

Call for Applications: 2nd Lucerne Master Class for PhD Students, 2015

When: September 28 to October 2, 2015
Where: University of Lucerne, Switzerland
Language: English
Application deadline: April 30, 2015

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Streeck
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Markets and Democracy

The Scholar

WOLFGANG STREECK is Director emeritus and Professor at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in Cologne, Germany. From 1988 to 1995 he was Professor of Sociology and Industrial Relations at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His latest publications include: *Buying Time: The Delayed Crisis of Democratic Capitalism*, London and New York: Verso Books, 2014; *Politics in the Age of Austerity* (ed., with Armin Schäfer), Cambridge: Polity Press 2013; *Re-Forming Capitalism: Institutional Change in the German Political Economy*, Oxford University Press, 2009; and *Beyond Continuity: Institutional Change in Advanced Political Economies* (ed., with Kathleen Thelen), Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2005. His current research interests are crises and institutional change in the political economy of contemporary capitalism.

The Topic

Markets and democracy function differently: one dollar, one vote the former, one man/woman, one vote the latter. Democratic politics with its egalitarian bent adjusts market outcomes to collective ideas of social justice; whereas markets reward winners and punish losers. Historically capitalists favored markets, and workers suspected them of plotting to abolish democracy. Conversely, workers often opposed the market economy, and capitalists were afraid of electoral majorities replacing it, and private property rights as well, with state planning. It was only in the «mixed economy» of the two or three decades after the Second World War that markets and democracy seemed to be birds of a feather. Since the 1970s, however, their relationship has again become unsettled as the neoliberal revolution has begun to set markets free from democratic-redistributive intervention. Deregulation, privatization, globalization are the key words now, announcing the construction of a new economic order free from democratic politics and governed by non-political «expert» institutions like independent central banks and international organizations – a development that was accompanied by a long-term «post-democratic» decline in political participation and a parallel in-

crease in economic inequality. The Master Class is open to discussing these and other aspects of the relationship between markets and democracy, in the past as well as at present.

The Class

The class will begin on the 28th of September at 1.00 pm. The daily schedule will be from 9.00 am -12.30 pm and from 2.00-6.00 pm and on one evening (lecture&dinner) from 6.00-9.00 pm. There will be an afternoon for recreation in the Lucerne area. Participants will discuss Wolfgang Streeck's recent work but also present and discuss their own projects.

Participants

The Master Class addresses doctoral students from disciplines such as Sociology, Cultural Studies, Political Science, Philosophy, Social Anthropology, Economics and Global Studies. Applications from international and EU doctoral students and doctoral students from Switzerland are welcomed.

Applications

Please send your application till **April 30, 2015** to the following e-mail-address: nadja.miczek@unilu.ch or to

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Questions may also be addressed to Nadja Miczek.

Please provide a short statement of motivation (no more than one page), a CV and a short description (no more than one page) of your current dissertation project. Postdocs may be admitted on the basis of individual decision.

Cost

Tuition: 350 CHF

The organizing body of the Master Class, the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Lucerne, will cover all catering and accommodation expenses. We will try to cover travel expenses as well, however, this depends on the country of origin (for details please send an email to Nadja Miczek). If applicants can muster support from their respective home institution, this is welcome.

Support

The Master Class is supported by the Mercator Foundation Switzerland.

