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**Research Practice Module/Modul Forschungspraxis (5000-330):  
Empirical Trade Data Analysis, Summer Term 2024****Curriculum/Requirements**

The Research Practice Module ("Modul Forschungspraxis") can be credited in the area of Free Electives (6 ECTS) of the Bachelor program Business Administration and Economics. Parallel attendance of the module "International Trade" and prior experience in econometric analysis using econometric software (R) are recommended, but not a formal admission requirement.

**Objectives**

Students gain experience in conducting their own empirical research projects (descriptive analysis, simple regression analysis) in the area of international trade using econometric software (R). In particular, they familiarize themselves with various sources of trade data. They are able to retrieve data from different sources and to manage these data. They can apply tools to describe and interpret patterns in trade data in a theory-informed way. Empirical skills in the analysis of trade data are important to inform decision makers in internationally operating companies or industry associations, as well as policy makers at national and supranational levels.

**Literature**

The course relates to selected chapters of the "Practical Guide to Trade Policy Analysis" ([https://www.wto.org/english/res\\_e/publications\\_e/practical\\_guide12\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/res_e/publications_e/practical_guide12_e.htm)).

## **Assessment**

Students are required to submit multiple assignments throughout the semester in which they demonstrate their practical understanding of the course content. Each of these assignments is part of one major data analysis project and must be passed in order to successfully complete the module. However, the module is ungraded.

## **Timing**

Weekly sessions on a “Bring your own device” basis:

Thursdays, 10-12 am c.t., HS B12, first session: April 4, 2024

No classes on May 9, May 23 and May 30

## **Responsible teaching staff**

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