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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 coronavirus  3. Leader popularity/politicization of the pandemic  4. States of emergency and COVID  5. Economic effects of the pandemic  6. Social effects of the pandemic  7. The EU and the pandemic – common vaccine strategy, economic crisis management and trust towards the EU  8. International politics and COVID  9. Country studies  10. Country studies  11. Country studies  12. Country studies |
| **Materials/Recommended readings** | Scott L. Greer, Elizabeth J. King, Elize Massard da Fonseca and Andre Peralta-Santos (eds.): Coronavirus Politics. The Comparative Politics  and 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) |