

POLITICAL ECONOMY
Discussions 2025/2026

	Class date	Topics / Literature
1	18.02.2026	Introductory meeting – course organization
2	25.02.2026	Methodological and technical remarks on writing papers. Course organization contd.
3	4.03.2026	Political Economy of Growth and Development 1. The role of institutions for economic growth Acemoglu, D., Robinson, J.A. (2019). „Rents and economic development: the perspective of Why Nations Fail”, <i>Public Choice</i> , 181(1-2), pp. 13-28 (online: via the University Library)
4	11.03.2026	No class
5	18.03.2026	Political Economy of Democracy 2. Electoral democracy and liberal democracy Mukand, Sh., Rodrik, D. (2020). „The Political Economy of Liberal Democracy”, <i>The Economic Journal</i> , 130(627), s. 765-792 (online: via the University Library)
6	25.03.2026	No class
7	1.04.2026	Democracy and Covid-19 Pandemics 3. Democratic institutions and the challenges of Covid-19 pandemics Knutsen, C. H., Kolvani, P. (2022), <i>Fighting the Disease or Manipulating the Data? Democracy, State Capacity, and the COVID-19 Pandemic (without appendices B and C)</i> , V-Dem Working Paper #127, Varieties of Democracy Institute (online: https://www.v-dem.net/media/publications/Working_Paper_127_final.pdf)
8	15.04.2026	Constitutions and Political Economy 4. Judicial independence and economic growth Voigt, S., Gutmann, J., Feld, L. P. (2015). “Economic Growth and Judicial Independence, a Dozen Years On: Cross-Country Evidence Using an Updated Set of Indicators”, <i>European Journal of Political Economy</i> , 38, pp. 197-211 (online: https://www.cesifo.org/DocDL/cesifo1_wp5010.pdf)
9	22.04.2026	Political Economy of Transition 5. Institutions and Polish successful transition Piatkowski, M. (2018) „Fundamental Sources of Poland’s Growth: The Role of Institutions”, w: <i>Europe’s growth champion: Insights from the economic rise of Poland</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 206-240 (online: via the University Library – Oxford Scholarship Online database)

10	29.04.2026	Political Economy and Individual Well-Being 6. Institutions and happiness Rode, M. (2013). „Do Good Institutions Make Citizens Happy, or Do Happy Citizens Build Better Institutions?“, <i>Journal of Happiness Studies</i> , 14, s. 1479-1505 (online: via the University Library)
11	6.05.2026	Political Economy of Violence 7. Institutions and criminal organizations Leeson, P. T., Skarbek, D. B (2010). „Criminal constitutions“, <i>Global Crime</i> , 11(3), pp. 279-297 (online: via the University Library)
12	13.05.2026	Political Economy of European Integration 8. The role of politics and economics for European integration Spolaore E. (2013), <i>What Is European Integration Really About? A Political Guide for Economists</i> , <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i> , 27(3): 125-44. (online: http://pubs.aeaweb.org/doi/pdfplus/10.1257/jep.27.3.125)
13	20.05.2026	Political Economy of Climate Change 9. National obstacles and implementing climate policies Lamb, W. F., Minx, J.C. (2020). “The political economy of national climate policy: Architectures of constraint and a typology of countries”, <i>Energy Research & Social Science</i> , 64, pp. 101429 (online: https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S2214629620300062)
14	27.05.2026	Political Economy of Migration 10. Challenges for democracy at times of migration Koukal, A. M., Schafer, P., Eichenberger R. (2021). “Enfranchising non-citizens: What drives natives’ willingness to share power?“, <i>Journal of Comparative Economics</i> , 49, pp. 1088-1108 (online: https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0147596721000196)
15	3.06.2026	Emergency date