

Department of Economics
- Bachelor Program -
Courses held in English language
Spring Semester 2018

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Please note that there is a single week to register for seminars in the Bachelor program. **The common registration period begins on November 19th 2017, 22:00 and ends on November 24th 2017, 24:00.** Please note that you are not allowed to apply for more than **a maximum of 2 seminars** during the common registration week. Registrations will be checked. Violation of this rule results in the exclusion from the seminars in question. A renewed application for vacant seats is possible. If you like to change your seminar - this can only be done in the first week after the registration period. Additional information can be found in the course commentaries of the seminars.

All courses marked with ** (****) are suitable for students in their second (fourth) semester.

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A Introductory Phase

Exercise classes for the courses Finanzwissenschaft, Grundlagen der Ökonometrie, Makroökonomik A, Mikroökonomik A, Statistik I und Wirtschaftspolitik will be available on the website of the department about 4 weeks prior to the beginning of the lecture period.

Makroökonomik A (englisch)

Yum, M.

Freitag 10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr wöchentlich 16.02.2018 - 01.06.2018
Schloss Mittelbau - M 003

Freitag 13:45 Uhr bis 15.15 Uhr wöchentlich 16.02.2018 - 01.06.2018
Schloss Mittelbau - M 003

Kommentar:

Please notice that you have to register for the lecture at Portal2.

Die Vorlesung wird parallel in deutscher und in englischer Sprache gehalten!

Course title: Makroökonomik A

Instructors: Prof. Minchul Yum, Ph.D.

Method: lecture (4) + practical exercises (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: German (Prof. Dr. Scheffel) or English (Prof. Yum, Ph.D.)

Prerequisites: none

Examination: written, 120 minutes

ECTS-Credits: 8

Course description:

I. Saving and Investment (Mankiw, Chapter 3)

- aggregate saving and investment in a closed economy
- applications: debt-financed increase in government spending, tax-financed increase in government spending, investment boom, retirement of the baby-boom generation, etc.

II. Micro-Foundations (Mankiw, Chapter 16)

- determinants of the consumption and saving decisions: Fisher-model of intertemporal consumption
- decisions under complete and incomplete markets; income and substitution effect and the saving decision
- Euler equation: derivation and interpretation
- life-cycle hypothesis (Modigliani)
- permanent-income hypothesis (Friedman)
- Ricardian equivalence

III. Macroeconomic Data (Mankiw, Chapter 2)

- national accounts
- inflation: BIP-deflator and the CPI

IV. Open Economy (Mankiw, Chapter 5)

- saving and investment in a small open economy
- covered and uncovered interest parity in real and nominal terms
- nominal und real exchange rates
- equilibrium on goods and capital markets and the real exchange rate
- twin deficit

V. Money (Chapter 4 and 18)

- quantity equation and quantity theory of money
- classical dichotomy vs. Neutrality of money
- monetary policy in the US and in Europe: targets and instruments of the respective central banks

VI. Aggregate demand and aggregate supply (Chapters 9 & 13)

- Short-run vs. long-run observations and questions
- Distinction between Keynesian and (Neo-) Classical Theory
- The AD-AS (aggregate demand – aggregate supply) Model
- Analysis of the short-run effects of monetary and fiscal policy

VII. Economic growth (Chapters 7 & 8, two sessions)

- Growth, prosperity, poverty
- Empirical observations: international panel data, time series
- The Solow Growth Model, steady state analysis
- Convergence in the model and in the data, convergence process
- The Golden Rule of capital
- Technological progress in the model and in the data

VIII. Unemployment (Chapter 6, two sessions)

- International empirical observations, current situation
- The classical model of the labor market
- Labor supply, labor demand, equilibrium on the labor market
- Technological progress, minimum wages, unions
- Search unemployment, matching
- Determination of the steady state unemployment rate
- Public policy

Literature:

Mankiw, N. Gregory (2011), Makroökonomik, 6. Auflage, Schäfer-Poeschl Verlag, Stuttgart.
oder die englischsprachige Ausgabe

Mankiw, N. Gregory (2012), Macroeconomics, 8th Rev, Worth Publishers Inc., U.S.

Contact person: Prof. Minchul Yum, Ph.D., E-Mail: minchul.yum@uni-mannheim.de, Tel.: (0621) 181 1853, Office: L 7, 3-5 Room P03, Office hour: upon appointment.

Mikroökonomik A (englisch)

Triviza, E.

Dienstag 08:30 Uhr bis 10:00 Uhr wöchentlich 13.02.2018 - 29.05.2018
Schloss Mittelbau - M 003

Donnerstag 10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr wöchentlich 15.02.2018 - 31.05.2018
Schloss Westflügel - W 117

Kommentar:

Course title: Mikroökonomik A
Instructor: Eleftheria Triviza, Ph.D.
Method (hours per week): lecture (4) + practical exercises (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Examination: written, 120 minutes
Prerequisites: none
ECTS-Credits: 8

Course description:

Household theory, demand, decisions under uncertainty, producer theory, firm supply and factor demand, partial and general equilibrium.

Literature:

Robert S. Pindyck und Daniel S. Rubinfeld, Microeconomics. (Sixth Edition), Pearson Education International, 2005.

Hal R. Varian, Intermediate Microeconomics: A Modern Approach. (Sixth Edition), W. W. Norton & Company, 2002.

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B Advanced Phase

Lectures

Antitrust/Competition Policy****				Kim, H.
Mittwoch L7, 3-5, P044	17:15 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr	wöchentlich	14.02.2018 - 30.05.2018	
Donnerstag L7, 3-5, P044	10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr	14-täglich	15.02.2018 - 24.05.2018	
Kommentar:				
Course title: Antitrust/Competition Policy				
Instructor: Harim Kim, Ph.D.				
Offered: spring term 2018				
Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + exercise class (1)				
Course level: Bachelor				
Course language: English				
Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A + B				
Examination: written final exam, 120 min.				
ECTS-Credits: 6				
Course description:				
This course is designed to provide an introduction to theoretical models and empirical methods in industrial organization, focusing on competition policy/antitrust. Monopoly and strategic interactions between firms will be studied using research papers and antitrust cases. Specifically, topics include collusion, horizontal merger, predation, and vertical restraints.				
Contact person: Harim Kim, Ph.D., Tel. (0621) 181-1873, E-Mail: harkim@mail.uni-mannheim.de, Office: L7, 3-5 3.09, Office hours: by appointment.				

Empirical Methods for Public Economics and Economic Policy				Dörrenberg, P.
Mittwoch L7, 3-5, S031	12:00 Uhr bis 13:30 Uhr	wöchentlich	14.02.2018 - 30.05.2018	
Kommentar:				
Course title: Empirical Methods for Public Economics and Economic Policy				
Instructor: Dr. Philipp Dörrenberg				
Offered: Spring term 2018				
Method (hours per week): lecture (2)				
Course level: Bachelor				
Course language: English				
Prerequisites: Introductory classes in Mathematics, Econometrics and Public Economics				
Examination: written exam (90 minutes) and/or take-home exam				
ECTS-Credits: 5				
Course description: The course gives students a thorough understanding of the main methods and approaches for empirical research in public economics and economic policy. The focus is on understanding the advantages and disadvantages of the available econometric methods and data, and less on a highly technical presentation. Using examples of recent academic research papers, we will analyze applications in public economics, political economy and policy evaluation.				

It is advisable that students have completed classes in Mathematics, Econometrics and Public Economics before attending this course.

Contact person: Dr. Philipp Dörrenberg, E-Mail: doerrenberg@zew.de

Financial Econometrics

Parolya, N.

Montag 13:45 Uhr bis 15:15 Uhr wöchentlich 12.02.2018 - 28.05.2018
Raum L9, 1-2, 003

Dienstag 17:15 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr wöchentlich 13.02.2018 - 29.06.2018
Raum L9, 1-2, 003

Kommentar:

Course title: Financial Econometrics

Instructor: Prof. Dr. Nestor Parolya

Offered: FSS 18

Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + practical exercises (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Statistik I,II und Grundlagen der Ökonometrie

Examination: written, 90 minutes

ECTS-Credits: 7

Course description:

The lecture deals with the statistical properties of financial market data and econometric methods which can be used to analyse these data. We will study procedures to test for the efficient market hypothesis and become familiar with methods to model the mean and the volatility of financial time series. Besides the application of nonparametric and classical test procedures, the focus will be on time series methods and models. In particular, ARMA and GARCH models will be covered. Empirical illustrations and exercises are incorporated into the lecture.

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Nestor Parolya, E-mail: parolya@statistik.uni-hannover.de

Fiscal Federalism

Asatryan, Z.

Donnerstag 12:00 Uhr bis 13:30 Uhr wöchentlich 15.02.2018 - 31.05.2018
L7, 3-5, 001

Kommentar:

Course title: Fiscal Federalism

Instructor: Dr. Zareh Asatryan

Offered: Spring 2018

Method (hours per week): lecture (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Language: English

Prerequisites: Basic Econometrics, Micro I and Macro I

Examination: tba

ECTS-Credits: 5

Course description:

This lecture deals with the public finances of multi-tiered governments. It starts with a historical and comparative review of fiscal federalism, particularly focusing on US, Swiss and German federations as well as on the emerging model of fiscal governance in the European Union. The lecture introduces the

basic tradeoffs on central versus local provision of public goods, and on tax competition including the interdependence of fiscal decisions of multi-tiered governments through the mobility and overlap of tax bases. It then uses the tools of applied micro-econometrics to analyze the spending and revenue-raising choices of state and local governments, and the political economy of intergovernmental transfers.

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Impact Evaluation

Montresor, G.

Donnerstag 12:00 Uhr bis 13:30 Uhr wöchentlich 15.02.2018 - 31.05.2018
L7, 3-5, 158

Donnerstag 15:30 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr 14-täglich 22.02.2018 - 31.05.2018
L7, 3-5, 158

Kommentar:

Course title: Impact Evaluation
Offered: Spring term 2018
Instructor: Giulia Montresor
Course language: English
Course level: Bachelor
Method (hours per week): Lecture (2) + Exercise Class (1)
Prerequisites: Basic Econometrics, Statistics I and II
Examination: Final exam, 90 minutes
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

The course is designed for introducing students to the main empirical strategies that are typically used for impact evaluation: Randomized Control Trials, Identification on Observables, Instrumental Variables, Difference-in-Difference, Regression Discontinuity Design. Students will be both exposed to fundamental concepts behind the estimation of causal effects and related applied applications.

Contact person: Giulia Montresor, E-Mail: montresor@uni-mannheim.de

Informational Economics

Honryo, T.

Donnerstag 15:30 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr wöchentlich 15.02.2018 - 31.05.2018
L7, 3-5, 001

Kommentar:

Course title: Informational Economics
Offered: spring term
Instructor: Prof. Takakazu Honryo, Ph.D.
Method (hours per week): lecture (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Basic knowledge in game theory
Examination: Final exam, 120 minutes
ECTS-Credits: 5

Course description:

This course covers topics related to asymmetric information, and especially we learn basics of contract theory (adverse selection and Moral Hazard) and signaling games (that includes theory of communication). Contract theory designs the strategic environment so as to induce players to behave in

the desired way. The question is: "How can we change the strategic environment (by imposing a contract or an organizational structure) such that the resulting equilibrium behavior of the involved players is efficient. In signaling games, we analyze the situation in which informed players decide how to signal their type, and the uninformed player has to decide how to respond to his informed opponent recognizing that signals may be strategically chosen. Both classes of models have a wide variety of applications.

Contact person: Prof. Takakazu Honryo, Ph.D., Tel. 181-3062, E-mail: thonryo@mail.uni-mannheim.de, Office: L7, 3-5, room 3.43

Game Theory****

Yang, L. /Tröger, T.

Montag 08:30 Uhr bis 10:00 Uhr wöchentlich 12.02.2018 - 28.05.2018
L7, 3-5, 001

Dienstag 08:30 Uhr bis 10:00 Uhr 14-täglich 13.02.2018 - 22.05.2018
L7, 3-5, 001

Kommentar:

Course title: Game Theory
Instructors: Lily Yang, Ph.D., Prof. Dr. Thomas Tröger
Offered: Spring term 2018
Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + practical exercise (1)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A + B
Examination: Written, 90 min.
ETCS-Credits: 6

Course description:

Goals and Contents: The goal of this course is to convey advanced methods of strategic interactions, building on the fundamental methods obtained in Microeconomics B. We begin by defining games and solution concepts. These will be practiced in applications from various areas of economics. The technical aspects will be trained in particular in the tutorials. The course consists of 5 parts: (I) Bayesian Games (II) Extensive Games (III) Evolutionary Games (IV) Repeated Games (V) Coalitional Games.

Contact persons:

Lily Yang, Ph.D., E-Mail: lily.yang@uni-mannheim.de
Prof. Dr. Thomas Tröger, Tel.: 181-3423, E-Mail: troeger@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, Room 3.47

Labor Markets

Habermalz, S.

Dienstag 12:00 Uhr bis 13:30 Uhr wöchentlich 13.02.2018 - 29.05.2018
L7, 3-5, S031

Donnerstag 10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr wöchentlich 15.02.2018 - 31.05.2018
L7, 3-5, S031

Kommentar:

Course title: Labor Markets
Instructor: Steffen Habermalz, Ph.D.
Offered: spring semester 2018
Method (hours per week): lecture (3) + practical exercises (1)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English

Prerequisites: Grundlagenbereich
Examination: written, 90 minutes
ECTS-Credits: 8

Course description:

This course introduces the student to the economic analysis of the market for human resources: The Labor Market. After a brief introduction we will analyze the determinants of Labor Supply and Labor Demand followed by discussion of Labor Market Equilibrium including the debate over the minimum wage. The acquisition of Human Capital (overall skill level of a person incl. education/degrees) plays a major role in modern societies.

We will outline the basic theory of Human Capital formation with an application to education. After reviewing Signaling as an alternative reason for the acquisition of educational degrees the course introduces Compensating Differentials as the basis for occupational choice. We then examine worker mobility with an emphasis on geographic mobility followed by a discussion of the wage effects of (legal) immigration. Finally, we will outline different theories of labor market discrimination and also describe the empirical evolution of gender and racial differences in wages.

Contact person: Steffen Habermalz, Ph.D., Tel. +49-621-181-1785, E-Mail: habermalz@uni-mannheim.de, Office: L7, 3-5, room 1.44, office hours: upon appointment

Law and Economics****

Zudenkova, G.

Donnerstag 8:30 Uhr bis 10:00 Uhr wöchentlich 15.02.2018 - 31.05.2018
L7, 3-5, S031

Kommentar:

Course title: Law and Economics

Instructor: Prof. Galina Zudenkova, PhD

Offered: once a year

Method (hours per week): lecture (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Intermediate Microeconomics, Basic Game Theory

Examination: Final Exam, written 90 min. (85%) + Participation in class (15%)

ECTS-Credits: 5

Course description:

This course provides an introduction to the field of Law and Economics. It covers core ideas in the areas of tort law, contract law and criminal law, property law and the Coase Theorem, intellectual property law and constitutional law, among others. The focus of the lectures will be primarily on theoretical work.

Practice exercises will be assigned during the semester. The course provides an introduction to economic analysis and its application to legal rules and institutions that is accessible to any student who has taken principles of microeconomics and game theory. Students leave the course understanding how microeconomic theory can be used to critically evaluate law and public policy. The course should prove useful for any student interested in analyzing policy issues. It will be particularly valuable background for those students intending to specialize in public economics and political economy.

Contents:

1. Tort law with one active party
2. Tort law with two or more active parties
3. Contracts
4. Contracts with two active parties
5. Criminal law
6. Property rights & the Coase Theorem
7. Intellectual property law
8. Constitutional law

Contact person: Prof. Galina Zudenkova, PhD, E-Mail: galina.zudenkova@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, Tel. 181-1782.

Markets and the Environment

Wagner, U.

Montag 10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr wöchentlich 12.02.2018 - 28.05.2018
L7, 3-5, S031

Mittwoch 13:45 Uhr bis 15:15 Uhr wöchentlich 14.02.2018 - 30.05.2018
L7, 3-5, S031

Kommentar:

Course title: Markets and the Environment

Instructor: Prof. Ulrich Wagner, Ph.D.

Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + exercise class (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A und B, Grundlagen der Ökonometrie

Examination: Written final exam, 90 min

ECTS-Credits: 7

Course description:

This course will provide an introduction to the field of environmental and natural resource economics. The course will be subdivided into four subject areas:

1. Economic analysis of policy instruments for regulating environmental pollution: Command-and-control regulation vs. market-based policy instruments.
2. Techniques for the valuation of environmental quality as an input for cost-benefit analysis: Hedonic pricing, travel cost method and contingent valuation.
3. International aspects of environmental regulation: International environmental agreements, "pollution leakage" via international trade and investment.
4. Efficient management of renewable and non-renewable natural resources.

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The Evolution of Financial Markets

Donges, A.

Dienstag 13:45 Uhr bis 15:15 Uhr wöchentlich 13.02.2018 - 29.05.2018
L9, 1-2, 003

Dienstag 15:30 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr 14-täglich 13.02.2018 - 22.05.2018
L9, 1-2, 009

Kommentar:

Course title: The Evolution of Financial Markets

Instructor: Dr. Alexander Donges

Method (hours per week): lecture (2), exercise (1)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Basic knowledge in econometrics (at the level of "Grundlagen der Ökonometrie") is required for the discussion of empirical research papers.

Examination: written exam (90 minutes) (70%), presentation (20%), and class participation (10%).

ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

This course focuses on the evolution of financial markets since the late medieval period. We analyze the emergence of modern financial markets and the creation of financial innovations. Starting with foreign bills of exchange in the Habsburg Netherlands of the 16th century, we consider the emergence of bond markets, debt crises, stock market booms and bubbles, as well as the emergence of futures markets. In December, I will upload a detailed outline on my website (donges.vwl.uni-mannheim.de).

The course includes a lecture (2 hours a week) and a practical exercise session (2 hours each second week). In the exercise session we discuss selected empirical research papers that focus on the history of financial markets, financial crises, and the relation between financial development and economic growth. In addition to the final exam, every participant has to present an empirical research paper as part of the exercise session. The presentation accounts for 20% and class participation for 10% of the final grade. I am going to announce the papers for the presentation in the first lecture.

Literature:

The course is based on quantitative and qualitative research papers, published in leading academic journals of economics, finance, and economic history (e.g. American Economic Review, Journal of Finance, Financial History Review, Journal of Economic History). I provide detailed references on the lecture slides.

For a general introduction to financial history, I recommend the following popular books:

Ferguson, Niall (2008): The ascent of money. A financial history of the world, London.

Reinhart, Carmen M./Rogoff, Kenneth S. (2009): This time is different. Eight Centuries of Financial Folly, Princeton.

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Time Series Analysis

Stocker, T.

Freitag 12:00 Uhr bis 13.30 Uhr wöchentlich 16.02.2018 - 01.06.2018
L7, 3-5, 001

Übungen / Exercise sessions:

Donnerstag 17:15 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr wöchentlich 22.02.2018 - 31.05.2018
L9, 1-2, 003

Freitag 10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr wöchentlich 23.02.2018 - 01.06.2018
L9, 1-2, 003

Kommentar:

Course title: Time Series Analysis

Instructor: Dr. Toni Stocker

Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + practical exercises (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Basic Statistics, Basic Econometrics. Laptop needed

Examination: written (120 min) 80%, practical exercises 20%

ECTS-Credits: 7

Course description:

The lecture gives an introduction to applied univariate and multivariate time series techniques and will cover AR(I)MA, ADL, VAR and GARCH processes. We will discuss model specification and diagnosis, forecasting and unit root testing. Depending on time, we will also cover estimation of dynamic causal effects and the cointegration concept. The lecture will be accompanied by computer tutorials and exercises. The statistical software package R will intensively be used throughout this course.

Please have a look on our website statistik.vwl.uni-mannheim.de at the beginning of the semester for more course information.

Contact person: Dr. Toni Stocker, E-Mail: stocker@rumms.uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 143, Tel. 181-3963

Statistical Learning and Big Data in R

Pytko, K.

Freitag	10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr	Einzeltermin	16.02.2018
Raum L7, 3-5, S031			
Freitag	10:15 Uhr bis 14:45 Uhr	Einzeltermin	20.04.2018
Raum L7, 3-5, 158			
Samstag	09:00 Uhr bis 14:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	21.04.2018
Raum L7, 3-5, 158			
Freitag	10:15 Uhr bis 15:15 Uhr	Einzeltermin	27.04.2018
Raum L7, 3-5, 158			
Samstag	09:00 Uhr bis 14:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	28.04.2018
Raum L7, 3-5, 158			

Kommentar:

Course title: Statistical Learning and Big Data in R

Instructor: Krzysztof Pytko, Ph.D.

Offered: spring term 2018

Method (hours per week): Lecture (2), blocked in mid/late April, initial meeting at the beginning of the semester

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Grundlagen der Ökonometrie

Examination: paper

ECTS-Credits: 5

Maximum number of participants: 42

Course description: Statistical learning is a set of methods that allow to study processes that cannot be satisfactorily explained by the existing theories. Those procedures are particularly useful for analyzing complex datasets with many observations and many variables. This course will introduce to the basics of statistical learning with emphasis put on building models that provide the most accurate predictions. First we will review supervised problems, in which the value of an outcome measure is predicted on the base of a number of input measures. Then we will focus on unsupervised problems, in which the goal is to find common patterns among input measures. All examples will be implemented in R, an open-source statistical computing language. One of the purposes of the course is to familiarize students with this language, which nowadays is extensively used both in academia and in industry. No programming skills are assumed and I will start teaching it from scratch. Students have to write a paper after the course.

Please register for this course via E-Mail to pytko@uni-mannheim.de. Selection process of participants: first come, first serve.

Contact person: Krzysztof Pytko, Ph.D., E-mail: pytko@uni-mannheim.de

Statistics and Stata

Avdeenko, A./Steinke, I.

Montag 15:30 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr wöchentlich 12.02.2018 - 30.04.2018
L7, 3-5, 158

Kommentar:

Der Kurs gibt eine Einführung in die Arbeit mit Stata. Das umfasst, wie man Do-Dateien anlegt, Daten für die Analyse aufbereitet, Variablen erzeugt, Macros in Stata verwendet und Datensätze verschmilzt. Grundlegende und fortgeschrittene statistische Verfahren werden im Kurs diskutiert. Dabei wird nach einer Einführung in das entsprechende statistische Modell aufgezeigt, wie entsprechende Daten mit Stata zu analysieren und wie die Ergebnisse zu interpretieren sind. Zu den Modellen, die besprochen werden, gehören elementare statistische Modelle, das Lineare Regressionsmodell mit homo- und heteroskedastischem Fehlerterm, Analysis of Variance-Modelle, lineare Panel-Daten Modelle, nichtlineare Regressionsmodelle sowie binäre und multinomiale Regressionsmodelle.

This course is intended for economics students and economics exchange students only. Students must have completed the course Introduction into Econometrics (Grundlagen der Ökonometrie) or equivalent.

Please pre-register at Portal2.

Course title: Statistics and Stata

Instructors: Dr. Ingo Steinke und Dr. Alexandra Avdeenko

Offered: spring semester 2018

Method: Lecture (2) + exercise class (1)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Statistics I and II, Introduction into Econometrics (or equivalent)

ECTS: 6

Exam: Programming exam

The course gives an introduction into the data management in Stata. That includes how to set up do-files, the preparation of data for analysis, the generation of variables, the use of macros in Stata, and the merging of data sets. Basic and advanced statistical procedures will be discussed in the course. For each model there will be an introduction to the statistical model and it will be shown how to analyze the corresponding data with Stata and how to interpret the output of Stata. The models considered are some elementary statistical models, the linear regression model with homoscedastic and heteroscedastic error terms, analysis of variance models, linear panel data models, nonlinear regression models and binary and multinomial models.

Einführende Literatur: Cameron/ Trivedi (2009). Microeconometrics using Stata. Stata Press.

Contact: Dr. Alexandra Avdeenko, Tel.: 0621 181 3500, eMail: avdeenko@uni-mannheim.de;
Dr. Ingo Steinke, Tel.: 0621 181 1940, eMail: isteinke@rumms.uni-mannheim.de

Seminars

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Applied Econometrics				Trenkler, C.
Montag L9, 1-2, 003	15:30 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	12.02.2018	
Donnerstag Schloss Schneckenhof Ost - SO 422	09:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	01.03.2018	
Freitag Schloss Schneckenhof Ost - SO 422	09:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	02.03.2018	
Samstag Schloss Schneckenhof Ost - SO 422	09:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	03.03.2018	
Kommentar:				
<p>Die Studenten bearbeiten selbständig ein empirisches Projekt, um sich mit der praktischen empirischen Arbeit inklusive der Interpretation von empirischen Ergebnissen vertraut zu machen. Aufbauend auf den Kenntnissen, die im Kurs Grundlagen der Ökonometrie vermittelt wurden, sollen sich die Teilnehmer weitere notwendige ökonometrische Grundkenntnisse zu Modellklassen, Schätzverfahren und Tests aneignen, um eine empirische Fragestellung beantworten zu können. Die Themen beziehen sich auf das multiple Regressionsmodell für Querschnittsdaten sowie auf mikroökonometrische, Panel-, und Zeitreihenmodelle, so dass die Teilnehmer durch ihr eigenes sowie die Projekte ihrer Kommilitonen einen umfassenden Überblick zu den diversen Modellklassen erhalten. Die Teilnehmerzahl ist auf 14 begrenzt. Details zu den Themen sowie dem Seminarablauf werden Anfang November 2017 auf der Seminarwebseite veröffentlicht.</p>				
Instructor: Prof. Dr. Carsten Trenkler				
Offered: spring 2018				
Method (hours per week): block seminar (2)				
Course Level: Bachelor				
Course Language: English				
Prerequisites: Grundlagen der Ökonometrie und Statistik I+II (Basic Econometrics and Statistics I+II)				
Examination: Seminararbeit, Hand-out, und Vortrag (Seminar paper, Hand-out, and presentation)				
ECTS: 6				
<p>Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 19th November 2017, 10 p.m., until 24th November 2017, 12 p.m. Please name your current semester, the number of already successfully completed seminars, your three preferred seminar topics and register via E-Mail to trenkler@uni-mannheim.de. Selection process of seminar participants: Grade in Basic Econometrics (Grundlagen der Ökonometrie).</p>				
Course Description:				
<p>The students will conduct an own empirical study in order to become familiar with applied research, what includes the ability to interpret empirical results in a meaningful way.</p> <p>Based on the material covered in the course Grundlagen der Ökonometrie, students will extend their</p>				

knowledge on econometric models, estimation methods and test procedures in order to solve empirical problems. The seminar topics will refer to the multiple regression model for cross-section data as well as to microeconomic, panel data and time series models. Thereby, students should gain a broad overview on the various model classes through their own and their colleagues' projects. The maximum number of participants in the seminar is limited to 14. Details regarding the seminar topics and schedule will be posted on the seminar's webpage at the beginning of November 2017.

Contact: Prof. Dr. Carsten Trenkler, e-Mail: trenkler@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, Raum 105, Tel. 181-1852

Educational Economics

Farbmacher, H.

Freitag 8:30 Uhr bis 10:00 Uhr wöchentlich 16.02.2018 - 01.06.2018
Raum L7, 3-5, P043

Kommentar:

Please note that you have to register via e-Mail to: farbmacher@uni-mannheim.de

Selection process of seminar participants: First come first serve
Maximum number of participants: 15

Course title: Educational Economics

Instructor: Dr. Helmut Farbmacher

Offered: FSS 18

Method (hours per week): Seminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A, Grundlagen der Ökonometrie

Examination: Seminar paper (approx. 10 pages without figures and tables), presentation (approx. 20 minutes) and active participation in the discussions during the seminar. Grading: seminar paper (50%), presentation (50%)

ETCS-Credits: 6

Course description:

The goal of this seminar is to give an overview of interesting research questions in educational economics. The students should be enabled to understand basic concepts in educational economics and microeconomic methods, and to utilize recent results for their own applied work. Course website (available soon): <http://www.farbmacher.de/mannheim/ee/lecture.html>

Details of the course will be discussed during the introductory meeting on Friday, 16 February 2018.

Contact person: Dr. Helmut Farbmacher, E-Mail: farbmacher@uni-mannheim.de

Education and Health Programs in Developing Countries****

Kaufmann, K.

Mittwoch 10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr Einzeltermin 14.02.2018
L9, 1-2, 003

Weitere Termine tba

Kommentar:

Course title: Education and Health Programs in Developing Countries

Instructor: Prof. Katja Kaufmann, Ph.D.

Offered: spring term

Method (hours per week): block seminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor
 Course language: English
 Prerequisites: Statistik I + II
 Examination: presentation (30%), seminar paper (50%), discussions (20%)
 ECTS-Credits: 6
 Maximum number of participants: 20

Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 19th November 2017, 10 p.m., until 24th November 2017, 12 p.m. Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars and register via E-Mail to: Ms. Jann-Grahovac (cjann@uni-mannheim.de). Selection process of seminar participants: first come, first serve.

Course description:

In this course, we will discuss several of the most important antipoverty programs in developing countries. In particular, we will focus on education and health programs. We will talk about the implementation of the programs, program details, how the design and type of programs has been changing over the course of the last decades and why. The main goal of this course is to teach students how to evaluate the effectiveness of such programs in terms of their effects on people's health, educational attainment, labour market earnings, fertility decisions, poverty, well-being and so forth. An evaluation of the causal effect of such programs is extremely challenging because one would need to observe people in the state of "having been part of the program", but one would also need to observe those same individuals in the state of "not having been part of the program" to compare the outcomes in these two different states of the world, which is obviously not possible. This course will teach students how the impact of antipoverty programs can be evaluated using intuitive and important widely-used methods such as conducting a randomized experiment or applying matching, Difference-in-difference, instrumental variable or regression Discontinuity approaches.

Contact person: Prof. Katja Kaufmann, Ph.D., Tel.: (0621) 181-1959,
 E-Mail: kaufmann@vwl.uni-mannheim.de, Office: L7, 3-5, P01, Office hour: upon appointment.

Emissions Trading in Theory and Practice Emissions Trading in Theory and Practice

Wagner, U.

Donnerstag L9, 1-2, 009	17:15 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr	Einzeltermin	22.02.2018
Freitag L7, 3-5, P044	09:00 Uhr bis 18:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	20.04.2018
Samstag L7, 3-5, P044	09:00 Uhr bis 18:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	21.04.2018

Kommentar:

Course title: Emissions Trading in Theory and Practice
 Offered: Spring term 2018
 Instructor: Prof. Ulrich Wagner, Ph.D.
 Method (hours per week): block seminar (2)
 Course level: Bachelor
 Course language: English
 Prerequisites: Markets and the Environment (can be taken concurrently)
 Examination: Presentation (30%), seminar paper (50%), discussions (20%)
 ECTS-Credits: 6
 Maximum number of participants: 20

Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 19th November 2017, 10 p.m., until 24th November 2017, 12 p.m.
 Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars and register via E-Mail to: ulrich.wagner@uni-mannheim.de.

Selection process of seminar participants: first come, first serve

Course description:

Since environmental policies were first implemented in industrialized countries more than four decades ago, the initial "command-and-control" approach has given way to more decentralized, price-based policies to regulated pollution emissions. A Pigouvian tax is such a well-established policy, but governments around the world are increasingly favoring "emissions trading" schemes, i.e. establishing a market where polluters can buy and sell emission permits.

Drawing on theoretical, empirical and experimental research, this seminar analyzes a variety of economic, political and environmental aspects of this policy: Environmental effectiveness and economic costs, impacts on market structure and on international competitiveness, incentives for innovation in clean technologies, optimal design of permit allocation mechanisms and market stabilizing interventions, as well as behavioral aspects.

Students will write a 10-page paper on a particular aspect and present their work in class.

Contact person: Prof. Ulrich Wagner, Ph.D.; E-Mail: ulrich.wagner@uni-mannheim.de;
Tel.: +49 (0) 621 181-1420; Office: L7, 3-5 Room 2.11; Office hours: Thursdays, 2-3pm

Empirical Methods in Industrial Organization

Takahashi, H.

Mittwoch L7, 3-5, P043	13:45 Uhr bis 15:15 Uhr	Einzeltermin	14.02.2018
Samstag L7, 3-5, P043	09:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	26.05.2018
Sonntag L7, 3-5, P043	09:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	27.05.2018

Kommentar:

Course title: Empirical Methods in Industrial Organization

Offered: spring semester 2018

Instructor: Prof. Hidenori Takahashi, Ph.D.

Method: block seminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A + B, Grundlagen der Ökonometrie

Examination: Research review (50%) + Presentation (50%)

ECTS-Credits: 6

Maximum number of participants: 15

Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 19th November 2017, 10 p.m., until 24th November 2017, 12 p.m. Registration via E-Mail to: htakahas@mail.uni-mannheim.de including your student number. Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars.

Selection process of seminar participants: Priority will be given to students of higher semesters and students that have completed fewer seminars. The remaining places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Course description:

This course is intended to provide an introduction to empirical industrial organization (IO). We will discuss the model, research question, sources of identification and estimation methodology. Topics include estimation of production functions, collusion, differentiated product demand, price discrimination, vertical relationships, and technology adoption. Students are required to select one paper for presentation and another one for writing a review (the guideline is provided at the organizational meeting).

Each student has up to 30 minutes for presentation followed by a 10-minutes discussion.

Contact person: Prof. Hidenori Takahashi, Ph.D., Tel.: (0621) 181 - 1767,
E-Mail: htakahas@mail.uni-mannheim.de, office: L7, 3-5 3.08; Office hours: by appointment.

Experimental Economics**/****

Dürsch, P.

Freitag 15:30 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr wöchentlich 16.02.2018 - 01.06.2018
Schloss Ehrenhof West - EW 169

Kommentar:

Please note that you have to register via e-Mail to: duersch@uni-mannheim.de (sign up until first meeting)

Selection process of seminar participants: first come first serve
Maximum number of participants: 20

Course title: Experimental Economics
Instructor: Dr. Peter Dürsch
Offered: FSS 18
Method (hours per week): Seminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English (final thesis can also be in German)
Prerequisites: none (but having taken part in a course on Experimental Economics or Behavioral Economics will be helpful)
Examination: seminar paper
ETCS-Credits: 6

Course description:

Students will design and implement their own experiment during the seminar. In the meetings, we will discuss design ideas, writing of instructions and how to implement the experiment. During the later part of the semester, we will discuss the evaluation of the experimental data. The final paper on students own experiment will be graded.

Contact person: Dr. Peter Dürsch, E-Mail: duersch@uni-mannheim.de

History of Recent Economics****

Svorenčik, A.

Montag 13:45 Uhr bis 15:15 Uhr Einzeltermin 12.02.2018
L7, 3-5, P043

Freitag 10:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr Einzeltermin 20.04.2018
B6, 30-32, 309

Samstag 10:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr Einzeltermin 21.04.2018
B6, 30-32, 309

Kommentar:

Course title: History of Recent Economics
Instructor: Dr. Andrej Svorenčik
Method (hours per week): Block seminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Introductory Microeconomics + Introductory Macroeconomics

Examination: Presentation, seminar paper and participation
ECTS-Credits: 6

Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 19th November 2017, 10 p.m., until 24th November 2017, 12 p.m. Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars and register via E-Mail to Friederike Pippardt (pippardt@uni-mannheim.de). Selection process of seminar participants: first come, first serve.
Maximum number of participants: 13

Course description:

Economics underwent several major transformations in the 20th century. Mathematical formalization, economic modeling, econometrics and economic experiments transformed it to such a degree that two economists century apart would have trouble to understand each other and practice economics in the same fashion. The aim of this seminar is to understand these transformations through the study of selected Nobel Prize-winning contributions to economics. The Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences has come to be associated with the most influential and path-breaking research in economics. Since its inception in 1969, almost eighty scholars have been awarded it. This course is designed for students with basic background in economics who want to learn about the building blocks of modern economics from a historical perspective.

Contact person: Dr. Andrej Svorenčik, Tel.: (0621) 181-3425, E-Mail: pippardt@uni-mannheim.de, Office: L7, 3-5, R 4.06

Many-player Bargaining****

Kim, D.

Donnerstag L7, 3-5, P043	10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr	Einzeltermin	15.02.2018
Freitag L7, 3-5, P044	9:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	13.04.2018
Samstag L7, 3-5, P043	9:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	14.04.2018

Kommentar:

Course title: Many-player Bargaining
Instructor: Prof. Duk Gyoo Kim, Ph.D.
Offered: Spring 2018
Method (hours per week): block seminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Knowledge in non-cooperative game theory at the level of Microeconomic B
Examination: presentation, a term paper
ECTS-Credits: 6
Maximum number of participants: 15

Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 19th November 2017, 10 p.m., until 24th November 2017, 12 p.m. Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars and register via E-Mail to: d.kim@uni-mannheim.de. Selection process of seminar participants: first come, first serve.

Course description:

Negotiation among many agents with conflicting interest is commonplace. Distributive politics, the process of reaching a collective decision of many legislators to allocate the fixed amount of budget, is one of the main arenas where many-player bargaining happens. Our goal is to keep up with theoretical advancement of "structured" multilateral bargaining. Students are required to present one paper in the provided list to discuss the paper's main contributions, reasoning, and weaknesses.

Students are also required to write a report in the form of a research proposal or a survey paper. Details will be discussed at the organizational meeting.

Contact person: Prof. Duk Gyoo Kim, Ph.D., Tel. (0621) 181-1797, E-Mail: d.kim@uni-mannheim.de, Office: L7, 3-5, room 2.25

Recent Empirical Evidence on the Causes of (Under-)Development

Ciccione, A.

Donnerstag 10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr Einzeltermin 08.02.2018
L7, 3-5, P043

Freitag 09:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr Einzeltermin 04.05.2018
L9, 1-2, 002

Samstag 09:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr Einzeltermin 05.05.2018
L9, 1-2, 002

Kommentar:

Course title: Recent Empirical Evidence on the Causes of (Under-)Development

Instructor: Prof. Dr. Antonio Ciccione

Offered: Spring 2018

Method (hours per week): block seminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Calculus, Statistics, Econometrics, Makro A and Makro B

Examination: Präsentation plus Seminararbeit

ECTS-Credits: 6

Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 19th November 2017, 10 p.m., until 24th November 2017, 12 p.m. Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars and register via e-Mail to: antonio.ciccione@uni-mannheim.de. Selection process of seminar participants: "first-come first-served". Maximum number of participants: 15

Course description:

We will discuss recent and influential research papers on the causes of development and underdevelopment.

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Antonio Ciccione, Tel. (0621) 181-1830, E-Mail: antonio.ciccione@uni-mannheim.de, Office: L7, 3-5, room 2.19

Strategic Information Transmission for Bachelor students****

Honryo, T.

Montag 17:15 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr Einzeltermin 19.02.2018
L9, 1-2, 009

Freitag 09:00 Uhr bis 16:00 Uhr Einzeltermin 27.04.2018
L7, 3-5, P044

Kommentar:

Course title: Strategic Information Transmission for Bachelor students

Instructor(s): Prof. Dr. Takakazu Honryo

Offered: Spring term

Method (hours per week): block seminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor
 Course language: English
 Prerequisites: Basic knowledge of non-cooperative game theory at the level of Microeconomics B
 Examination: Term paper, presentation
 ECTS-Credits: 6
 Maximum Number of participants: 15

Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 19th November 2017, 10 p.m., until 24th November 2017, 12 p.m. Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars. Registration via E-Mail to: thonryo@mail.uni-mannheim.de. Selection process of seminar participants: first-come first-serve.

Course description:

Students are required to pick one paper in selected topics and give a presentation to discuss the paper's strengths and weaknesses. Based on comments that they receive in the presentation, students are required to write a report summarizing the seminar paper.

Topics include cheap talk games, persuasion games, and their application to political economics. To make a presentation in class based on a paper of your choice on strategic information transmission, I recommend you pick a paper from the list I will distribute.

Contact person: Prof. Takakazu Honryo, Tel. 181-3062, E-mail: thonryo@mail.uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 3.43

Technology and the Labor Market

Habermalz, S.

Mittwoch L9, 1-2, 002	13:45 Uhr bis 15:15 Uhr	Einzeltermin	14.02.2018
Freitag B6, 23-25, A102	09:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	27.04.2018
Samstag L9, 1-2, 003	09:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	28.04.2018

Kommentar:

Course title: Technology and the Labor Market
 Instructor: Steffen Habermalz, Ph.D.
 Offered: Spring 2018
 Method (hours per week): block seminar (2)
 Course level: Bachelor
 Course language: English
 Prerequisites: Mikro A + B, Econometrics
 Examination: Presentation and Seminar Paper
 ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description: One recurring phenomenon over the last 200 years is the fear that automation related to technological progress will make workers obsolete. Possibly the most famous example is the Luddite movement of the early 19th century protesting the use of new technology in the production of textiles. But fact is that, although many, many new technologies greatly reduced the demand for labor in the affected occupations, we have not entered an age of mass unemployment. Why? This seminar attempts to answer this questions by examining the wide-ranging impact that technology has on labor markets. The topics are as diverse as internet job search, unemployment, job tasks, education, and social networks. Students will write a literature review (approx. 15 pages, details in class) on a selected topic and present their findings in a presentation (30min + discussion).

Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 19th November 2017, 10 p.m., until 24th November 2017, 12 p.m. Registration via E-Mail to: habermalz@uni-

manheim.de, including your student number. Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars. Selection process of seminar participants: Priority will be given to students of higher semesters and students that have completed fewer seminars. The remaining places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Maximum number of participants: 16

Contact person: Steffen Habermalz, Ph.D., Tel. +49-621-181-1785, E-Mail: habermalz@uni-mannheim.de, Office: L7, 3-5, room 1.44, office hours: upon appointment.

Topics in Financial Regulation****

Scheffel, M.

Termin: tba

Raum: tba

Kommentar:

Course title: Topics in Financial Regulation

Instructor: Prof. Dr. Martin Scheffel

Offered: FSS 2018

Method (hours per week): block seminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Introduction to Economics, Macroeconomics A, Microeconomics A

Examination: term-paper and seminar presentation

ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description: The course is on financial market inefficiencies and financial regulation to manage (ex-post regulation) and to prevent (ex-ante regulation) financial crises and banking crises.

The seminar is organized around a series of academic papers that discuss financial stability.

The first set of papers includes provides different arguments for fragility of the financial system with focus on financial intermediation. The second set of papers discusses the pre-2008 financial regulation and its role for triggering and propagating the Recession. The third set of papers focuses on different proposals to overcome the shortcomings of the existing regulation, including Basel III, Equity Recourse Notes, and the Chicago Plan.

The seminar is limited to a maximum of 20 participants. Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 19th November 2017, 10 p.m., until 24th November 2017, 12 p.m. Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars and register via E-Mail to: scheffel@wiso.uni-koeln.de. Selection process of seminar participants: first come, first serve.

Contact person(s): Prof. Dr. Martin Scheffel, E-mail: scheffel@wiso.uni-koeln.de

Topics in International Economics****

Fadinger, H.

Termin: tba

Raum: tba

Kommentar:

Course title: Topics in International Economics

Offered: spring term

Instructor: Prof. Harald Fadinger, Ph.D.

Method (hours per week): block seminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A, Makroökonomik A, Internationale Ökonomik

Examination: oral presentation, term paper

ECTS-Credits: 6

Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 19th November 2017, 22:00 until 24th November 2017, 24:00. Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars. Please register via E-Mail to Nadine Scherer (nadine.scherer@vwl.uni-mannheim.de) and enclose your final grade in the course "International Economics" ("Internationale Ökonomik"). Selection process of seminar participants: ranking based on the grade achieved in the course "International Economics" ("Internationale Ökonomik").

Maximum number of participants: 20

Course description:

This seminar covers varying topics in international economics (depending on the students' interest), such as: currency crises and sovereign debt crises; the impact of trade and offshoring on labor markets in developing and industrialized countries, the impact of trade on development/growth. Students should ideally already have some knowledge of international economics (e.g. by having taken the lecture International Economics) and econometrics, since we will mostly discuss empirical papers. The course will have a seminar structure. Students will present academic articles in class and write a term paper. The seminar sessions will be scheduled in the organizational meeting, the date of which is to be announced.

Contact person: Prof. Harald Fadinger, Ph.D., E-Mail: harald.fadinger@uni-mannheim.de,
Tel.: (0621) 181 - 3505, Office: L7, 3-5 4.19

C Additional courses for economists

Forschungsseminar in Wirtschaftsgeschichte				Streb, J.
Mittwoch	17:15 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr	wöchentlich	14.02.2018 - 30.05.2018	
L7, 3-5, P043				
Kommentar:				
Im Forschungsseminar präsentieren Mannheimer und auswärtige Wissenschaftler und Doktoranden ihre aktuellen Forschungsprojekte. Es können daran außer Studierenden im Bachelor- und Masterstudiengang VWL und Doktoranden der Abteilung VWL auch Absolventen geschichtswissenschaftlicher Studiengänge teilnehmen. Das aktuelle Programm entnehmen Sie bitte dem gesonderten Aushang "Research Seminar in Economic History".				
Course title: Research seminar in economic history Offered: every semester Method (hours per week): seminar (2) Course level: Bachelor, Master, Ph.D. Course language: English Examination: none ECTS-credits: none				
Course description: In this seminar both researchers from other universities and doctoral students from Mannheim will present their current research projects.				
Contact person: Prof. Dr. Jochen Streb, Tel.: 181-1932, E-Mail: streb@uni-mannheim.de ; L7, 3-5, P19/20				

Courses offered by the university library

Business Studies & Economics: Literature Search				Pintsch, M./Selzer, K.
Donnerstag	10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr	Einzeltermin	01.03.2018	
Library "Schloss Ehrenhof", training classroom (Schulungsraum)				
Kommentar:				
The course teaches techniques of a scientific literature search by the example of Economics and Business databases (Business Source Premier, ABI/INFORM Complete, EconLit) and describes how to get access to the books and electronic documents.				
Course language: English Target audience: Students in Business Studies or Economics Further dates by arrangement (starting from 5 participants).				
The course can also be booked for seminar or thesis courses. Please contact the responsible subject librarian for date arrangements or further information.				
BWL: Matthias Pintsch, email: matthias.pintsch@bib.uni-mannheim.de , phone: 0621/181-2754. VWL: Katharina Selzer, email: katharina.selzer@bib.uni-mannheim.de , phone: 0621/181-3018.				

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