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Master seminar:

„The Political Economy of Democratization and Democratic Backsliding“

Winter term 2021/22

- In brackets, you can see the supervisor for each topic.
- **Binding registration deadline: 23.07.21 (by e-mail to sebastian.schuhmann@uni-jena.de and a.doerfler@uni-jena.de in CC). Please specify 3 ordered topic preferences in your registration mail (first, second and third preference).**
- Allocation of topics: 26.07.21
- Date of introduction meeting: 05.08.21 2 p.m. via Zoom
- Date of the seminar: 20.-21.01.2022 **in person**
- Deadline for handing in the term paper: 01.11.2021
- Each participant will give a presentation (10 minutes) and a co-presentation (5 minutes) during the seminar sessions.
- The final grade consists of three parts: 50% seminar paper, 25% presentation, 25% co-presentation/discussion
- Please use our *Guidelines for the Composition of Term Papers and Theses*: [Link here](#)



- You can opt out of the seminar without penalty until 2 weeks before the deadline of the term paper 18.10.2021. If you wish to do this, send us an e-mail that clearly states you no longer want to participate. If you drop out after 18.10.2021, you will receive the grade "failed".

Block 1: Democratization

1. How can we define and measure democracy? [Christoph Dörffel]

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Dahl, R. A. (1971), *Polyarchy: Participation and Opposition* (New Haven: Yale University Press).

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3. Can conditional international economic engagement improve democratic institutions? [Miriam Kautz]

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Block 2: Democratic Backsliding

4. What determines support for democracy? [Miriam Kautz]

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Besley, Timothy, and Torsten Persson. "Democratic values and institutions." American Economic Review: Insights 1.1 (2019): 59-76.

Magalhães, Pedro C. "Government effectiveness and support for democracy." European Journal of Political Research 53.1 (2014): 77-97.

5. What determines democratic backsliding? [Christoph Dörffel]

Bermeo, Nancy. "On Democratic Backsliding." Journal of Democracy, vol. 27 no. 1, 2016, p. 5-19. Project MUSE, doi:10.1353/jod.2016.0012.

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6. Does Chinese economic engagement fuel democratic backsliding? [Miriam Kautz]

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Bader, Julia. "China, autocratic patron? An empirical investigation of China as a factor in autocratic survival." International Studies Quarterly 59.1 (2015): 23-33.

Bermeo, Sarah Blodgett. "Aid is not oil: Donor utility, heterogeneous aid, and the aid-democratization relationship." International Organization 70.1 (2016): 1-32.

Gamso, Jonas. "China's rise and physical integrity rights in developing countries." Review of International Political Economy 26.4 (2019): 722-748.



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Block 3: Regime Stability

7. Why doesn't the modernization hypotheses apply to China? /Does the modernization hypothesis work? [Sebastian Schuhmann]

Inglehart, Ronald and Christian Welzel. "Changing Mass Priorities: The Link between Modernization and Democracy." *Perspectives on Politics* 8.2 (2010): 551-567.

Zhou, Yingnan Joseph. "Is China a Deviant Case? A Societal-Level Test of the Modernization Theory." *Political Studies* 2020: 1-24.

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Chin, John J. "The Longest March: Why China's Democratization is Not Imminent." *Journal of Chinese Political Science* 23.1 (2018): 63-82.

8. Public good provision in democracies [Sebastian Schuhmann]

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Mani, Anandi and Sharun Mukand. "Democracy, visibility and public good provision." *Journal of Development Economics* 83.2 (2007): 506-529.

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