Course Program: Brazil, Microeconomic and Macropolitical Challenges
Department of Social and Legal Sciences (FSJ)
Professor: Kurt von Mettenheim
Wednesdays, 7 October to 9 December, 16:00-18:50

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

The objective of this course is to review the challenges of microeconomic reforms and macropolitical constraints and opportunities for public policy in contemporary Brazil. Topics include introduction to the theories and methods of political economy and Brazilian political science for public policy analysis; monetary reform; fiscal reform; bank reform; and methods of forecasting that combine politics and public policy with economics. Class discussions, case studies, and individual term projects are designed to prepare students to perform in professional settings in these areas of expertise.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA**

- Participation ............................................................................................................................... 30%
- *Presentation ............................................................................................................................... 30%
- Final Project ................................................................................................................................. 40%

*Students are required to select one session for presentation of reading and organization of class discussion. Dates to be assigned first day of class.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**


**SCHEDULE**

7 October: Introduction and Overview

21 October: Theories and Methods of Political Economy for Public Policy Analysis
Reading: Mettenheim, Monetary Statecraft in Brazil, pp.
28 October: Theories and Concepts of Brazilian Politics for Public Policy Analysis
Reading: Mettenheim, Critical Elections and Realignment.

4 November: Monetary Reform
Reading: Mettenheim, Monetary Statecraft in Brazil, pp.

11 November: Fiscal Reform
Reading: Mettenheim, “Brazilian Municipal Bond Market: Theory, Repression, Prospects,”

18 November: Bank Reform
Reading: Mettenheim, “Federal Banking in Brazil.” (ch. 1)

25 November: Politics, Public Policy, and Economic Forecasting
Reading: FGV Brazil Forecast

2 December: Case Studies of Microeconomic Reform and Macropolitical Challenges

9 December: Case Studies of Microeconomic Reform and Macropolitical Challenges

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