

## Political Economy

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Module A – 10 hours (Michel Le Breton)

Cooperative Games, Simple Games and Politics

- Basic Material
- Simple Games
- Electoral Coalitions, Bargaining and Lobbying
- Nakamura and the Hurdle Factor
- Power Measurement

Module B – 20 hours (Roberto Ricciuti)

1. Electoral rules and electoral competition
2. Institutions and accountability
3. Political regimes
4. Fiscal capacity
5. Legal capacity
6. Political violence
7. State spaces
8. Development assistance

Topics 1-3 are drawn from Persson and Tabellini, *Political Economics* (chapters 8-10), topics 4-8 are drawn from Besley and Persson, *Pillars of Prosperity* (chapters 1-6).

### Exam

An essay must be produced. It could be either a survey of the literature (4000 words) or (preferably) an empirical application on a relevant economic issue (3000 words).