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| **Title** | **COVID and Politics** |
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| **Brief description** | The aim of the course is to collect the several political aspects of the COVID-19 crisis that at first seems to be non-political. We will look at the effects of the pandemic on democracy (elections), whether democracies or non-democracies could respond better, the application of state of emergency, the EU’s responses and we will also look at how the home countries of the participating students dealt with the crisis. The course is based on readings, student presentations and debate.  |
| **Schedule** | 1. Introduction 2. Democracy/authoritarianism and coronavirus3. Leader popularity/politicization of the pandemic4. States of emergency and COVID5. Economic effects of the pandemic6. Social effects of the pandemic7. The EU and the pandemic – common vaccine strategy, economic crisis management and trust towards the EU8. International politics and COVID9. Country studies10. Country studies11. Country studies12. Country studies |
| **Materials/Recommended readings** | Scott L. Greer, Elizabeth J. King, Elize Massard da Fonseca and Andre Peralta-Santos (eds.): Coronavirus Politics. The Comparative Politicsand Policy of COVID-19. University of Michigan Press 2021 (example) |
| **Assessment/Exam** | * students may miss max. 3 classes during the semester
* presentation (30 % of the grade)
* Students may choose to write the written exam (open book, based on the materials uploaded to Moodle) or to submit an essay of max. 30.000 characters on a previously agreed topic until the last week of the course. (70% of the grade)
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