

## Advanced topics in microeconomics

### Titulaire

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### Mnémonique du cours

ECON-S460

### Crédits ECTS

5 crédits

### Langue(s) d'enseignement

Anglais

### Période du cours

Deuxième quadrimestre

## Contenu du cours

Part I: Laying foundations - diagnosing inequality dynamics# Feb 5 (until 2PM): Recent developments and trends in inequality.# Feb 12: Controversies and Fiscal Policy.# Feb 19: Controversies and Social Mobility.Part II: Tools and Applications# March 4: The theory: Probabilistic Voting vs. Median Voter.# March 18: Application 1: Campaign strategies and the Media.# March 25: Application 2: Public Good provision.Part III: Inequality and Politics# April 1: Campaign Finance and Inequality in Access to Politicians. (Yasmine Bekkouche)# Apr 22: Inequality in Access: can we use a structural econometrics approach? (Paula Gobbi)# April 29: Trade, Migration, Austerity, and Populism.May 13: Exam - lectures by the students.

## Objectifs (et/ou acquis d'apprentissages spécifiques)

This course is an advanced graduate-level introduction into modern political economics. Its main objective is to teach a future researcher how to identify and frame research questions that have a political economy dimension, and to conduct theoretical and empirical analyses of such questions. This year the course will be organised as a workshop on the political economics of inequality. It will be taught/coordinated mainly by Bruno Carvalho and Micael Castanheira, and will also feature Yasmine Bekkouche for the inequality of party finance, and Paula Gobbi for a special lecture on structural econometrics. The course is credited with (5 ECTS).

## Méthodes d'enseignement et activités d'apprentissages

Lectures by the professors, plus systematic presentations by the students, workshop-style.

## Contribution au profil d'enseignement

This course is an advanced graduate-level introduction into modern political economics. Its main objective is to teach a future researcher how to identify and frame his or her research questions that have a political-economic dimension and to conduct theoretical and empirical analyses of such questions. The purpose of the course is to span through a large set of the newest research in political economics (5 ECTS). This year, the course will be taught by Micael Castanheira and Bruno Carvalho. All lectures will take place at ULB.

## Références, bibliographie et lectures recommandées

Several scientific articles: see syllabus. [https://www.dropbox.com/s/d2a23bn06oaf1i9/ECON\\_S\\_460\\_2020.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/d2a23bn06oaf1i9/ECON_S_460_2020.pdf?dl=0)

## Autres renseignements

### Contact(s)

Micael Castanheira + Bruno Carvalho

## Méthode(s) d'évaluation

Autre

### Méthode(s) d'évaluation (complément)

Presentations and personal work

### Construction de la note (en ce compris, la pondération des notes partielles)

Presentations and personal work

### Langue(s) d'évaluation principale(s)

Anglais

## Programmes

### Programmes proposant ce cours à la Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management

MA-ECO | Master en sciences économiques, orientation économétrie | finalité Research in economics/bloc 2 et finalité Research in Economics and Statistics/bloc 2