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This is a continuation of the project "Advances in Political Economics" that we run since 2010. We will focus on all possible issues that modern political economics address, both theoretical and empirical. The best way to look at what are particular topics of interest for us – and to choose a topic for your future Master Thesis – is to read our own research papers (see links below) – and papers of our consultants, who will be working closely with us.

As in the previous years, in our workshops, we will be covering – both theoretically and empirically – many areas. On the theory side, we are going to discuss all kinds of games that involve collective decision-making: from games of competing media outlets and politicians to games between dictators and their viziers, from most abstract games of coalition formation to specific design of elections, both big and small, honest and fraudulent. On the empirical side, we are going to look at different empirical relationships between political and financial variables, media effects on individual's behavior, or empirical studies of political or sport institutions. Overall, we want to focus on empirical implications of theoretical models, i.e. either models with (some) empirical predictions or empirical tests of hypotheses grounded in (some) theoretical models. Still, every year we have some students who do pure theory, and some students who do no theory at all (and have great papers yet).

Andrei Bremzen's papers: http://pages.nes.ru/abremzen/english/papers.html

Georgy Egorov's papers: http://www.kellogg.northwestern.edu/faculty/directory/egorov_georgy.aspx

Ruben Enikolopov's papers: https://sites.google.com/site/rubenenikolopov/

Maria Petrova's papers: https://sites.google.com/site/mariapetrovaphd/

Konstantin Sonin's papers: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cf_dev/AbsByAuth.cfm?per_id=236428