



Coalition Governance and The Politics of Economic Reform-Making in EU Member States

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Registration: The BAGSS Monthly colloquium is a mandatory event for all doctoral students.

The Lecture is open to everybody. Therefore, registration is not necessary.

Description

The talk provides an overview of research in the project “Strong” vs. “weak” governments and the challenge of economic reforms. This project studies the politics of economic reforms in EU member states since the 1980s though extracting information from the country reports issued by the Economist Intelligence Unit and the OECD.

Analytically, it asks which governments are willing and able to introduce reforms, responding to economic challenges (e.g. stagnation). The focus is on various types of government that are theorised to display varying degrees of “strength”. Specifically, the talk addresses whether governing parties strategically time austerity policies to their benefit at elections and which governments are better equipped to do so. A second application relates to coalition governance, empirically testing the theory of ministerial government.