

Citizens and the State in Western Political Theory			
Course Number	00LE62S-LAS-GO0027	Teaching Period	University semester
Study Area(s)	Governance, Electives upon request	Credit Points	6 ECTS
Module(s) (StuPo 2012)	Theoretical Foundations and Hermeneutical Methods Electives (contact the instructor)	Module(s) (StuPo 2015)	Theoretical and Philosophical Foundations of Social and Political Sciences Electives (contact the instructor)
Open to Students	Year(s) 2 (3, 4)	Max. Enrollment	22
Prerequisites	Introduction to Governance		
Instructor(s)	Elina Schleutker (elina.schleutker@ucf.uni-freiburg.de)		
Format, Dates, Times and Rooms	Seminar 16.10.-09.02.: Mon, 16-18h, AU 01036a Wed, 16-18h, Ph HS 2 Different room on 23.10.: Mon, 16-18h, KG 1132		
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. 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>The course content during October-December 2017 is similar to the course "Topics and Debates in Western Political Theory". During January-February 2018 the "Citizens and the State" will focus on questions such as legitimation of state power, the concept of citizenship, democracy, and representation.</p> <p><i>Form of assessment:</i></p> <p>Learning diary 1: 20% of the grade, deadline in November Learning diary 2: 40% of the grade, deadline in December Learning diary 3: 40% of the grade, deadline in February</p> <p><i>Organizational details</i></p> <p>To balance out the elevated workload related to some of the course readings, and learning diaries, the class occasionally takes a break of one or two meetings. There are no course meetings in the last week before Christmas holidays (18-22 December).</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. Below are some reading suggestions.</p> <p><i>Reading suggestions:</i></p> <p>Mill, John Stuart. [1859] 2011. On Liberty. Marx, Karl, and Friedrich Engels [1848] 1978. "Manifesto of the Communist Party." In The Marx-Engels Reader, ed. Robert C. Tucker. New York and London: W.W. Norton and Company, 469-500.</p>		

	Marshall, T.H. 1950. Citizenship and social class and other essays. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Pages to read: "Citizenship and social class," pp. 1-85).
Remarks	<p>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.</p> <p>For this course, no priority for senior students.</p> <p>Students wishing to take this course for Electives, need to contact the instructor beforehand.</p>