



## **Summer Semester 2024**

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# **Economics of Governance II: Topics (Governanceökonomik II: Themen)**

**(34056/34057 – 3 SWS)**

### **1. Motivation**

2024 is again a “super election year”: In addition to three East German state elections and numerous local elections, the election of the EU Parliament is on the agenda. In addition, a new parliament is currently being elected in India, the world's largest democracy, and the US presidential election is taking place in November. Given the fact that populist parties and candidates from the more right-wing spectrum of parties have been quite successful in many nations in recent years and have achieved high results in the election polls in Germany, a variety of pro-democratic and anti-right-wing extremist demonstrations have already taken place in Germany over the course of this year.

### **2. Core Questions Addressed**

- Is democracy as we know it in Germany, in Europe, in the USA, and in other nations at a crossroads?
- Is populism a threat to democracy?
- What role do social media and the electoral system play?
- Is democracy in a crisis?
- Can we make democracy fit for the future or are there desirable alternatives?
- What is the role of EU Parliament in the European Union and how is the power distributed between the EU Parliament, Commission and Council of Ministers?

### **3. Pre-requisites**

#### **3.1 Required**

- ‘Interaktive Einführung in das ökonomische Denken’ or
- ‘Einführung in die Volkswirtschaftslehre’ or
- an at least equivalent course to one of the above-mentioned courses

#### **3.2 Recommended**

- ‘Economics of Governance I: Introduction’ (‘Governanceökonomik I: Einführung’)
- ‘Interactive Case-Study Seminar: Fundamentals of Decision Theory’ (‘Fallstudien-seminar in englischer Sprache’)
- ‘Mikroökonomik I’

#### 4. Teaching and Learning Strategies

This is a classical lecture and tutorial course comprising 9 lectures (90 minutes) and 6 tutorials (90 minutes). Lecture slides and the tutorials' material will be made available on the e-learning server.

#### 5. Schedule

During the semester 10 lectures and 6 tutorials will be provided. These will take place as follows:

	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Room</i>
Lectures	Wednesday	12:15 – 13:45	RW I S 66
Tutorials	Wednesday	14:15 – 15:45	RW I S 66

#### 6. Assessment

Economics (BA) and IWE students & P&E (BA) students aiming for an accreditation under Module E6 (5 CP):

- One hour unseen written examination. If the total number of participating students for the written examination is less than five, an oral examination may replace the written one. (Students will be informed about the form of examination as soon as possible.)
- The date of the examination can be found on <http://www.bwl5.uni-bayreuth.de/de/studiendekan/klausurtermine/>
- Students must register for the examination via CAMPUSonline. Only if students cannot register via CAMPUSonline they can register via e-mail by sending an e-mail to Manja Melcher: [manja.melcher@uni-bayreuth.de](mailto:manja.melcher@uni-bayreuth.de). This e-mail must only contain the title of the course, the student's surname, first name, ID number, and degree of study as well as a brief indication why registration via e-mail is required.
- The registration deadline is one week in advance to the date of the examination. Later registrations will not be accepted.

P&E (BA) Students aiming for an accreditation as a 'P6.vii-Seminar' (5 CP):

- Seminar paper ('Hausarbeit'). Further information will be announced during the course.

#### 7. Lecture & Tutorial Programme

<b>Lecture</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	24 Apr	1. Core Concepts 2. Governance of States I
2	06 May	Governance of States II 3. Governance Through Collective Decision-Making I
3	15 May	Governance Through Collective Decision-Making II
4	29 May	4. Liberalism vs. Populism: Two Approaches To Democracy
5	05 Jun	5. Democracy & Populism

6	12 Jun	6. Electoral Representation and Electoral Reforms I
7	19 Jun	Electoral Representation and Electoral Reforms II
		7. Examining & Revising the German Federal Electoral System
8	26 Jun	8. Democracy of the Future
9	03 Jul	9. Against Democracy – A Case for Epistocracy

  

<b>Tutorial</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	06 May	1. Inter-Institutional Power in the European Union I
2	15 May	Inter-Institutional Power in the European Union II
3	29 May	2. Governance & Government
4	12 Jun	3. The Crisis of Liberal Democracy
		4. Origins of the Crisis of Liberal Democracy
5	19 Jun	5. The Crisis of (Liberal) Democracy – A Crisis of Electoral Representation
6	26 Jun	6. Examining & Revising the German Federal Electoral System: Further Details

## 8. Literature

### **Lecture 1: Core Concepts**

Bates, FL and Harvey, CC (1975) *The Structure of Social Systems*, Gardner Press: 164, 171, 177 f.

Bevir, M (2012) *Governance: A Very Short Introduction*, Oxford University Press: 1-36.

Kirsch, G (2004) *Neue Politische Ökonomie*, 5<sup>th</sup> edn, UTB: 1-15.

Kjaer, AM (2004) *Governance*, Polity Press: 3-15.

Lattermann, C (2010) *Corporate Governance im globalisiertem Informationszeitalter*, Oldenbourg: 1-3.

Martin, J (1998) *Organizational Behaviour*, International Thomson Business Press: 5 f., 12 f.

Ostrom, E (2007) Institutional Rational Choice, in: Sabatier, PA (ed.), *Theories of the Policy Process*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edn., Westview Press: 21-23.

Senior, B (2002) *Organisational Change*, Prentice Hall: 4-7

Voigt, S (2009) *Institutional Economics: An Introduction*, Cambridge University Press: 60-62.\*)

### **Lectures 1 & 2: Governance of States**

Clark, WR, Golder, M, and Golder SN (2018) *Principles of Comparative Politics*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edn., Sage: 89-93, 145-173, 353-408.\*)

Hague, R and Harrop, M (2010) *Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction*, 8<sup>th</sup> edn., Palgrave Macmillan: 83-98, 99-117.

Hague, R et al. (2019) *Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction*, 11<sup>th</sup> edn., Red Globe Press: 52-105. \*)

Newton, K and Deth JW van den (2010) *Foundations of Comparative Politics*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edn. Cambridge University Press: 35.

Newton, K and Deth JW van den (2021) *Foundations of Comparative Politics*, 4<sup>th</sup> edn. Cambridge University Press: 20-23, 42, 59. \*)

### **Lectures 2 & 3: Governance Through Collective Decision-Making**

Clark, WR, Golder, M, and Golder SN (2018) *Principles of Comparative Politics*, 3rd edn., Sage: 409-420, 521-583, 420-422, 434-441. \*)

Hague, R et al. (2019) *Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction*, 11th edn., Red Globe Press: 252-269. \*)

Newton, K and Deth JW van den (2021) *Foundations of Comparative Politics*, 4th edn. Cambridge University Press: 248-256. \*)

Nurmi, H (1998) *Rational Behaviour and the Design of Institutions*, Edward Elgar: 134-147.

Nurmi, H (2006) *Models of Political Economy*, Routledge: 121-137.

Riker, WH (1982) *Liberalism Against Populism*, Freeman: 115-173.

Taylor, AD and Pacelli, AM (2008), *Mathematics and Politics*, 2nd ed., Springer: 205-231.

Orvis, S and Drogus, CA (2015), *Introducing Comparative Politics: Concepts and Cases in Context*, SAGE / CQ Press: 324-337.

### **Lecture 4: Liberalism vs. Populism: Two Approaches To Democracy**

Riker, WH (1982) *Liberalism Against Populism*, Freeman: 4-14, 233-252.

### **Lecture 5: Democracy & Populism**

Kenny, PD (2023) *Why Populism: Political Strategy from Ancient Greece to the Present*, Cambridge University Press: 1-23, 218-230.

Mudde, C and Kaltwasser, CR (2017) *Populism: A Very Short Introduction*, Oxford University Press: 1-20, 79-118.

Müller, W (2016) *What Is Populism?*, University of Pennsylvania Press: 7-103.

### **Lectures 6 & 7: Electoral Representation and Electoral Reforms**

Dummett, M (1997) *Principles of Electoral Reform*, Oxford University Press: 1-88, 158-186.

### **Lectures 7: Examining & Revising the German Federal Electoral System**

Braham et al. (2023), *The 2023 Reform of the German Electoral System: Success or Failure?*, mimeo.

### **Lecture 8: Democracy for the Future**

Blum, C and Zuber, CI (2016) Liquid Democracy: Potentials, Problems, and Perspectives, *The Journal of Political Philosophy* 24: 162-182.

Bouricius, TG (2013) Democracy Through Multi-Body Sortition: Athenian Lessons for the Modern Day, *Journal of Public Deliberation* 9(1), Article 11.

Green-Armytage, J (2015) Direct Voting and Proxy Voting, *Constitutional Political Economy* 26: 190-220.

Miller, JC (1969), A Program for Direct and Proxy Voting in the Legislative Process, *Public Choice* 7: 107-113 Miller, JC (1969), A Program for Direct and Proxy Voting in the Legislative Process, *Public Choice* 7: 107-113.

Reybrouck, D v (2016) *Against Elections - The Case for Democracy*, Bodley Head: 138-150.

Shubik, M (1970) On Homo Politicus and the Instant Referendum, *Public Choice* 9: 79-84

### **Lecture 9: Against Democracy – A Case for Epistocracy**

Brennan, J (2016) *Against Democracy*, Princeton University Press: 1-17, 23-111.

**Tutorials 1&2: Inter-Institutional Power in the European Union**

Brink, R van den and Steffen, F (2008) Positional Power in Hierarchies, in: Braham, M and Steffen, F (eds), *Power, Freedom, and Voting*, Springer: 57-81.

Kaniovski, S et al. (2024) *Inter-Institutional Power in the European Union*, mimeo.

Morriss, P (1987/2002) *Power: A Philosophical Analysis*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edn., Manchester University Press: xiv-xvii, 15-17, 29-35.

**Tutorial 3: Governance & Government**

Clark, WR, Golder, M, and Golder SN (2018) *Principles of Comparative Politics*, 3rd edn., Sage: 453-511.\*)

Hague, R and Harrop, M (2010) *Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction*, 8th edn., Palgrave Macmillan: 271-293, 319-344.

Hague, R et al. (2019) *Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction*, 11th edn., Red Globe Press: 106-159, 179-198. \*)

Newton, K and Deth JW van den (2021) *Foundations of Comparative Politics*, 4th edn. Cambridge University Press: 77-90, 110-137. \*)

**Tutorial 4: The Crisis of Liberal Democracy & Origins of the Crisis of Liberal Democracy**

Mounk, Y (2018) *The People vs. Democracy: Why Our Freedom Is in Danger and How to Save It*, The Belknap Press: 23-182.

**Tutorial 5: The Crisis of (Liberal) Democracy – A Crisis of Electoral Representation**

Deschouwer, K (2019) Electoral Representation, in: Tanasecu, M and Dupont, C (eds), *The Edges of Political Representation: Mapping, Critiquing and Pushing the Boundaries*, ECPR Press / Rowman & Littlefield International: 9-26.

**Tutorial 6: Examining & Revising the German Federal Electoral System: Further Details**

Birkmeier, O et al. (2012) A Gentle Combination of Plurality Vote and Proportional Representation for Bundestag Elections, in: Felsenthal, DS and Machover, M (eds), *Electoral Systems: Paradoxes, Assumptions, and Procedures*, Springer: 151-171.

Deemen, A van (1993) Paradoxes of Voting in List Systems of Proportional Representation, *Electoral Studies* 12: 234-241.

Kurrild-Klitgaard, P (2008) Paradoxes of Voting in List Systems of Proportional Representation: Evidence From Eight Danish Elections, *Scandinavian Political Studies* 31: 242-267.

Machover, M (2012) The Underlying Assumptions of Electoral Systems, in: Felsenthal, DS and Machover, M (eds), *Electoral Systems: Paradoxes, Assumptions, and Procedures*, Springer: 3-9.

**Note:** All sources for the course will be made available on the e-learning server. In some instances which are marked with an \*), currently, only an earlier edition of the source will be available.

**9. Accreditation**

- Economics (BA):  
Modulbereich Spezialisierung (SPEZ): Institutionen und Governance
- IWE (BA):  
Modulbereich Individueller Schwerpunkt (ISP): Schwerpunktbereich: Institutionen und Governance (IG)

- P&E (BA):  
Modulbereich E: Economics / Modul E6: Spezialisierung  
Modulbereich P: Philosophie / Modul P6.vii: Governance & Policy (Seminar)

#### **10. Responsible Student Assistant for the Course**

All requests regarding the course should, in the first instance, be addressed to:

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