

Bachelor Seminar "Trade Policy"

Summer Term 2018

Requirements

The participants of this seminar are expected to have some basic knowledge of Econometrics and International Trade. They should be willing to work with data.

Preparatory Seminar for the Bachelor Thesis

The goal of the bachelor seminar is to prepare students for the writing of their bachelor thesis. At the beginning of the seminar, students need to choose one of the topics given below and prepare an exposé, which they present towards the end of the semester. After the seminar has been successfully completed, students are supposed to write their bachelor thesis.

Topics

Trade policy interferes and directs cross-border trade flows, thereby impacting competition on the global markets, market shares and firm decisions. Recent protectionist tendencies in the U.S. through import tariffs are one of many examples. The seminar addresses the following selected issues related to trade policy. Students can select topics for their bachelor thesis from these broader themes:

1. Import protection and industry growth.
2. Trade diversion.
3. Trade deflection.

At the introductory session, all topics will be presented in detail.

In order to gain a better understanding of the existing literature, students will be provided with 1-2 relevant seminal papers. After deciding on their own research question, students are expected to find further relevant literature on their own.

Dates and Deadlines

The participants of the seminar are required to keep those dates in mind (attendance to all meetings is required):

Introductory session	April 27, 2018, 10am-12am (Room: HS V)
Assignment of topics	Up to May 2, 2018
Submission of the exposé	June 1, 2018, 12am
Presentations of the exposés	June 21, 2018, 8am-1pm (Room: HS V)
Official start of the Bachelor Thesis	June 29, 2018
Submission of the Bachelor Thesis	August 24, 2018

Supervision

The seminar participants will be supervised by Prof. Dr. Philip Sauré or Victor Gimenez Perales. They are strongly advised to contact their supervisor at least once before submitting the exposé.

Introductory Session

The objective of the introductory session is to provide the students with all information needed for the seminar and the subsequent thesis. Therefore, we will present the possible topics in detail and discuss all organizational details and formal requirements regarding the exposé and the bachelor thesis. The introductory session is mandatory and will be held in English.

Exposé

The objective of the exposé is to give a detailed overview of the future Bachelor thesis, and should not exceed 5 pages. The exposé should be written in English and be handed in a paper and electronic (pdf) form at the chair of International Finance. The exposé is expected to describe the motivation and the exact research question of the planned Bachelor thesis. Additionally, it should include a short overview of the relevant literature for the research question, as well as details on the planned analysis of the research question and initial results.

Presentation of the Exposé

All seminar participants are required to present their exposés and explain their project for the Bachelor thesis. The presentations can be held in German or English, but we advise and encourage the presenters to hold it in English, since the exposé and all relevant literature are in English. Each presentation should not exceed 20 minutes, and afterwards there will be 10 minutes of discussion and feedback from other seminar participants, which are expected to participate in the discussion. The overall grade for the seminar will depend only on the own presentation and participation.

Bachelor thesis

After successfully completing the seminar, the participants will write their Bachelor thesis on the topic chosen during the seminar, and as close as possible to their exposé. The Bachelor thesis may be written in German or in English, but again, we advise and encourage the student to write it in English since all the literature will be in English. The Bachelor thesis must be submitted with two(!) printed versions at the Studienbüro as well as an electronic version (pdf) at the chair of International Finance.