Winter Term 2018/2019
University of Cologne, Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences
Cologne Center for Comparative Politics (CCCP)
Chair of International Comparative Political Economy and Economic Sociology

Doctoral & Master Course:  **Who Rules the Economy? The Political Economy of Labor and Business Power**

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Time: Wednesdays, 4.00-5.30pm (October 17, 2018 to December 19, 2018, weekly)
Compact Session on January 11, 2019, 9.00am to 5.00pm
Room: Regular Sessions: Lecture Room 2, Gottfried-Keller-Str. 6
Compact Session: Seminarraum 524, WiSo Hochhaus (Seminar Room 524, WiSo Building)

**Course Description:** Who rules the economy? Comparative political economy comprises the analysis of the power relationship between labor and capital. But what is economic power? Do both have the same amount of political power? How can labor and business power (resources) be measured? How do labor and business influence public policies at the national and international level? How are labor and business power affected by mega trends such as economic globalization, de-industrialization and digitalization? On the basis of conceptual papers and empirical studies, this course discusses theories and concepts for the comparative analysis of labor and business power. In January the concepts will be applied to cases selected out of 2018 media reports on domestic and international politics. As the seminar’s overarching goal is to enable participants to write their own research papers on labor or business influence based on the concepts introduced and discussed in class, regular attendance is of utmost importance for the quality of term papers. All texts are available on the ILIAS-website of the course.

**Requirements and evidence of academic achievement:**
Participants are expected to hand in a two-page outline of their planned term papers before January 1, 2019 and present this outline in class on January 11, 2019. Final grading is based on individual in-class presentations on papers discussed in class (see syllabus “presentation”) and an empirical term paper, in which the participant answers a research question of his or her choice (handed in on March 15, 2019 (late assignments will be penalized, unless prior arrangements are made!).

Please register for this course via KLIPS 2. After the first class (October 17, 2018) no further enrolments will be accepted. Students are expected to: attend sessions regularly, actively contribute to class discussions, complete assigned readings according to schedule: “compulsory reading” – all students read; “presentation” – only reading by the respective presenter; write a term paper of not more than 10,000 words (individual research papers, team research papers with individual contributions of about 8 pages), own research on literature/data/material is required. All papers will be checked for plagiarism. Please read for further information about plagiarism: [www.cccp.uni-koeln.de](http://www.cccp.uni-koeln.de). We use the software “turnitin” to check for plagiarism: [http://www.wiso-it.uni-koeln.de/turnitin.html](http://www.wiso-it.uni-koeln.de/turnitin.html). Term papers have to be written in English language. Since nearly all reading assignments are in English, this will be the general classroom language as well. Participants therefore must know enough English to be able to participate actively. Perfection is not required – you just need to understand and make yourself understood.
| Date       | Topic                                           | Compulsory reading                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Presentation_1_NN                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Presentation_2_NN                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Presentation_3_NN                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Presentation_4_NN                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Presentation_5_NN                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Presentation_6_NN                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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### 14.11 Business Power & The State

**Compulsory reading:**

**Presentation 7_NN:**

**Presentation 8_NN:**

### 21.11 Power and Influence in EU Policy Making (and in the U.S)

**Compulsory reading:**

**Presentation 9_NN:**

**Presentation 10_NN:**

### 28.11 Power & Welfare State (incl. Education)

**Compulsory reading:**

**Presentation 11_NN:**

**Presentation 12_NN:**

### 05.12 Power & Finance

**Compulsory reading:**

**Presentation 13_NN:**

**Presentation 14_NN:**
### 12.12 Power & Globalization

**Compulsory reading:**

**Presentation 15 NN:**

**Presentation 16 NN:**

### 19.12 Labor (Power) & Digital Economy

**Compulsory reading:**

**Presentation 17 NN:**

**Presentation 18 NN:**

### 11.01 Compact Day (January 11, 2019, 9.00am to 5.00pm)

1) **In-class application of the concepts – Cases will be selected out of 2018 media reports on domestic and international politics**

2) **Presentation of Students’ Two pages outline of their paper (Earn your bonus)**