Université catholique de Louvain

Political Egineering and Elections

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Teacher(s) :	De Winter Lieven ; Maniquet François ;
Language :	Anglais
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes :	The main topic of the course is that of " institutional design ", at the level of institutions (e.g. electoral engineer-ing, management of assemblies, party funding, etc.) as well as at the level of political organizations (parties, interest groups etc.). The core themes are first tackled following some theories (comparative politics and organ-izational theories), then mostly following a practical approach (response scenarios vis-à-vis concrete situations or problems). Each year, two main themes are selected, according to their objective importance (saliency etc.), to the debates they may raise, and possibly also in connection with a concrete request linked with an ongoing project. Each one of the themes is first approached from a theoretical angle, then through hands-on project work, so as to elaborate response or action scenarios.
Aims :	After completion of this specialized course, the student will have acquired a series of technical skills in the field of institutional and organizational design, as well as a capacity of critical reflection and of response to practical questions or queries. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Content :	On the one hand, the course is taught in a lecture-based format (presentation of theories and previous cases in a comparative perspective), and on the other hand through project work (seminar-style follow-up) on the practical case(s).
Other infos :	Evaluation : project report (more details in the detailed course outline).
Cycle and year of study :	Master [120] in Political Sciences: General Master [120] in Ethics
Faculty or entity in charge:	PSAD