

Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Module M.WIWI-VWL.0176: The Political Economy of Social Protection	6 C 2 WLH
Learning outcome, core skills: The goal of this course is to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the political economy surrounding social protection policies. By the end of the course, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe the key concepts and ideas in the debate around social protection policies, • compare and contrast different social protection instruments, • understand the importance of institutions, bureaucracy and resulting or remaining inefficiencies, • discuss financing alternatives of social protection policies, • critically evaluate different approaches used for targeting social protection policies, • discuss and assess empirical research papers on the topic. 	Workload: Attendance time: 28 h Self-study time: 152 h
Course: The Political Economy of Social Protection (Lecture) <i>Contents:</i> This will give an overview of the political economy of social protection policies. Students will be introduced to the role of different actors and institutions relevant to shaping social protection policies. It discusses the latest research and methodological advances in the field. The course will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Origins of social protection policies • Concepts, actors, instruments • The role of institutions and bureaucracy • Political accountability • Financing and taxation • Targeting and recent advances • Gender and Social networks 	2 WLH
Examination: Written examination (90 minutes) ! The Political Economy of Social Protection Examination prerequisites: Regular attendance, active participation and presentation of one empirical paper (approx. 20 min); presentation can be in groups.	6 C
Examination requirements: In the exam students are expected to demonstrate an understanding of the main concepts presented during the course and be able to address questions both intuitively and analytically. They will be required to evaluate and discuss propositions around policy alternatives and institutional arrangements aspects presented during the course.	
Admission requirements: none	Recommended previous knowledge: B.WIWI-OPH.0007 Microeconomics I,

	B.WIWI-VWL.0001 Microeconomics II, Ability to read scientific articles
Language: English	Person responsible for module: Prof. Renate Hartwig
Course frequency: each summer semester	Duration: 1 semester[s]
Number of repeat examinations permitted: twice	Recommended semester: 2 - 4
Maximum number of students: not limited	