



March 4, 2021

Master Seminar in International Economics (Economics, IBE) Summer Term 2021

Curriculum/Requirements

We recommend *Economics* students to have completed the module “International Trade and Inequality” (formerly: The Macroeconomics of Globalization), but this is not a formal entry requirement.

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Prior experience in econometric analysis (ideally *STATA*) is expected.

Objectives

Students can explain how the gravity framework of international trade can be used to conduct theory-consistent trade policy analysis. They can conduct their own empirical projects using adequate econometric software. They can write up a scientific paper and present their project to a critical audience.

Contents: Gravity-based Trade Policy Analysis

We revisit the gravity framework developed in the course “Macroeconomics of Globalization”, derive a theory-consistent estimation equation, explore potential data sources needed to estimate the effects of trade policies, discuss econometric issues associated with the estimation and estimation techniques, and interpret regression output.

Corona

We will have Zoom meetings.

Literature

The seminar is based on “Advanced Guide to Trade Policy Analysis: The Structural Gravity Model” (<https://vi.unctad.org/tpa/web/vol2/vol2home.html>) and academic papers which will be made available during the seminar.

Assessment

To receive the credits, the following requirements have to be fulfilled: (i) presence in the seminar (Zoom meeting), (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 meetings (30%), and the seminar paper (60%).

Timing

There will be kick-off meetings at the beginning of the semester where we introduce you to the topic: **April 16, 2021 from 10am to 2pm, and April 30, 2021 from 10am to 2pm**. There will a proposal session where students present their research questions and their agenda on **May 21, 2021, from 10 am to 2pm**. Presentations of final papers will take place on **July 16, 2021 from 10am to 2pm**. Final seminar papers and presentation slides will be due one week in advance. Attendance to all of these meetings is mandatory.

Registration

Registration for the seminar involves 2 steps:

- Join the course Master Seminar International Economics (Summer 2021) on ILIAS (https://ilias.uni-hohenheim.de/goto.php?target=crs_1203911&client_id=UHOH)
- Participate in the survey “Registration”.

The registration deadline is **April 12, 2021, 10am**. During the registration, you will be asked which courses you have already completed.

The number of places is limited.

We will inform you about acceptance via 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 April 12, 2021, please register for the seminar via email to intecon@uni-hohenheim.de (not later than April 12, 2021, 10am). The subject of your email should be “Registration for Master Seminar in International 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.