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# ALBERT-LUDWIGS- UNIVERSITÄT FREIBURG

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ALLGEMEINE WIRTSCHAFTSFORSCHUNG  
Abteilung für Wirtschaftspolitik

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## Seminar

### POLITICAL ECONOMY OF CONFLICT AND POWER

#### Topics

- (A) Basic Issues
  - 1. Towards an economic theory of power
  - 2. Economic foundations of conflict
  - 3. Conflict technology and conflict functions
  - 4. Alliance formation in conflict
  
- (B) Political Economy of Conflict and Power in Modern Societies
  - 5. Anarchy and predation
  - 6. The power of the state
  - 7. The distribution of power in the private economy
  - 8. The conflict economics of rent-seeking
  
- (C) On Belligerent Transformations of the Social Order
  - 9. Wars of attrition and policy reform
  - 10. On the incentives to revolt
  - 11. The economics of terrorism
  - 12. The political economy of war

Registration, allocation of topics and distribution of the reading list take place at the office of Mr. Schindler (room 2431) commencing on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July 2006. The mandatory *introductory meeting* is on Tuesday afternoon in the first week of the winter semester (time and place t.b.a.). The seminar will be held on 02/02/07 – 03/02/07 and 09/02/07 – 10/02/07. The student's grade (4 credits) will be based on the participation in class during the seminar (20%), the term paper handed in three weeks ahead of the respective session (50%) and the presentation of the topic (30%).