics of Redistribution in Affluent Countries', *Perspectives on Politics*, 2005.

Nolan McCarty and Jonas Pontusson. 2009. "The Political Economy of Inequality and Redistribution." In *The Oxford Handbook of Economic Inequality*, Ed. by Wiemer Salverda. Oxford University Press, pp. 665-692.

Scheve, Kenneth and David Stasavage. "Institutions, Partisanship, and Inequality in the Long Run," *World Politics*, 2009.

Recommended:

Rueda, David, Erik Wibbels, and Melina Altamirano. "The Origins of Dualism." In: Beramendi et al., eds. *The Politics of Advanced Capitalism*. Cambridge University Press, 2015.

***Week 5: August 23 and 25: The case studies: The Nordic model, the German Model, South European model***

Streeck, Wolfgang. "German Capitalism: Does It Exist? Can it Survive?" *New Political Economy* vol. 2 no. 2 (1997): 237-256.

Manow Philip, and Seils, Eric. "Adjusting Badly: The German Welfare State, Structural Change, and the Open Economy." In: Scharpf, Fritz, and Schmidt, Vivien, eds., *Welfare and Work in the Open Economy Volume II: Diverse Responses to Common Challenges in Twelve Countries*. Oxford University Press, 2000.

Reisenbichler, Alexander, and Kimberly Morgan. "From 'Sick Man' to 'Miracle': Explaining the Robustness of the German Labor Market During and After the Financial Crisis 2008-09." *Politics & Society* vol. 40 no. 4 (2012): 549-579.

Hassel, Anke. "The Paradox of Liberalization: Understanding Dualism and the Recovery of the German Political Economy." *British Journal of Industrial Relations* vol. 52 no. 1 (2014): 57-81.

Katzenstein, Peter. *Small States in World Markets: Industrial Policy in Europe*. Cornell University Press, 1985. Chapter three.

Ornston, Darius. "Creative Corporatism: The Politics of High-Technology Competition in Nordic Europe." *Comparative Political Studies* vol. 46 no. 6 (2013): 702-729.

Ornston, Darius. *Good Governance Gone Bad: When Adaptability Leads to Excess*. Cornell University Press, forthcoming. Chapters & and two.

Hopkin, Jonathan (2015) "The Troubled Southern Periphery: the Euro experience in Italy and Spain" in *The Future of the Euro* eds. Mark Blyth and Matthias Matthijs (Oxford: Oxford University Press)

Recommended:

Lindvall, Johannes, and Joakim Sebring. "Policy Reform and the Decline of Corporatism in Sweden." *West European Politics* vol. 28 no. 5 (2005): 1057-1074.

***August 25<sup>th</sup>: Commentary two is due***

***Week 6: August 30 and September 1<sup>st</sup>: Old problems, new challenges: Financial crisis, Brexit and immigration***

Hall, Peter. "The Economics and Politics of the Euro Crisis." *German Politics* vol. 21 no. 4 (2012): 355-371.

Blyth, Mark. "The Austerity Delusion: Why a Bad Idea Won Over the West." *Foreign Affairs* vol. 92 no. 3 (2013): 41-56.

Jones, Erik, Daniel Kelemen, and Sophie Meunier. "Failing Forward? The Euro Crisis and the Incomplete Nature of European Integration." *Comparative Political Studies* vol. 49 no. 7 (2016): 1010-1034.

Sara Hobolt, "The Brexit Vote: A Divided Nation, a Divided Continent." *Journal of European Public Policy* vol. 23 no. 9 (2016): 1259-1277.

Inglehart, Ronald, and Pippa Norris. "Trump and the Populist Authoritarian Parties: The Silent Revolution in Reverse." *Perspectives on Politics* vol. 15 no. 2 (2017): 443-454.

Christian Dustmann et al., "On the Economics and Politics of Refugee Migration." *Economic Policy* vol. 32 no. 91 (2017): 497-550.

Recommended:

Owen, Erica, and Stefanie Walter. "Open Economy Politics and Brexit: Insights, Puzzles, and Ways Forward." *Review of International Political Economy* vol. 24 no. 2 (2017): 179-202. [read pp. 179-188 only]

Recommended:

Pontusson, Jonas, and Damian Raess. "How (and Why) Is This Time Different? The Politics of Economic Crisis in Western Europe and the United States." *Annual Review of Political Science* vol. 15 (2012): 13-33.

***Final Exam schedule TBA:***