

# Syllabus for Political Economy 582, spring 2001

## Grading

Grading is based on presentations only.

## Schedule

We meet on

1. Tuesdays 11.00–1.45 (except 4/10, which is 10.00–1.45) beginning 1/23 and ending 4/10, with the following exceptions: 2/27 (out of town) and 3/6 (spring break). This is 10 times in total.
2. 4 additional days: 3 Thursdays at 5.00–7.45: 2/15, 2/22, and 3/15; and Friday 2/9 at 3.00–5.30.

## Course coverage

We will essentially go through the book by Persson and Tabellini (2000). In particular, the lectures are as follows:

- METHODS.
  - Lecture 1, 1/23. Introduction. Chapter 1.
  - Lecture 2, 1/30. Preferences and Institutions. Chapter 2.
  - Lecture 3, 2/6. Probabilistic voting and lobbying. Chapter 3.
  - Lecture 4, 2/8. Agency and partisan politicians. Chapters 4–5.
- REDISTRIBUTIVE POLITICS.
  - Lecture 5, 2/13 (Juan Carlos Hatchondo). General-interest politics. Chapter 6.
  - Lecture 6, 2/15 (Jaehoon Kim). Special-interest politics. Chapter 7.
- COMPARATIVE POLITICS.
  - Lecture 7, 2/20 (Seok-ju Cho). Electoral rules and electoral competition. Chapter 8.
  - Lecture 8, 2/22 (Leonardo Martinez). Institutions and accountability. Chapter 9.
  - Lecture 9, 3/13 (Sreya Kolay). Political Regimes. Chapter 10.
- DYNAMIC POLITICS.
  - Lecture 10, 3/15 (Takashi Hayashi). Dynamic policy problems. Chapter 11.
  - Lecture 11, 3/20 (Marina Azzimonti). Capital taxation. Chapter 12.
  - Lecture 12, 3/27 (Po-Han Fong). Public Debt. Chapter 13.

– Lecture 13, 4/3 (Fernando Lleiva). Growth. Chapter 14.

• MONETARY ECONOMICS.

– Lecture 14, 4/10 (Eva de Francisco and Jie Liu). Credibility of monetary policy (Eva) and Electoral cycles (Jie). Chapters 15–16.