

GV120 - Politics and Economics Policies

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Basic housekeeping rules

- Class on Friday, 14:00 to 15:00
- Room 3.105
- A more participated class
- Sharing handouts: send them to me and I forward them to the class?
- Presentations but also Q&A about any topic related to the module

Let's introduce ourselves to each other!

- Your name
- What do you study?
- Why have you chosen this degree?

Class organisation

- Form groups (best if they are groups of 2)
- Choose a topic and a related reading
- Sign up your names on the table that is circulating

<https://www.randomlists.com/team-generator>

Rough timetable

Week number	What are we going to do?
2	– organisation and introduction
3	– 1 group presents
4	– 2 groups present
5	– 2 groups present
6	– discuss take-home assignment – 1 group presents?
7	– discuss in-lecture test – 1 group presents?
8	EXTRA SLOT: catch up with presentations?
9	– 2 groups present
10	– 1 group presents
11	EXTRA SLOT: catch up with presentations?

What makes for a good presentation? (I part)

Criteria	0	40	50	60	70	100
Research question or research problem of the article clearly emphasized.						
Main theoretical argument is presented.						
Methodology is described (briefly).						
Main findings/conclusions are clear.						
Main contributions are clear.						
Three short takeaways are included.						
Two discussion questions (not part of time limit)						
Structure of the presentation						
Speed of the presentation						
Timing of the presentation (10 min)						
Quality of presentation slides						
Quality of questions , critique for discussion						
Quality of handout						
OVERALL MARK	0	40	50	60	70	100
COMMENTS:						

What makes for a good presentation? (II part)

1. Understanding the paper
 - 1.1 Research context
 - 1.2 Main research question
 - 1.3 Main argument
 - 1.4 Methodology
 - 1.5 Main findings and contributions
2. Beyond the paper
 - 2.1 Critical points (2 questions, issues, comments, critiques)
 - 2.2 Stimulate a discussion with the audience
3. Speed and style
 - 3.1 10 minutes per group to present
 - 3.2 A clear and complete presentation

Example of a presentation by me

Kaczmarek, S. and A. L. Newman (2011). “The Long Arm of the Law: Extraterritoriality and the National Implementation of Foreign Bribery Legislation”. *International Organization*, 65 (4): 745-770.

(Handout will be sent to the mailing list of the class this afternoon)

1. Research context

- **Context:** Foreign bribery is nowadays a criminal offence (1997 OECD Anti-Bribery Convention)
- U.S. anti-bribery law applies also to non-American citizens
- **Problem:** Regulating foreign bribery requires collective action by sovereign states.
- Clash between individual and societal interests

2. Research question and argument

- **Res. Question:** What is the reaction of sovereign states to the extraterritorial application of U.S. anti-bribery law?
- Theory supports competing answers: Spill-over (+) or competition (-)?
- **Authors' argument:** U.S. behaviour has a positive impact on states' application of their own anti-bribery laws

3. Methodology and findings

- **Data:** Actual instances of prosecution for foreign bribery
- **Methodology:** Discrete event-history analysis
 - Dependent variable: first application of anti-bribery law by a country
 - (Main) independent variable: application of U.S. anti-bribery law against a citizen of that country
- **Findings:** Application of the U.S. anti-bribery law *on average* stimulate other countries to start applying their laws

4. Critical points and gaps

- **Theoretical:** By what causal link is this positive effect channelled?
- **Methodological:** The variable for state *compliance* with the OECD Convention is ordinal. What happens *after* the state has first-applied its anti-bribery laws?

Questions? Doubts?

Don't hesitate to ask me or simply drop me an email.

See you next week!