



Denominazione	Political Economy
Docente (se già definito)	Roberto Bonfatti (+ un altro docente ancora da definirsi)
Ore	10+10
CFU	4
Periodo di svolgimento	Aprile-Maggio 2024
Modalità di erogazione	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In presenza <input type="checkbox"/> A distanza <input type="checkbox"/> Duale
Lingua di erogazione	Inglese
Obbligo presenza	<input type="checkbox"/> Sì (% minima di presenza) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Contenuti del corso	Nella prima parte del corso (10 ore), quella tenuta da Roberto Bonfatti, esamineremo brevemente la teoria di base sull'impatto dei diversi tipi di istituzioni politiche sui risultati economici, e successivamente analizzeremo i determinanti storici delle istituzioni politiche e il loro impatto economico a lungo termine.
Obiettivi di apprendimento	Conoscenza delle più recenti teorie sull'impatto delle istituzioni sull'economia, e delle loro validazioni empiriche. Capacità di valutare criticamente argomentazioni teoriche ed empiriche.
Metodologie didattiche	Lezioni frontali
Corso su competenze trasversali, interdisciplinari, transdisciplinari	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sì <input type="checkbox"/> No
Possibile partecipazione di dottorandi di altri corsi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sì <input type="checkbox"/> No
Prerequisiti (non obbligatorio)	max 3750 caratteri
Modalità d'esame (se previsto)	max 3750 caratteri
Materiale studio	Acemoglu, D., Johnson, S., & Robinson, J. (2001). The colonial origins of comparative development: An empirical investigation. <i>American Economic Review</i> , 91, 1369-1401.



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- Cust, J., & Harding, T. (2020). Institutions and the location of oil exploration. *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 18(3), 1321-1350.
- Dell, M. (2010). The persistent effects of Peru's mining mita. *Econometrica*, 78(6), 1863-1903.
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- Puga, D., & Trefler, D. (2014). International trade and institutional change: Medieval Venice's response to globalization. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 129(2), 753-821.
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- Williamson, Oliver E. (2000). The new institutional economics: Taking stock, looking ahead. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 38(3), 595-613.



Course unit English denomination	Political Economy
Teacher in charge (if defined)	Roberto Bonfatti (+ another lecturer yet to be identified)
Teaching Hours	10+10
Number of ECTS credits allocated	4
Course period	April-May 2025
Course delivery method	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In presence <input type="checkbox"/> Remotely <input type="checkbox"/> Blended
Language of instruction	English
Mandatory attendance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (% minimum of presence) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Course unit contents	In the first part of the course (10 hours), the one taught by Roberto Bonfatti, we shall briefly investigate the basic theory on the impact of different types of political institutions on economic outcomes, and we will then look at the historical determinants of political institutions as well as their long-term economic impact.
Learning goals	Knowledge of the most recent theories on the impact of institutions on the economy, and their empirical validation. Ability to critically evaluate theoretical and empirical arguments.
Teaching methods	Frontal lectures
Course on transversal, interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary skills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Available for PhD students from other courses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Prerequisites (not mandatory)	max 3750 caratteri
Examination methods (in applicable)	max 3750 caratteri
Suggested readings	Acemoglu, D., Johnson, S., & Robinson, J. (2001). The colonial origins of comparative development: An empirical investigation. <i>American Economic Review</i> , 91, 1369-1401. Acemoglu, D., Johnson, S., & Robinson, J. (2005). The rise of Europe: Atlantic trade, institutional change, and economic growth. <i>American Economic Review</i> , 95(3), 546-579. Acemoglu, D., & Robinson, J. A. (2006). <i>Economic origins of dictatorship and democracy</i> . Cambridge University Press. Acemoglu, D., & Robinson, J. A. (2013). <i>Why nations fail: The origins of power, prosperity, and poverty</i> . Currency (Chapter 3 and 4).



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