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Seminars for International Economics

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Part of the modul "International Economics"

Two seminars to choose from:

1. Currency Competition

or

2. Deglobalization

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Seminar: Currency Competition

Date:

The seminar is scheduled for **January 19, 24, and 26, 2022.**

Participants are required to hand in a first draft to the supervisor on **January 12, 2022.**

The collected papers are distributed to participants for reading.

Place: Seminarraum S201 S 2.101

Term paper:

3,200 - 4,000 words (8 - 10 pages)

Submission until **February 28, 23:59** by email to herborn@wifa.uni-leipzig.de



Seminar: Currency Competition

1.	Hayek's Concept of Currency Competition
2.	Currency Competition after Bretton Woods - U.S. Dollar, German Mark and Japanese Yen
3.	Currency Competition in Europe before Euro Introduction
4.	Currency Competition in the Free Banking Era in the U.S.
5.	Can Decentralized Finance Threaten the Role of Banks and Central Banks?
6.	Currency Competition Among Cryptocurrencies
7.	Drivers of the Market Capitalization of Cryptocurrencies
8.	Money Supply of Fiat Currencies vs. Money Supply of Cryptocurrencies
9.	Payment Flows without a Central Intermediary - How Can Trust and Consensus be Established?
10.	Competition between Digital Payment Systems - Liquidity, Network Effects, Power
11.	China's Digital Central Bank Currency (E-Yuan) - Realization and Objectives
12.	Monetary Policy Under a CBDC - Implementation and Transmission
13.	A CBDC for the Euro Area - Completing or Dividing the Monetary Union?

Seminar: Deglobalization



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Seminar: Deglobalization



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1.	Economic Nationalism and the Continental System of Napoleon
2.	The Integration of Japan into the World Economy: from Sakoku (seclusion) to the Meiji Restoration
3.	The Economic Impact of Colonization on the United Kingdom
4.	Past Episodes of Globalization
5.	The Political Economy of the US-led Post-1945 International Liberal Order
6.	Socialist Economies and Globalization
7.	Export-led Growth in East Asia: Japan, China and Beyond
8.	The Role of Monetary and Fiscal Policy for Financial Globalization Since the 1990s
9.	The US-China Trade Conflicts Under Trump and Biden
10.	Low Growth and High Debt: Is Globalization at Stake?
11.	Supply Chain Acts and Inflation
12.	Coronavirus Measures and Deglobalization
13.	Winners and Losers of Deglobalization
14.	Globalization: Good or Evil for a Green Economy
15.	Causes and Consequences of the Brexit



Topic Allocation

Choose **5** preferred topics:

e.g.

1. Winners and Losers of Deglobalization
2. Money Supply of Fiat Currencies vs. Money Supply of Cryptocurrencies
3. Globalization: Good or Evil for a Green Economy
4. The Integration of Japan into the World Economy: from Sakoku (seclusion) to the Meiji Restoration
5. Currency Competition after Bretton Woods - U.S. Dollar, German Mark and Japanese Yen

Send an email with a list to

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General Recommendations



Best Practices

1. Have a clear **research question** and stick to it
2. Be **consistent**
3. Make appropriate use of **literature**
4. Make appropriate use of **data**



Research Question: Example

Title:

**Currency Competition after Bretton Woods - U.S. Dollar,
German Mark and Japanese Yen**

Research Question (two examples):

- 1. What are the determinants of anchor currency?*
- 2. What role have the US Dollar, German Mark and Japanese Yen played after the collapse of the Bretton Woods System?*



Research Question: Example

Title:

Globalization: Good or Evil for a Green Economy

Research Question (two examples):

- 1. Does the transition to a green economy reduce negative external effects?*
- 2. What are the effects of globalization on developed and developing countries?*



Consistency Good

1. Introduction
2. Section
 - 2.1 Subsection
 - 2.2 Subsection
3. Section
 - 3.1 Subsection
 - 3.2 Subsection
4. Section
 - 4.1 Subsection
 - 4.2 Subsection
5. Conclusion

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1. Introduction
2. Section
 - 2.1 Subsection
 - 2.2 Subsection
3. Section
4. Section
 - 4.1 Subsection
 - 4.2 Subsection
 - 4.2.1 Subsubsection
 - 4.3 Subsection
5. Conclusion



Using Literature

- Use **Google Scholar** from the **University network** (or using a **VPN**)
- Use **high quality literature** (e.g. articles in peer-reviewed journals) to support your argument
- **20 to 30 academic references** are appropriate for a term paper



Using Data

- You are not expected to use econometric models.
- To support your argument, you are expected to produce empirical evidence by visualizing data.
- On our website you can find a collection of good data sources



Improve your writing

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- Check this out:

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Formal Requirements



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Any Questions?