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Seminar in Political Economics (Master, Winter Term 2021)

How does immigration influence the political landscape and (welfare) policies? Does social media contribute to more polarization? What are the roots of right-wing populism? What factors affect protest participation? In light of the recent rise of (right-wing) populism and political polarization in many parts of the world, these are questions of great interest.

The aim of the seminar is to discuss cutting-edge research that tackles these political issues. All papers we will discuss in the seminar are concerned with establishing causal relationships. Thus, an important prerequisite for the seminar is a sound knowledge of econometrics as well as microeconomics.

Organizational Details and Logistics

Registration: You have to register for the seminar by **October 15**. There are *10 spots*, which will be allocated on a first-come first-serve basis. To register, write an email to dietmar.fehr@awi.uni-heidelberg.de indicating your full name, student id, and semester.

Prerequisites: Good knowledge of microeconomic theory and empirical methods.

Requirements: You will present a paper from the literature list in class (your main article), participate in the *classroom discussion*, and write a *seminar paper*. In addition, you have to read and hand in a one-page summary of each paper in the literature list except your assigned article (9 one-page summaries). Note that in order to receive a grade, *you have to meet all deadlines*, have to be present in the organizational meeting and during all presentations on the two seminar days (no exemptions).

Grading: Short summaries (25%), presentation (10%), classroom discussion (15%), seminar paper (50%)

Organizational Meeting: October 19, 2021, 10 a.m. (in person, 3G rule applies)

Seminar Presentations: February 10 & 11, 2022 (in person)

Deadlines: Each week starting October 29, one short summary (9 summaries)
March 30, 2022 for the seminar paper