**Econ 486a. Topics in Political Economics**

**Day / time:** T 9:25 - 11:15am  
**Course Type:** Undergraduate  
**Course term:** Not offered  
**Year:** 2014  
**Instructor(s):** Ruben Durante

This course will introduce advanced undergraduate students to the field of political economy and will familiarize them with a wide range of empirical methods used in this literature. The course will be organized around a series of topics including voting, political agency and accountability, special interests politics, conflict and violence, the origins and impact of political institutions. The course will be primarily based on the reading of research papers and the in-depth discussion of their theories, methods, and results.

Prerequisite: intermediate microeconomics (ECON 121 or 125), econometrics (ECON 131 or 135).

**Undergrad Course Category:** Political Economy

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