

# Law, institutions and political economy of transition in Russia and other post-Soviet states

(Compact course / Blockseminar) 3/6/9 ECTS

Thursday, 16 Oct 2014, 10-12 am (introductory session), 7 Nov 2014, 15 Nov 2014, 6 Dec 2014, 9 Jan 2015, 23 Jan 2015,  
11:15 am - 5:15 pm

Venue: PG 271 (Start: 16 Oct 2014)

MES modules: ZB Wirtschaft, Recht, WPM 2, 5, 6

IBA modules: S-Modul, E-Modul

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More than two decades of experience with the transition from centrally planned to market economies has taught us that the strength of a country's market-supporting "institutions" powerfully affect the success of transition. The course will specify necessary institutions by elaborating one-country or comparative case studies of Russia and other post-Soviet states. The multiple legal, institutional and economic reforms that those countries needed to put in place as part of its transition to a market economy are to be described. Another focal point encompasses the important and sometimes non-obvious synergies between different reform elements. We will stress the complexity of reform, the interrelatedness of reform elements and the importance of anti-corruption measures. Based on the perspective of (new) institutional economics and other theories of (new) development economics, an economic analysis of development processes will be complemented with legal, political, sociological and institutional approaches.

The first part of the course will set up the methodological and theoretical base for the issues at stake in the seminar.

In the second part, we focus on a comparison of the different approaches, outcomes and implications of legal, institutional and economic reforms. Furthermore, the course will address recent developments and current topics of discussion.

The syllabus and the list of relevant sources will be available at the introductory session. Topics and tasks will be assigned to the participants during the first two sessions.



## **Participation requirements, performance test and credits:**

The working language of the seminar will be English.

**Proficiency in English. Reading comprehension in Russian and/or official language of another post-Soviet state is an asset.**

ECTS: 3/6/9. Regular attendance; presentation (30 percent of grade), contributions to discussion (10 percent) and term paper (60 percent).

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