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Seminar WT 2008/2009 "Political Economy of Conflict and Power"

- 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 21st of July 2008. 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 on December 12th/13th.

Topics

(A) Basic Issues

1. Towards an economic theory of power
2. Conflict technology and conflict functions
3. Alliance formation and conflict

(B) Political Economy of Conflict and power in Modern Societies

4. Anarchy and predation
5. The power of the state
6. The distribution of power in the private economy
7. The conflict economics of rent seeking

(C) On Belligerent Transformations of the Social Order

8. On the incentives to revolt
9. The economics of terrorism
10. The political economy of war