TOPICS ON POLITICAL ECONOMICS

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COURSE OUTLINE

This course is designed to introduce you to recent research in the field of Political Economy. Political economics is a relatively young field of study that has been attracting many economists in the last few years. Broadly speaking, political economy can be divided into two sub fields. The first concerns itself with relaxing the social planner assumption in the analysis of economics and specifically in economic policy. The second sub field is concerned with a better understanding of political institutions and political incentives. The course focuses mainly on the latter research agenda.

CONTENT AND READINGS

1. INTRODUCTION


2. RESTRICTED PREFERENCES


3. Political Institutions


4. Dynamic Politics: the Time-Consistency Problem
