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INSTITUT FÜR  
ALLGEMEINE WIRTSCHAFTSFORSCHUNG  
Abteilung für Wirtschaftspolitik  
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## **Seminar WS 2007/2008** **"Constitutional Political Economy"**

- Hauptstudium, Pflichtfach „Wirtschaftspolitik: Ordnungspolitik“, Pflichtwahlfach „Ordnungs- und Wettbewerbspolitik“
- Integrated Master Program - Master of Economics and Politics: Second-year course

Registration, allocation of topics and distribution of the reading list take place at the office of Mr. Fritz (room 2430) commencing on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2007. 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%).

The Seminar will be hold as Block-Seminar in January.

### **Topics**

#### **(A) Constitutional Design and Evolution of Social Rules**

1. Problems of Constitution and Conflict
2. Properties of Constitutional Uncertainty
3. Incomplete Constitutions
4. Implicit Constitutions
5. Approaches to Constitutional Reform and Constitutional Change
6. Empirical Analysis of Constitutional Rules

#### **(B) Areas of Constitutional Choice**

7. The Constitution and the Rule of Law
8. Discrimination from a Constitutional Point of View
9. Limits on Governmental Activities and Market Performance
10. Constitutional Choice of Democratic Institutions
11. Constitutional Taxation
12. Limits on Public Debt