The Politics of Transnational Market Making – A Central European Perspective.
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The course will introduce core theories and key concepts in international political economy and provide a broad overview about the debates linked to the coming about and development of transnational markets. The seminars of the course are organized around three topics. We will start with the discussion of the works of classics like Weber, Durkheim and Polanyi on the emergence and evolution of national markets. That part will be followed by reading more recent applications of the works of classics on the evolution of transnational markets. The third part of the course will explore the question how can one apply these theoretical approaches to the study of the politics of the Single European Market and use their tools of analysis for the better understanding of the evolution of core-periphery relations in the EU.

EVALUATION
1. Participation: 10%
2. Position papers 15% (brief, up to 1-1,5 pages long critical summaries of the key point(s) of the mandatory readings for each week with questions/comments that you would like to see discussed during the class
3. Leading a discussion in one session 25%
Each student will guide the discussion on at least one seminar either on his or her own or – depending on the class size – together with another student. The student should introduce the theme of the seminar based on positioning the mandatory reading(s) of the week in the broader literature and by asking questions for discussion for group work and commenting, and if possible, summarizing the discussion.
3. Research paper 50% 3000 words

* Required readings

Week 1. States and Markets – The institutionalization of calculability


Week 2. Rules of transactions and social integration: The Non-Contractual Elements of Contracts

*Durkheim, Emile ‘Organic Solidarity and Contractual Solidarity’ in The Division of Labor in Society Chapter 7, pp.149-75.

U.S. Supreme Court, West Coast Hotel Co. v. Parrish, 300 U.S. 379 (1937).
http://www.agh-attorneys.com/4_west_coast_hotel_v_parrish.htm


Week 3. Contestation of rules – The Double Movement


Week 4. The Political Economy of Regulations I.


**Week 5. The Political Economy of Regulations II.**


**Week 6. Redistribution – Correcting Markets**


Gosta Esping-Andersen, Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism (Polity), chapter 3.

**Week 7. Market Making in Europe – Who sits in Brussels?**


**Week 8. Reforming the EU I.**

*Offe, Claus. 2013.” Europe entrapped – does the EU have the political capacity to overcome its present crisis?”*, European Law Journal, 19 (5): 595–611


**Week 9. Reforming the EU II.**


**Week 10. Integrating the peripheries I.**


Week 11. Integrating the peripheries II.

*Bruszt, Laszlo and Visnja Vukov, 2017."Making states for the single market: European integration and the reshaping of economic states in the Southern and Eastern peripheries of Europe” West European Politics Vol 40 N.4 pp. 663-68


Week 12. General discussion and student presentations