

## Political Economy B | POP88184

Year	1
ECTS Credits	5
Contact Hours	10 hours of lectures
Pre-requisite	Nil
Semester	2
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## Module Outline

### Module Learning Aims:

1. Foundational Understanding:
  - Define primary political economy concepts
  - Chart its historical impact on global economics
2. Theoretical Analysis:
  - Develop a toolkit emphasising social choice, median voter, and gridlock theories
  - Conduct stakeholder analyses, gauging actor's interests and influence
  - Explore the drivers behind institutional design and its policy implications
3. Contemporary Issues and Applications:
  - Examine interest group lobbying and its policy effects
  - Investigate trade's political and economic aspects
  - Analyse global financial regulation, balancing risk and growth
4. Critical Evaluation:
  - Assess political economy theories, noting strengths and limitations
  - Critique policy decisions using the course's analytical tools
  - Engage in class discussions, applying the tools developed to the case analysis
5. Research and Presentation Skills:
  - Research political economy topics, utilizing varied sources
  - Present findings coherently, merging theory and evidence
  - Connect insights from across political economy to address the intricate issues

### Module Content:

- I. Overview: Political Economy and Policy Analysis: focusing on developing tools for analysing public policy.
- II. Brexit and the EU: analysing UK's decisions to leave the EU, including public opinion, voting, and legislative bargaining in domestic and international settings.

- III. Financial Regulation and Global Systemic Risk: focusing on issues such as financial regulation and management of systemic risk.
- IV. Climate Change: focusing on how international organisations can help countries overcome collective dilemma and lead to the passage of carbon emissions agreements.
- V. Student Presentations

#### Learning Outcomes:

Students will learn strategies and analytical tools for policy managers and analysts as they confront economic, political, legal and global challenges. Cases and readings emphasise policymakers' decision-making as they navigate multiple constituencies.

### Assessment

Participation: 10%

Presentation: 15%

Essay: 75%

### Recommended Reading List

1. Baron, David: *Business and its Environment*. 7<sup>th</sup> edition (BIE).
2. Shepsle, Kenneth: *Analyzing Politics*. Norton (2010).

Additional materials will be posted on to the class Blackboard site, including case material, discussion prompts, etc.