

## **Comparative capitalism**

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This course is designed to help to develop an understanding of the variety of distinctive models of capitalism in the contemporary world, core economic institutions of capitalism and debates on their changes. Both theoretical debates and the results of empirical research will be discussed during the course.

The central questions under consideration are: how to explain variations in economic policy and performance across nations. In this context several processes will be discussed, among them: changing labour relations, financialization and adjustments of the welfare state. Beside the discussion of advanced economies, the cases of Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and China will be considered.

The expected outcomes of the course bring together two perspectives. The first one is the overview of advanced capitalist economies in terms of their major institutional settings. In this respect, it is expected that students will understand major differences between them, as well as major forces promoting and objecting globalization and the ongoing changes of the advanced capitalist economies. The other perspective is on the challenges and institutional choices in the Central and Eastern Europe.

Students attending the course are expected to participate actively in class discussions on the basis of the selected readings and prepare at least one oral presentation for the class meeting. The term essay of about 3000 words will be due at the end of the term.

### **Topics and Readings:**

#### **1. Capitalist development: the political economy perspective**

Kocka, J. (2018). *Capitalism: a short history*. Princeton; Oxford, Princeton University Press, chapter 1, pp. 1-24.

Acemoglu, D., Johnson, S. and Robinson, J. (2006) Institutions as a Fundamental Cause of Long-Run Growth. In: Aghion, P and Durlauf, S. (eds.) *Handbook of Economic Growth*, Amsterdam, North-Holland, sections 1-5, pp. 386-428.

#### **2. Varieties of capitalisms: Liberal vs coordinated market economies**

Hall, P. and D. Soskice (2001). An Introduction to Varieties of Capitalism. In: P. Hall, D. Soskice (ed.) *Varieties of Capitalism: the Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage*, Oxford Univ. Press 2001, pp. 1-70.

Witt, M. A., Kabbach de Castro, L. R., Amaeshi, K., Mahroum, S., Bohle, D., & Saez, L. (2018). Mapping the business systems of 61 major economies: a taxonomy and implications for varieties of capitalism and business systems research. *Socio-Economic Review*, 16(1), 5-38.

#### **3. Industrial relations**

McGaughey, E. (2016). The codetermination bargains: the history of German corporate and labour law. *Columbia Journal of European Law*, 23(1).

Bengtsson, E. (2019). The Swedish Sonderweg in Question: Democratization and Inequality in Comparative Perspective, c. 1750–1920. *Past & Present*, 244(1), 123-161

#### **4. Capitalism and the Welfare State**

Esping-Andersen, G. 1990. *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Princeton University Press., chapters 1-3, pp. 9-78.

Esping-Andersen, G., (2002). *Towards the Good Society, Once Again?* In: Esping-Andersen, G., D. Gallie, A. Hemerijck and J. Myles (2002), *Why We Need a New Welfare State*, Oxford: Oxford University Press

## **5. Taxes and redistribution**

Steinmo S. (2003). "The Evolution of Policy Ideas: Tax Policy in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century." *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, 5:2, 206-236.

Beramendi, P., & Rehm, P. (2016). Who gives, who gains? Progressivity and Preferences. *Comparative Political Studies*, 49(4), 529-563.

## **6. Money, finance and financialization**

Krippner, Greta R. (2005) The Financialization of the American Economy. *Socio-Economic Review* 3 (2): 173–208.

van der Zwan, N. (2014) Making sense of financialization. *Socio-Economic Review* 12: 99-129.

## **7. Privatization and wealth concentration**

P. Hamm, P., L. King, L. P., D. Stuckler (2012). Mass privatization, state capacity, and economic growth in post-communist countries. *American Sociological Review*, 77(2), 295-324.

Novokmet, F., Piketty, T., Yang, L., Zucman, G. (2018). From communism to capitalism: private versus public property and inequality in China and Russia. In *AEA Papers and Proceedings* (Vol. 108, pp. 109-13).

## **8. Dependent market capitalism in East Central Europe**

Nölke, A. and Vliegenthart, A. (2009) "Enlarging the Varieties of Capitalism: The Emergence of Dependent Market Economies in East Central Europe." *World Politics* 61 (4), pp. 670-702.

Bohle, Dorothee, and Béla Greskovits. 2019. "Politicising Embedded Neoliberalism: Continuity and Change in Hungary's Development Model." *West European Politics* 42 (5): 1069–93.

## **9. Hierarchical market economies in Latin America**

Schneider, B. R. (2009). Hierarchical Market Economies and Varieties of Capitalism in Latin America. *Journal of Latin American Studies*, 41(03), 553-575.

Albertus, M., Diaz-Cayeros, A., Magaloni, B. & Weingast, B.R. (2016) Authoritarian Survival and Poverty Traps: Land Reform in Mexico. *World Development*, 77, 154-170.

## **10. Chinese Reforms**

Y. Qian, How Reform Worked in China. In. D. Rodrik (ed.) *In Search of Prosperity. Analytic Narratives on Economic Growth*. Princeton University Press, 2003, pp. 297-333.

Naughton, B. (2017). Is China Socialist? *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 31(1), 3-24.

## **Essay topics**

The essays should refer to the readings from the course and additional academic literature. The topic should be discussed using a country case study or comparison of countries. Examples are provided below.

1. One capitalism or more? Changing varieties of capitalism
2. Strengths and weakness of the coordinated market economy
3. Varieties of capitalism in Central and Eastern Europe
4. The challenges of labour relations in a modern economy
5. Social and economic policies and social inequalities
6. Financialization and the economy
7. The importance governance and institutions for the functioning of the economy
8. Welfare state and market economy
9. The China's way to the market economy

The criteria of their assessment are described in the MA Course Handbook