



INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

INTERNSHIP SUBJECT FORM



Name of the Host Laboratory	CREST (CENTER for RESEARCH in ECONOMICS and STATISTICS)
Website of the Host Laboratory	https://crest.science
Research Group	Political Economy
Internship Supervisor	Alessandro RIBONI / Hugo SUBTIL / I https://sites.google.com/site/alessandroriboni/
Internship Subject	Interest groups and corporate political activity in the European Union
Student's level	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Undergraduate Students (3 rd or 4 th year) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Master's students (1 st or 2 nd year) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PhD students
Proposed Duration	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 months
Prerequisites	Advanced knowledge in R and Python / NPL mastered is + / Interest in the political economy and European institutions / autonomy / teamwork / initiatives / interest in research work
Internship description (max. 15 lines)	<p>Research on nonmarket strategies suggests that firms compete against interest groups or activists when they lobby governments to influence public policies. In the context of climate change, these lobbying efforts generate much suspicion and large firms are often seen as key reasons why more stringent policies are not set. It is particularly acute with climate policies, for which global warming targets are clear but policies to reach them are not. While all players involved search for the most effective policy options, firms are expected to disclose only partial information when they lobby, leading to unsatisfactory policymaking. <i>In the context of European Legislation</i>, European consultation process establishes a formal framework within which different stakeholders reveal their position on a given issue (private information) in order to convince the regulator of the collective merits of their position.</p> <p><i>Objectives of the course</i> (joint work with another PhD) 1. <u>Develop a textual algorithm</u> to compare whether the information revealed by firms is more innovative (private) than that revealed by NGOs 2. <u>Assisting the development of a textual similarity algorithm</u> to measure the distance between the initial text proposed by the European Commission and the law proposal it ultimately submits to the European Parliament. 3. <u>Writing a literature review</u> on EU consultations and its democratic consequences. Meeting with other researchers, practitioners and journalists are expected in this regard (Possibility of international peer-reviewed journal co-authoring).</p>

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