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Seminars in International Economics for Master Students (IBE, Economics) in Winter 2018/19 (and Summer 2019)

Curriculum/Requirements - M.Sc. Economics

Our seminars are open to *Economics* students. We offer two seminars a year, one seminar in the winter term and one in the summer term. *Economics* students can participate in both seminars.

Topics of the seminar that takes place in the winter term relate to contents covered by the module *The Microeconomics of Globalization*, while topics of the seminar that takes place in the summer term relate to content covered by the module *The Macroeconomics of Globalization*.

We recommend *Economics* students to have completed the corresponding module, but this is not a formal entry requirement. In any case, we only accept *Economics* students who are at least in their 2nd semester.

Curriculum/Requirements - M.Sc. International Business and Economics (IBE)

As from the winter term 2018/19, each seminar offered by a member of the Institute of Economics at the Master level is eligible as a *Master Seminar in International Economics*.

We offer two seminars a year, one seminar in the winter term and one in the summer term. *IBE* students can participate in at most one of these seminars.

Topics of the seminar that takes place the winter term relate to contents covered by the module *The Microeconomics of Globalization*, while topics of the seminar that takes place the summer term relate to contents covered by the module *The Macroeconomics of Globalization*.

IBE students must have completed the corresponding module.

Credits: 6 LP ('Leistungspunkte')

Language: English

Objectives

Students enable themselves to understand academic research papers published by leading scholars in the field of International Economics. They gain experience in writing up scientific papers and in presenting their papers to a critical audience.

Content

In Winter 2018/19, topics will be related to the module *Microeconomics of Globalization*.

Note: In Summer 2019, we will offer a seminar with topics related to the module *Macroeconomics of Globalization*.

Assessment

To receive the credits, the following requirements have to be fulfilled: (i) presence in the seminar, (ii) a proposal, (iii) a presentation, and (iv) a seminar paper. The final grade in the seminar will be based on the proposal (10%), the presentation and participation in the seminar meeting (30%), the seminar paper (60%). Students form small teams. Each team prepares a single proposal, a single presentation, and a single seminar paper.

Students should demonstrate that they are able to explain the topic in their own words and that they understand the economics of the argument. Seminar presentations have to be closely related to the literature provided for the respective topic. For the seminar paper, students should include additional literature. A good starting point is the literature discussed in the main reference provided for each topic.

Timing

Registration for the seminar will be possible until the **October 10, 2018** (see below).

There will be joint kick-off meeting on **October 15, 2018 from 4 to 6 pm** (conditional on room availability). There will be a further seminar introductory meeting on **October 16, 2018 from 10 to 12**. Proposal sessions where students present their research questions and agenda will be hold on **November 12, 2018, from 12 to 6pm**. Presentations will take place in blocked form on **January 14, 2019 from 12 to 6pm**. Seminar papers and presentation slides will be due one week in advance. Attendance in these meetings is mandatory.

Registration

The registration procedure is as follows. You are asked to register for the seminar via ILIAS (https://ilias.uni-hohenheim.de/goto.php?target=crs_422990&client_id=UHOH) and to participate in the survey "Registration". The deadline is **October 10, 2018, 11am**. During the registration, you will be asked which courses you have already completed. If demand exceeds capacity, we give preference to more advanced students. If necessary, we will draw lots.

We will inform you about acceptance by means of an email. *Please make sure that you regularly check the email address associated to your ILIAS account.*

Additional information for exchange students

Those (and only those) of you who do not have an ILIAS account by October 10, 2018, please register for the seminar by means of an email to intecon@uni-hohenheim.de (not later than October 12, 2018, 11am). The subject of your email must be "Registration for Seminars in International Economics for Master Students (IBE, Economics)". Please provide us with the following information: (i) surname, first name, (ii) student ID (if available), (iii) exchange program you are enrolled in (e.g., Double Master Program in Economics with Pavia), and (iv) courses in International Economics you plan to attend at the University of Hohenheim, by semester.

Topics in previous years

The topics should give you an idea about the range of topics. The topics for the seminar in the winter term 2018/19 will be presented during the kick-off meeting.

Microeconomic Aspects of Globalization:

"Global Production of Multinational Firms: Vertical Fragmentation, Internalization Decisions, and Spillover Effects"

[1] Determinants of vertical integration: Investigating US multinational firms

Nunn and Trefler (2013).

[2] Sourcing modes of French multinational firms

Defever and Toubal (2013).

[3] Determinants of intra-firm trade: Evidence from French firms

Corcos et al. (2013).

[4] Spillover Effects from Multinational Firms

Fons-Rosen et al. (2017)