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Economy and Society II

The course is designed to show an extensive field research performed during the last ten years, integrating interests in sociology, economics and political science. It does not focus on a given theoretical approach, instead, it takes various fields of analysis and demonstrates a necessary conceptualisation for an effective field study. Students engaging themselves in the course readings and discussions will have an opportunity to see how the empirical studies may affect previously dominating stereotypes, existing not only in a common sense perspective, but often guiding some scientific investigations. The bulk of required readings deals with a profound systemic change that became a challenge not only to the transforming societies, but also to researchers themselves, creating thus, as one of the author put it, 'Lessons for the Social Sciences'.

The course has a format of seminar which is an active participation in the discussions based on selected readings. Students will also prepare oral presentations including both summary and critics of a given paper. The topic of final essay (of about 3000 words) be discussed with the instructor. The course follows the "Economy and Society I".

Its major objective is to provide students with an overview of existing approaches at the field of sociological and political studies related to the economic performance, and discuss at the class meetings their assumptions, theoretical framework, and results in confrontation with the field studies; their strong point, as well as their shortcomings.

It is expected that at the end of the course students will be able to critically assess the empirical studies that combine economic, sociological and political science perspective. Students are also expected to be able to set a theoretical framework for an empirical research in a given field.

Topics and Readings:

1. Economic Development and Democracy

Readings:

- + T. Frye, A Politics of Institutional Choice: Post-Communist Presidencies, "Comparative Politics Studies", October 1997
- + A. Przeworski, F. Limongi, Modernization: Theories and Facts, "World Politics" 49, January 1997

2. New developments in Economics. Can Sociologists and Economists Learn from Each Other?

Readings:

- +P. Aspers, Sebastian Kohl, Jesper Roine, and Philipp Wichardt, An Economic Sociological Look at Economics. economic sociology_the european electronic newsletter. Volume 9, Number 2 (March 2008)
http://econsoc.mpifg.de/archive/econ_soc_09-2.pdf
- +O. E. Williamson 2000. "The New Institutional Economics: Taking Stock, Looking Ahead," *Journal of Economic Literature*, 38 (September): 595-613 (19pp)
- +R. Weber and R. Dawes, Behavioral Economics. N. J. Smelser, R. Swedberg, The Handbook of Economic Sociology. Princeton University Press, 2005.

3. New Economic Sociology

Readings:

- +Richard Swedberg. 2004. What has been Accomplished in New Economic Sociology and Where is it Heading?, *Archives Européennes de Sociologie* 45,3:317-330
- + N. Fligstein and L. Dauter, "The Sociology of Markets", *Annual Review of Sociology*, 2007.
- + M. Granovetter, "Economic action and social structure: the problem of embeddedness" *American Journal of Sociology*, 1985; pp. 481-510;
- + N. Fligstein, "Markets as politics: a political-cultural approach to market institutions", *American Sociological Review* 1996; pp. 656-73.

4. Path dependence approach and its limits

Readings:

- + J. Mahoney, Path dependence. *Theory and Society* 29:4 (August 2000), pp. 507-548
- + AKitschelt, Accounting for Postcommunist Regime Diversity: What Counts as a Good Cause? In: G. Ekiert, S. Hanson (eds.) *Capitalism and Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe. Assessing the Legacy of Communist Rule*. Cambridge University Press, 2003.

5. New perspectives on institutional change in comparative-historical approach

Readings:

- + P. Pierson, Big, Slow-Moving, and... Invisible. Macrosocial processes in the study of comparative politics. In: James Mahoney, Dietrich Rueschemeyer (red.) *Comparative historical analysis in the social sciences*. Cambridge University Press, 2003, s.177-203.
- + W. Streeck, and K. Thelen: Introduction: Institutional Change in Advanced Political Economies. In Streeck and Thelen (eds.), *Beyond Continuity: Institutional Change in Advanced Political Economies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005, pp. 1-39.

6. The Capitalist Diversity: the 'Variety of Capitalism' approach

Readings:

- + Hall, Peter, and Soskice, David (eds.), 2001, *Variety of Capitalism: The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage*, Oxford University Press, New York.
- + Bob, Hancké, Martin Rhodes and Mark Thatcher, Introduction: Beyond Varieties of Capitalism. In B. Hancké et al. (eds.). *Beyond Varieties of Capitalism*, 2007.

7. Reshaping the State

Readings:

- H. Domański and B. Heyns, Toward a Theory of the Role of the State in Market Transition: From bargaining to markets in post-communism, "European Journal of Sociology", XXXVI, 1995
- T. Frye and A. Shleifer, The Invisible Hand and the Grabbing Hand, "AEA Papers and Proceedings", vol.87 No.2, May 1997
- M. Line, Redefining the Relation between the State and Economy: Privatization and Depolitization in Russian Regions, CERGE, International PhD Workshop, September 1996

- + A. Przeworski, On the Design of the State: A Principal-Agent Perspective, paper presented at the Workshop on Economic Transformation and the Reform of the State, NRC, Washington, November 1996
- + Balls, Edward. 1997. *Open Macroeconomics in an Open Economy*, Centre for Economic Performance, Occasional Paper No.13, November.

8. Special Cases of State Involvement - Misleading Comparisons

Readings:

- + B. Hancke: Revising the French Model: Coordination and restructuring in French industry in the 1980s . WZB, 2000.
- J.N. Zigler: Institutions, Elites, and Technological Change in France and Germany, *World Politics* Vol. 47 No.3, 1995: 341-72.
- Ch. Moon and R. Prasad, Beyond the Developmental State: Networks, Politics, and Institutions, "Governance: An International Journal of Policy and Administration", Vol.7, No.4, Octobre 1994
- A. Anderson, The Red Mafia: A Legacy of Communism, in *Economic Transition in Eastern Europe and Russia*, E.P. Lazear (ed.), Hoover Institution Press, Stanford University, Stanford, California US, 1995
- H. van Zon, Captured by the Past - The Political Economy of Ukraine, paper for the conference: "Transition from Planned to Market Economy Ten Years On", Freie Universitat, Berlin, November 1999.

9. Elites in Economic Performance and the Role of Civil Society

Readings:

- J.S. Hellman, Winners Take All: The Politics of Partial Reform in Postcommunist Transitions, "World Politics", 50, January 1998
- + J. Higley and J. Pakulski, Elite Power Games and Democratic Politics in Central and Eastern Europe, in *Democratic and Capitalist Transitions in Eastern Europe: Lessons for the Social Sciences*, M. Dobry (ed.), Kluwer Academic Publisher, Dordrecht-Boston-London, 2000
- H. Domański, On the Verge of Convergence: Social Stratification in Eastern Europe, CEU Press, Budapest, New York, 2000, Chapter 5: The "Owners' Debate: Nomenclatura or Self-Recruitment?"
- T. Mizguireva, Between Voice and Exit: National Response to the Crisis, Russia 1992-2000, *Polish Sociological Review*, 1(133), 2001
- M. H. Khan, The Role of Civil Society and Patron-Client Networks, in *Corruption and Integrity Improvement*, UNDP/OECD
- M. Federowicz, The Four Segments of Institutional Change: Question of Integrity of Transformed Economic System, *Polish Sociological Review*, No 4 (152), 2005.

10. Self-organized common-property institutions

Readings:

- + E. Ostrom, *Governing the Commons*, 1990. chpts, 2 and 3, pp. 29-102.
- E. Ostrom, Design Principles of Robust Property-Rights Institutions: What Have We Learned? Forthcoming May 2009 in *Property Rights and Land Policies*, ed. K. Gregory Ingram and Yu-Hung Hong (Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy). (Electronic copy available at: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1304708>).

11. Self-governance institutions as alternative modes of governance

- + D. Gambetta. *The Sicilian Mafia: The Business of Private Protection*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1998. selections TBA.
- T. Frye, *Brokers and Bureaucrats. Building markets institutions in Russia*. The University of Michigan Press, 2000. selections TBA.

12. Europeanization

Readings:

- + Schmidt, Vivien A. The Challenges of Globalization and Europeanization: The Impact on National Autonomy and Control. In *The Futures of European Capitalism* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002, Chapter 1, pp. 13-58.
- + Börzel, Tanja and Risse, Thomas. When Europe Hits Home: Europeanization and Domestic Change. *European Integration Online Papers (EIOP)* 4:15, 2000
<http://eiop.or.at/eiop/texte/2001-006a.htm>.