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**Course syllabus:**

**The Transformation of the State: The Industrial Revolution in a Global Context**

Master-Seminar (“Blockseminar”, Winter Term 2015/2016)

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**Course description**

The seminar „The Transformation of the State: The Industrial Revolution in a Global Context“ focuses on historical transformation processes of state organisation in Europe. It aims at creating a general theoretical understanding of the causes and effects of transformation processes and conveys profound knowledge on the legitimacy and problem solving capacity of the various forms of government established in Europe since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution and the rise of the nation state as a paradigm for state organisation.

In the first part of the seminar, we will analyse nation building-processes and the democratisation of Europe. This will include an intensive discussion of the rival theoretical concepts, which sketched out different ways how the state could regulate markets, enable entrepreneurship, provide collective goods for the national economy etc. In particular, we will discuss liberal as well as collectivist concepts of state organization. This theoretical tension between liberal and collectivist principles forms the fundamental conflict in later periods of the European nation state.

In the second part of the seminar, we will trace this conflict by discussing the emergence of various types of European welfare states, the process of European integration and the establishment of a multi-level-system of governance. Among other things, this part aims at a better understanding of the effects resulting from the decreased scope of political action at the level of national democracies for effective and responsive economic and social policies.

In the third part of this seminar we will analyse, why and how public policy returned to the liberal paradigm and how this has shaped the current political economy of Europe. In this context, we will discuss crisis phenomena such as over-indebtedness of states. Finally, we will discuss proposed options for a transformation towards more effective governance of economy and society in the face of global challenges.

**November, 27th , 14.00-6.30pm**

Session 1) The Emergence of the European Nation State

Bartolini, Stefano (2005): Restructuring Europe. Centre Formation, system building and political structuring between the nation-state and the European Union. Oxford: Oxford University Press Chapter 2: Structuring Europe: The Experience of the ‘Nation State’, pp. 56-115.

Session 2) Industrialization, the Nation State and Liberal Democracy

Polanyi, Karl (2001 [1944]): The Great Transformation. The Political and Economic Origins of Our Time. Boston: Beacon Press. Part One, pp.3- 34, Part Three, pp. 231-268.

Session 3) Collectivism versus Individualism: Normative Foundations of the Modern State

Hayek, Friedrich A. (2007 [1944]): The Road to Serfdom. London: Routledge/ The University of Chicago Press. Chapter 1: The Abandoned Road, pp. 65-75, Chapter 2: The Great Utopia, pp. 76-82, Chapter 3: Individualism and Collectivism, pp. 83-90, Chapter 10: Why the Worst Get on Top, pp. 157-170, Chapter 11: The End of Truth, pp. 171-180, Chapter 12: The Socialist Roots of Naziism, pp. 181-192, Chapter 13: The Totalitarians in Our Midst, pp. 193-209.

**November, 28th , 10.00am-5.30pm**

Session 4) The Emergence of the Welfare State: Institutional Diversity and Performance

Esping-Andersen, Gøsta (1990): The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press: 35-78.

Session 5) The Transformation of Families, Gender Roles and the Welfare State

Esping-Andersen, Gøsta (1999): Social Foundations of Postindustrial Economies. Oxford: Oxford University Press: 32-72.

Session 6) European Integration of Nation States and National Economies

Bartolini, Stefano (2005): Restructuring Europe. Centre Formation, system building and political structuring between the nation-state and the European Union. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 3: Centre Formation in the European Union, pp. 116-176.

Session 7) Returning to Liberalism: The Political Economy of the European Union

Höpner, Martin & Schäfer, Armin (2010): A New Phase of European Integration: Organised Capitalism in Post-Ricardian Europe, in West European Politics, 33 (2), pp. 344-368.

**November 29th, 10.00am-4.00pm**

Session 8) Integration through law and its consequences for European polities

Scharpf, Fritz W. (2009): The asymmetry of European integration, or why the EU cannot be a ‘social market economy’, in: Socio-Economic Review, pp. 1-40.

Session 9) Political and Economic Liberalism in Times of Crisis

Crouch, Colin (2011): The Strange Non-Death of Neoliberalism. Cambridge: Polity Press,   
pp. 1-70.

Session 10) Over-indebtedness of the Modern State: the End of an Era?

Streeck, Wolfgang (2014): Buying Time: The Delayed Crisis of Democratic Capitalism. London/ New York: Verso Books, Part One: From Legitimation Crisis to Fiscal Crisis, pp.