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## **Seminar in Political Economics (Master, Winter Term 2019/2020)**

How does immigration influence the political landscape and (welfare) policies? Does social media contribute to more polarization? What are the roots of right-wing populism? What factors affect protest participation? In light of the recent rise of (right-wing) populism and political polarization in many parts of the world, these are questions of great interest.

The aim of the seminar is to discuss cutting-edge research that tackles these political issues. All papers we will discuss in the seminar are concerned with establishing causal relationships. Thus, an important prerequisite for the seminar is a sound knowledge of econometrics as well as microeconomics.

### **Organizational Details and Logistics**

Registration: You have to register for the seminar by **October 16**. There are *10 spots*, which will be allocated on a first-come first-serve basis. To register, write an email to [dietmar.fehr@awi.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:dietmar.fehr@awi.uni-heidelberg.de) indicating your full name, student id, and semester.

Prerequisites: Good knowledge of microeconomic theory and empirical methods.

Requirements: You will present a paper from the literature list in class (your main article), participate in the *classroom discussion*, and write a *seminar paper* about your main article. In addition, you will write an abstract and introduction/motivation for an otherwise complete paper. Note that in order to receive a grade, *you have to meet all deadlines*, have to be present in the organizational meeting and during all presentations on the two seminar days (no exemptions).

Grading: Writing Exercise (25%), presentation (10%), classroom discussion (15%), seminar paper (50%)

Organizational Meeting: October 21

Seminar Presentations: January 16 and January 17, 2020

Deadlines: February 15, 2020 for the seminar paper