

## 4.4 Study Area: Governance

<b>Citizens and the State in Western Political Theory</b>			
Course Number	00LE62S-LAS-GO0027	Teaching Period	University semester
Study Area(s)	Governance, Electives upon request only!	Credit Points	6 ECTS
Module(s) (StuPo 2012)	Theoretical Foundations and Hermeneutical Methods	Module(s) (StuPo 2015)	Theoretical and Philosophical Foundations of Social and Political Sciences
Open to Students	Year(s) 2 (3, 4)	Max. Enrollment	22
Prerequisites	Introduction to Governance		
Instructor(s)	Dr. Elina Schleutker (elina.schleutker@ucf.uni-freiburg.de)		
Format, Dates, Times and Rooms	Seminar/Workgroup 17.10.-10.02.: Mon, 16-18h, R 00003C (Hermann-Herder-Straße 9) Wed, 16-18h, R 00003C (Hermann-Herder-Straße 9)		
Course Description	<p>Throughout the history, political theorists have had different ideas about the appropriate relationship between the citizens and the state. The first line of the modern debate on these topics is concerned with the degree of government involvement in the life of the citizens. For example, should government limit the freedom of its citizens and if yes, why and under which circumstances? The second line of the debate is concerned with the influence of the citizens on the decision-making, and deals with questions such as the advantages and disadvantages of the direct and representative democracy. In addition to these debates, there is also a disagreement on how the state and citizenship should be understood in the first place.</p> <p>The aim of this course is to discuss the different perspectives on the relationship between the citizens and the state. The students will learn to relate the arguments employed by politicians and other debaters to the different traditions of political theory, as well as understand their own political opinions in relation to these traditions. The course uses problem based learning as a method of instruction.</p> <p><b>Course requirements</b></p> <p>The course examination consists of three learning diaries and a mock trial preparation essays. The deadlines for the assignments are as follows:            First learning diary (20% of the grade): 14.11.2016;            Second learning diary (30% of the grade): 21.12.2016;            Third learning diary (30% of the grade): 17.2.2017;            Mock trial preparation essay (20% of the grade): 6.2.2017</p> <p><b>Organizational details</b></p> <p>To balance out the elevated workload related to some of the course readings, learning diaries and mock trial preparations, the class occasionally takes a break of one or two meetings, so that the students have more time to write their assignments. The course goes on Christmas holidays on 14.12.2016.</p> <p>If you want to know the detailed dates for the course before the first course meeting in October, or if you would like to start reading the course literature already in advance, please contact the course instructor by email.</p>		
Remarks	Students in the second year of the Major Governance need to take this course or another course in the module "Theoretical and Philosophical Foundations of Social and Political Sciences" in winter semester. For this course, no priority for senior students. Taking this course as an Elective is only possible upon request.		