

5.00 credits

15.0 h

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Teacher(s)	Niessen Christoph ;
Language :	English
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Learning outcomes	
Evaluation methods	The evaluation is based on active seminar participation, two position papers, a case study presentation and a final paper. There is no final exam.
Teaching methods	<p>The seminar is organised around different sessions during which readings on the following topics are discussed collectively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Functions and working of local politics.</li> <li>• Local institutions and multi-level politics.</li> <li>• Local elites and parties.</li> <li>• Local administrations and policies.</li> <li>• Local citizens (participation).</li> </ul> <p>To further deepen students' understanding and critical engagement with these topics, position papers, a case study presentation and a final paper are assigned.</p>
Content	<p>The seminar aims at introducing students to the functioning and main issues of local politics, institutions, elites, administration and citizens in a multi-level governance environment.</p> <p>It relies on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the collective discussion of readings on each of these topics.</li> <li>• the critical engagement of students with the readings through position papers.</li> <li>• the application of the course material in a country study presented by each student.</li> <li>• the further comparative examination of a specified issue of local politics in a term paper.</li> </ul>
Inline resources	Cf. Moodle.
Bibliography	<p>Bäck, H., Heinelt, H., &amp; Magnier, A. (Dir.). (2006). <i>The European Mayor: Political Leaders in the Changing Context of Local Democracy</i>. Berlin: Springer.</p> <p>Heinelt, H., Magnier, A., Cabria, M., &amp; Reynaert, H. (Dir.). (2018). <i>Political Leaders and Changing Local Democracy: The European Mayor</i>. Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan.</p> <p>Verstraete, D., Devillers, S., Dandoy, R., Dodeigne, J., Jacquet, V., Niessen, Ch., Reuchamps, M. (2018). Les rôles, fonctions et choix politiques des bourgmestres en Wallonie et à Bruxelles. <i>Courrier Hebdomadaire</i>, CRISP, Bruxelles.</p>
Faculty or entity in charge	PSAD

<b>Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)</b>				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Master [120] in Political Sciences: General	SPOL2M	5		