

Seminar

Clientelism, Favoritism and Patronage in Public Policy

for master students

COURSE CONTENTS AND TARGET GROUP

The seminar analyses clientelism, favoritism and patronage in public policy from a political-economic perspective. It focuses on empirical contributions in a developing countries context and will cover topics such as ethnic favoritism in public infrastructure provision, corruption in public procurement, electoral cycles in public good provision, elite rents from natural resource revenues or political patronage in the allocation of discretionary government grants.

The purpose of the seminar is to introduce students to these topics using relevant current literature in top journals of the field, to understand how econometric methods can be applied to these contexts, and to stimulate research ideas.

The seminar targets advanced master students with a very good command of intermediate econometrics.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The seminar is restricted to 15 participants. Slots and topics will be allocated during the first meeting. Later admissions are possible until slots are filled. If you are interested in participating, please send an e-mail to Judith Müller at [judith.mueller\[at\]vwl.uni-freiburg.de](mailto:judith.mueller[at]vwl.uni-freiburg.de) to register.

TIME AND LOCATION

First meeting: Wednesday, 18th October 2017, 3-5 pm, room 2330

Progress Report Meeting: Wednesday, 15th of November 2017, 3-6 pm, room 2330

Seminar: **January 12th-14th, 2018**

The seminar will probably take place in the black forest (→ costs of approx. 65 € for transport, accommodation, and food). Details will be announced in time.

EXAMINATION MODALITIES

Credit points: 4 / 6

Examination: Presentation & Seminar Paper

Area of study:	Economics Master:	Economics & Politics *
	VWL-Master PO 2011:	Volkswirtschaftspolitik / Makropolitik Quantitative Methoden
	VWL-Master PO 2014:	International and Development Economics Empirical Economics Constitutional and Competition Policy Public Sector Economics and International Taxation

* students with a specialization in Finance or Information Systems and Network Economics can book this course as elective course from another area of specialization