COURSE OVERVIEW

In most of the economics government decisions are not adequately explained. They are either treated as exogenous, or (sometimes) as determined by considerations of ‘optimality’. The course explores how government decisions in economic matters are actually determined. It thereby throws a new light of how policy issued should be approached.
ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

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The Examination will include one compulsory question on the seminar (worth 12 marks out of the 60).

See ECON 2091 course outline for rules regarding assignment submission and mid-term test.

Neither calculators nor dictionaries are permitted in the mid-term test or final exam.

RESOURCES

Reading Brick.

A “brick” of a number of book chapters from the reading list will be available from the School administrators, Fin Weinberg and Terry Embling. They will supply you a brick on your production of a receipt for $? from the University Cashier.

COURSE SCHEDULE

ECON 8091 course = ECON 2091 lectures and tutorial plus ECON8091 weekly seminar.

ECON 2091 lectures and tutorial: see ECON 2091 course outline.

ECON8091 weekly seminar:

Each students shall prepare a seminar on one of the following papers:


6. The semisovereign people: a realist’s view of democracy in America. Eric Schattschneider

7. The Myth of Democratic Failure: Why Political Institutions Are Efficient, Donald A. Wittman

The seminar will be held feasible time preferred by students and myself.