

# Political Economics III, 2016

## Lectures 5 and 6 Selection of Political Leaders: Drivers and Consequences

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### Syllabus

Two lectures of the course will be devoted to this topic. They will be based on a number of papers, and take a starting point in my recent research (marked by a star \* in the readings) on local Swedish politics that draws on detailed register data.

The following topics will be covered.

#### *Selection of politicians*

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### *Selection of party leaders*

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Egorov, G. and K. Sonin (2011). Dictators and their Viziers: Endogenizing the Loyalty-Competence Trade-Off. *Journal of the European Economic Association* 9, 903-930.

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