Updates zum Kommentierten Vorlesungsverzeichnis
für das Frühjahrs-/Sommersemester 2019
B. Sc. Volkswirtschaftslehre

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Module title: Family Policies – An Economic Perspective
Responsible teacher of the module: Prof. Michele Tertilt, Ph.D.
Cycle of offer: Irregular
ECTS credits: 6
Teaching method (hours per week): Seminar (2)
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Micro A+B, Macro A+B, Statistik I+II und Grundlagen der Ökonometrie
Grading and ECTS credits: active class participation (20%), Presentation (40%) and Term Paper (40%)

Goals and contents of the module: This is a seminar for Bachelor students interested in family policies. We will analyze policies affecting various aspects of family life – ranging from subsidized day-care, parental leave policies to divorce law. We will study how such laws impact fertility and labor force participation decisions. We will take both a normative and a positive perspective by asking what would be optimal laws. We will study family policy internationally and then zoom in on Germany specifically.

This is a seminar. A seminar means that the students are the teachers. You will each be assigned one topic, which you are asked to study in depth and then explain to your classmates.

Expected competences acquired after completion of the module: Students will acquire knowledge about the economic effects of a large set of different family policies. They will be able to critically assess the consequences of various family policies – both from a positive and a normative perspective. Students will learn how to acquire knowledge independently. They can synthesize a body of literature and formulate the most important arguments. They can communicate their findings effectively to their classmates. In the process, they will develop communication, presentation, and writing skills in English.

Expected number of students in class: 20 - 14 (both expected and maximum)
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Office: L7, 3-5, P07.
Module title: Topics in Financial Economics

Responsible teacher of the module: Prof. Dr. Ernst-Ludwig von Thadden / Dr. André Stenzel

Cycle of offer: once a year

ECTS credits: 6

Teaching method (hours per week): Block Seminar (2)

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Microeconomics A+B (prerequisite), Financial Economics (strongly advised)

Grading and ECTS credits: Presentation (40%) and Report (60%)

Goals and contents of the module: Students are required to pick a paper in selected topics relating to Financial Economics and give a presentation to discuss the paper’s strengths and weaknesses. Based on their work, and the comments that they receive in the presentation, students are required to write a report summarizing and critically discussing the paper, as well as outlining at least one potential extension. Topics include asset pricing, corporate governance, securitization practices and their relation to the Financial Crisis 2007-2009. A detailed list of topics and associated papers will be circulated in advance.

It is recommended to pick a paper from the list distributed in advance, but suitable proposals for papers by students will be possible as well.

Expected competences acquired after completion of the module: Students learn to analyze, summarize, and critically discuss original articles at the frontier of current research in financial economics. They improve the skills to communicate complex topics both orally and in writing, and further their presentation skills. The seminar also serves as a bridge towards the Bachelor Thesis. Students learn to engage with current research papers, to critically assess those, and to develop their own ideas based on their findings – all skills which are essential for the successful completion of the thesis.

Further information: It is strongly recommended that students interested in the seminar also take the concurrently offered Lecture on Financial Economics.

Expected number of students in class: 15 (Max)

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Office: L7, 3-5 Room 3.04
Responsible teacher of the module: Prof. Dr. Wladislaw Mill
Cycle of offer: Each spring semester
ECTS credits: 7 ECTS
Teaching method (hours per week): Lecture (2) + Exercise (2)
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A+B, Statistik I+II
Grading and ECTS credits: Written exam, 90 mins (80% of overall grade) + presentation in the exercise (20%)

Goals and contents of the module: Standard economic models make many assumptions and predictions about individual behavior. This course introduces new theories from Behavioral Economics, a young field of Economics that combines Economics and Psychology. In the light of experimental evidence, standard theories of risk, time and social preferences are revisited and more appropriate behavioral models introduced. Various forms of cognitive limitations in information processing are presented and consequences for economic behavior are highlighted. The course aims to provide access to theoretical concepts that take into account the nature of the human psyche.

Expected competences acquired after completion of the module: Successful students will have a raised awareness for commonly made assumptions in standard microeconomic theory and their consequences in the modeled economic behavior. Students will know alternative ways of thinking about individual preferences and cognitive processes in economic decisions. They will be able to assess when and in which application a specific model is more appropriate in describing observed behavior than others.

Further information: In the exercise, we will discuss several papers mentioned in the lecture in detail. For that purpose, students will present and discuss one paper in small groups. The aim is to critically evaluate economic research.
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