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Hauptseminar: Challenges to National Political Economies: Revisiting the Varieties of Capitalism

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Introduction

In this seminar we examine recent challenges to the economic performance and institutional arrangements in contemporary political economies. The Varieties of Capitalism (VoC) approach is used as a baseline framework of analysis. In a first step, we will discuss the theoretical implications of this approach as well as its explanatory power with respect to empirical cases. In a second step, we will focus on recent challenges to national-organized economies, namely: globalization, europeanization, de-industrialization and immigration/emigration of labour force. We will discuss recent findings on the impact of these exogenous factors on national production regimes as well as their theoretical implications for the VoC-approach.

The seminar achievement will be evaluated based on the quality of the individual discussion contributions in the seminar (20%) and the seminar paper (80%).

The seminar paper has to be submitted until March 1st 2014 und should be no longer than 10.000 words. Self-contained review of the literature, method and data is expected. Only single-authored seminar papers are feasible.

Session 1 (14.10.13): Introduction

Optional literature: Hall, P. A. and D. Soskice (2001): An Introduction to Varieties of Capitalism. In: Hall, P. A. and D. Soskice (eds.) *Varieties of Capitalism. The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage*. Oxford: OUP, pp. 1-68, out of it: pp. 33-68.

Session 2 (21.10.13): Varieties of Capitalism

Obligatory literature: Hall, P. A. and D. Soskice (2001): An Introduction to Varieties of Capitalism. In: Hall, P. A. and D. Soskice (eds.) *Varieties of Capitalism. The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage*. Oxford: OUP, pp. 1-68

Session 3 (28.10.13): Skill specificity

Obligatory literature: Estévez-Abe, M., T. Iversen and D. Soskice (2001): Social Protection and the Formation of Skills: A Reinterpretation of the Welfare State. In: Hall, P. and D. Soskice (eds.) *Varieties of Capitalism: The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage*. London: Oxford University Press, pp. 145-183.

Iversen, T. and J. Stephens (2008): Partisan Politics, the Welfare State, and the Three Worlds of Human Capital Formation. *Comparative Political Studies* 41(5): 600-637.

Session 4 (4.11.2013): Institutional Complementarities

Obligatory literature: Hall, Peter A. und Gingerich, Daniel W. (2009): Varieties of Capitalism and Institutional Complementarities in the Political Economy: An Empirical Analysis. *British Journal of Political Science* 39(3): 449–482.

Session 5 (11.11.13): Theoretical critique (1): Power Ressource Approach

Obligatory literature: Korpi, W. (2006): Power Resources and Employer-Centered Approaches in Explanations of Welfare States and Varieties of Capitalism: Protagonists, Consenters, and Antagonists. *World Politics* 58 (2): 167-206.

Hall, P.A. and D. Soskice (2003): Varieties of Capitalism and Institutional Change: A Response to three Critics. *Comparative European Politics* 1 (2): 241-250.

Session 6 (18.11.13): Theoretical critique (2): Historical foundations of VoC

Obligatory literature: Iversen, T. and D. Soskice (2009): Distribution and Redistribution: The Shadow of the Nineteenth Century. *World Politics* 61: 438-486.

Optional literature: Kreuzer, M. (2010): Historical Knowledge and Quantitative Analysis: The Case of the Origins of Proportional Representation. *American Political Science Review* 104 (2): 369–392.

Session 7 (25.11.13): Summary of theory-part and some words on the term-papers

Session 8 (2.12.13): De-Industrialization

Obligatory literature: Iversen, T. and T. Cusack (2000): The Causes of Welfare State Expansion: Deindustrialization or Globalization? *World Politics* 52 (3): 313-349.

Optional literature: Kollmeyer, C. (2009): Explaining Deindustrialization: How Affluence, Productivity Growth, and Globalization Diminish Manufacturing Employment. *American Journal of Sociology* 114 (6): 1644-1674.

Session 9 (9.12.13): Europeanization

Obligatory literature: Enderlein, H. (2006): Adjusting to EMU. The Impact of Supranational Monetary Policy on Domestic Fiscal and Wage-Setting Institutions. *European Union Politics* 7 (1): 113-140.

Optional literature: Höpner, M. and A. Schäfer (2012): Embeddedness and Regional Integration. Waiting for Polanyi in a Hayekian Setting. *International Organization* 66 (3): 429-455.

Session 10 (16.12.13): Welfare state retrenchment

Obligatory literature: Pierson, P. (1996): The New Politics of the Welfare State. *World Politics* 48 (2): 143-179.

Optional literature: Ross, F. (2000): „Beyond Left and Right“: The New Partisan Politics of Welfare. *Governance* 13 (2): 155-183.

Session 11 (13.01.14): Immigration

Obligatory literature: Menz, G. (2011): Employer Preferences for Labour Migration: Exploring 'Varieties of Capitalism'-Based Contextual Conditionality in Germany and the United Kingdom. *The British Journal of Politics & International Relations* 13 (4): 534-550.

Optional literature: Bucken-Knapp, G. (2007): Varieties of Capitalism and Labor Migration Policy. Trollhättan: Högskolan Väst.

Session 12 (20.01.14): Labour-market

Obligatory literature: Davidsson, J.B. and P. Emmenegger (2013): Defending the Organisation, not the Members: Unions and the Reform of Job Security Legislation in Western Europe. *European Journal of Political Research* 52: 339–363.

Session 13 (27.01.14): Germany: The end of an CME?

Obligatory literature: Jürgen Beyer, Martin Höpner (2003): The disintegration of organised capitalism: German corporate governance in the 1990s. In: *West European Politics* 26, 4, 179-198.

Optional literature: Höpner, M. and L. Krempel (2004): The Politics of the German Company Network. *MPIfG Working Paper* 03/9. Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung Köln.

Session 14 (3.02.12): Review session