

# Quid pro quo?

## The Role of Business-Government Ties

### Seminar (Master)

#### CONTENT:

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The seminar analyses the role of ties between politics and business from a political-economic perspective. It focuses on empirical contributions and covers topics such as the value of political connections for firms in public procurement, credit, and regulation as well the influence of campaign contributions and the welfare costs of business-government ties.

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

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The seminar is restricted to 14 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 & LOCATION:

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**First Meeting:** Tuesday, April 17, 4.00-7.00 pm, room 2330

**Progress Report Meeting:** Tuesday, May 15, 4.00-7.00 pm, room 2330

**Seminar:** Friday-Sunday, July 6-8

The seminar will probably take place in the black forest (→ costs of approx. 50 € for transport, accommodation, and food). Details will be announced in time.

#### EXAMINATION MODALITIES:

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**Credit points:** 4 / 6

**Examination:** Presentation & Seminar Paper

**Area of study:** Economics Master: Economics & Politics\*

VWL-Master: Empirical Economics

International and Development Economics

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