

Seminar (MA/Hauptseminar) im Sommersemester 2013 (Wirtschaftspolitik und Staatsfinanzen):

The Politics of Regulation

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<i>Date</i>	Tuesday, 16.00-18.00
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<i>Requirements</i>	Readings, Presentation, Summary/Essay, Term paper
<i>ECTS-Points</i>	8
<i>Enrolment</i>	FlexNow, first session of the seminar at the latest

Short Description

In its broadest meaning regulation is about making and implementing rules, which ought to constrain private activities in the public interest. This seminar provides an advanced and in-depth introduction to the state of the art in research on regulation. The first part of the course provides an overview to the main theories of regulation. What are the different concepts of regulation? Which aims does regulation pursue? What are the main social, economic or political determinants of regulatory outputs and outcomes? In the second part, we will turn to the main developments in regulatory governance over the last two decades: economic liberalization and deregulation, the growth of independent regulatory agencies, the increasingly international (and transnational) nature of regulation and the ensuing reliance on public-private co-regulation or private self-regulation. What are the causes and effects of these developments? In the third part, we will discuss case studies in different issue areas: financial regulation, competition and antitrust policies, occupational safety and health standards and environmental regulation.

Our discussions of these issues will be based on recent and influential contributions in the literature. The aim is to enable students not only to understand these often demanding texts but to critically engage and evaluate them. On the basis of such critical reflection students will develop their own research questions and designs for their term papers.

Literature

A detailed syllabus with required and further readings will be made available at the latest in the first session of this seminar and will be available before that on the “Virtual Campus” webpage of this class. If you want to do some preparatory reading, you may, e.g., refer to the following literature:

Döhler, Marian (2011): Regulation. In: Mark Bevir (Ed.), *The Sage Handbook of Governance*. London: Sage, 518-534.

Levi-Faur, David (2011, ed.): *Handbook on the Politics of Regulation*. Cheltenham, Edward Elgar.

Baldwin, Robert/Cave, Martin/Lodge, Martin (2012). *Understanding Regulation Theory, Strategy, and Practice*. Oxford, Oxford University Press.

Mattli, Walter and Ngaire Woods (2009, ed.): *The Politics of Global Regulation*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

