

Summer term 2013
1389 Seminar (Übung)
Comparative Political Economy: Institutional Change in Political Economies
Dr. Ulrich Glassmann
Thursday, 16.00 – 17.30 h
Classroom: S 25 (106 Seminargebäude)

First session: April 11th, 2013

Course description: The seminar focuses on patterns of institutional change in contemporary political economies. In the first part we discuss theories of institutional change as well as empirical cases. In the second part we will explore how agents of change can stimulate new developments in CMEs and LMEs. In the last part problems of institutional sectors will be discussed.

Logistics:

Students are expected to:

attend the seminar from beginning to end

actively contribute to class discussions

complete assigned readings according to schedule

The seminar is part of the “MA-Modul: Comparative Political Economy”.

Monday, 15.00 – 16.00, Gottfried-Keller-Straße 1, 3rd floor, room 5.

Attention! Dr. Glassmann will move to a new office in Herbert-Lewin Str. 2, Floor No.1, Room 1.13. It will be announced from when on office ours will be held in the new office.

All reading assignments are in English. It will be the general classroom language. Participants must have sufficient knowledge of the English language.

Reading assignments:

A reader with the required texts will be made available in the office our on Monday April 15th, 15.00-16.00h.

Course schedule:

1 Course Introduction

Theories of Institutional Change

2 Institutions I

North, Douglass C. (1990): Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Part I: Institutions, pp. 3-35.

3 Institutions II

North, Douglass C. (1990): Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Part I: Institutions, pp. 36-69.

4 Institutional Change

North, Douglass C. (1990): Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Part II: Institutional Change, pp. 73-104.

5 Types of Institutional Change

R: Streeck, Wolfgang and Thelen, Kathleen (2005): Introduction: Institutional Change in Advanced Political Economies, in: Streeck, Wolfgang and Thelen, Kathleen (Eds.): Beyond Continuity. Institutional Change in Advanced Political Economies. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp 1-39.

Agents of Change in a Cross-Country Perspective

6 Firms and Institutional Change

R: Moen, Eli; Lilja, Kari (2005): Change in Coordinated Market Economies: The Case of Nokia and Finland, in: Morgan, Glenn, Whitley, Richard, and Moen Eli (Eds.) 2005: Changing Capitalisms? Internationalization, Institutional Change, and Systems of Economic Organization. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 352-379.

7 Communities, Common Pools and Institutional Change

R: Ostrom, Elinor (1990): Governing the Commons. The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Chapter 4: Analyzing Institutional Change, pp. 103-142.

8 Globalization and Policy Adjustment

Schmidt, Vivien A. (2002): The Futures of European Capitalism. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 2: The Dynamics and Mechanics of Policy Adjustment in Britain, Germany, and France, pp.59-104

9 Global Change, Economic Concentration and the Rise of the Creative Class

Florida, Richard (2002): The Rise of the Creative Class ...and how it's transforming work, leisure, community, & everyday life. New York: Basic Books, Chapter 3: The Creative Economy, pp. 44-66 and Chapter 4: The Creative Class, pp. 67-82

Institutional Sectors under Pressure

10 Changing Financial Systems

Deeg, Richard (2005): Change from Within: German and Italian Finance in the 1990s, in: Streeck, Wolfgang and Thelen, Kathleen (Eds.): Beyond Continuity. Institutional Change in Advanced Political Economies. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 169-202.

11 An Agenda for Reform in Skill Systems

R: Crouch, Colin; Finegold, David; Sako, Mari (2001): Are Skills the Answer? The Political Economy of Skill Creation in Advanced Industrial Countries. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 8: Conclusions and Policy Implications pp. 219-250.

12 Institutional Change and Welfare Retrenchment

R: Hacker, Jacob S. (2005): Policy Drift: The Hidden Politics of US Welfare Retrenchment, in: Streeck, Wolfgang and Thelen, Kathleen (Eds.): Beyond Continuity. Institutional Change in Advanced Political Economies. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp 40-82.