

Master Seminar “International Economic Policy”

Introduction

Our modern economies are more and more intertwined, from multinational companies, globe-spanning supply chains, international finance to countries sharing a common currency. In this seminar we will discuss implications from establishing or dissolving international economic policy agreements and how current international economic policy shapes the lives and livelihoods of people around the planet.

General Information and Prerequisites

The seminar is intended for advanced students of the Master Programme in Economic Policy (MEPS), the language of all parts of the seminar (thesis, presentation and discussion) will be English. Students are advised to successfully pass the course “Economic Policy” beforehand, however this is no prerequisite.

To receive a passing grade in the seminar, participants need to write a seminar thesis and submit it to the chair before or on the due date. Further, participants need to prepare and give a talk about their thesis and engage actively in the discussions during the seminar. Complete attendance to all of the seminar is compulsory, this includes all of the actual seminar presentations and the seminar introduction. Grading will be based on the individual grades for the thesis, the talk and the discussion engagement. You can find hints for how to write good seminar theses, how to cite properly, the formal requirements, etc. on the chair’s homepage. Strict adherence to these rules is expected, violation will result in a reduced grade or failure.

Application and Registration

Students who would like to participate in the seminar write an e-mail with the subject “*Seminar: International Economic Policy*” to LSHefeker@uni-siegen.de. The application must include the following:

1. Matriculation number
2. A set of your **five most preferred topics**, ranked highest to lowest preference of all announced topics. Alternatively, you may also suggest a topic on your own from the field of “International Economic Policy”.
3. A list of all successfully attended courses thus far, this can be obtained via LSF. Please send a PDF-File.

The seminar topics will be assigned in a first step according to urgency (e.g. if the seminar is the last remaining examination for obtaining the Master’s degree) and topic preference sets. If several applicants would like the same topic, the topic is assigned by lot. Each topic will be assigned to at most one applicant. The maximum number of participants is 12. Applicants, who do not receive a topic are put on a waiting list and will succeed to seminar participation if slots become vacant. **Application deadline is August 30, 2017.** Applications may be sent via e-mail from now on. Applicants will be

notified whether or not their application was successful by September 15, 2017 and in case of success will also receive their assigned topic on that date.

Successful applicants may then register for the seminar in LSF until September 29, 2017. De-registration is also possible until that date. Only registration in LSF guarantees the seminar slot, failure to do so until September 29, 2017 will void the successful application and the slot including the assigned topic will go to applicants on the waiting list, if applicable. Registering for the seminar without an assigned topic will result in failure and the loss of one of the three tries to successfully pass a seminar; **do not register for the seminar if you have not been assigned a topic!**

Please note the guidelines for application, registration and examination regarding seminars:
http://www.wiwi.uni-siegen.de/pruefungsamt/pruefungen/anmeldung_seminare/anmeldung_vwl_seminare.html?lang=de

(German only, sorry)

Procedure of the Seminar

The seminar begins on October 17, 2017, 19h s.t. (room tba) with a compulsory introductory meeting. In this meeting, all necessary information regarding supervision, writing the thesis, plagiarism, etc. will be discussed. Failure to participate in the introductory meeting will result in immediate failure of the whole seminar, i.e. absent participants will receive the grade 5.0 for the whole of the seminar.

The seminar thesis must be submitted no later than December 18, 2017.

Each participant must submit two printed copies of the seminar thesis at our chair (offices of Ms Siebel, Mr Schäfer, or Mr Röhlig/Mr Klamka) or in our postbox near the Dekanat on the ground floor of the Unteres Schloß. Further, before or on the due date participants must send a PDF-file containing the thesis to LSHefeker@uni-siegen.de. The PDF-file must be identical to the submitted printed copies. Please note, that we only accept one single PDF-file.

The actual seminar will take place on January 19-20, 2017, 9h-18h (room tba).

Please note also the information on the seminar homepage:

http://www.wiwi.uni-siegen.de/ewp/readings/ws_2017_18/seminar_international_economic_policy_ws201718.html

Deadlines and due dates

As of now	Begin of the application period
August 30, 2017	End of the application period
September 15, 2017	Slots and topics assigned
September 29, 2017	End of the (de-) registration period in HIS-POS/LSF (Do not register if you are not assigned a slot and topic!)
October 17, 2017	Compulsory introductory meeting (19h s.t. – 20h, room tba)
December 18, 2017	Submission deadline for the thesis, both printed and electronic copies
January 19-20, 2018	Seminar (9h – 18h, room tba)

Topics

1. Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs): Why and to what effect?
2. CETA, TPP and TTIP: How to assess megaregionals?
3. The consequences of NAFTA (on US and/or Mexico)
4. The economic consequences of Brexit
5. Are global imbalances a problem?
6. How to leave a currency union?
7. Exchange Rate Regimes: dilemma or trilemma?
8. Should countries have capital controls?
9. Experiences with currency boards
10. Currency manipulation: problem and possible solutions
11. The Trump Trilemma: how consistent is US international economic policy?
12. From Washington to Barcelona – Why and how has the international development agenda been changed?
13. The implications of international trade on the environment