

Master-Seminar „Empirical Research“

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Winter Term 2022/2023

Topics

A) International Economics

Droughts and Agricultural Trade (Stefanie Hock)

Felbermayr, G., Gröschl, J. and Heid, B. (2020). Quantifying the Demand, Supply, and Welfare Effects of Natural Disasters Using Monthly Trade Data. CESifo Working Paper No. 8798.

Osberghaus, D. (2019). The Effects of Natural Disasters and Weather Variations on International Trade and Financial Flows: A Review of the Empirical Literature. *Economics of Disasters and Climate Change*, 3(3): 305–25.

Does Adopting the Euro Increase Trade? (Stefanie Hock)

Baldwin R., Taglioni, D. (2007). Trade effects of the Euro: A comparison of estimators. *Journal of Economic Integration*, 22(4): 780-818.

Berger, H., Nitsch, V. (2008). Zooming out: The trade effect of the Euro in historical perspective. *Journal of International Money and Finance*, 27(8): 1244-1260.

Trade Protection and Global Value Chain integration (João Oliveira)

Kim, S.Y. and Spilker, G. (2019). Global Value Chains and the Political Economy of WTO Disputes. *Review of International Organizations*, 14(2): 39–260

Bown, C. P., Erbahar, A. and Zanardi, M. (2021) Global value chains and the removal of trade protection. *European Economic Review*, 140: 103937.

Taxation and Multinational Firms (João Oliveira)

Cristea, Anca D., and Daniel X. Nguyen. (2016). Transfer Pricing by Multinational Firms: New Evidence from Foreign Firm Ownerships. *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 8 (3): 170-202.

Tørsløv, T. R., Wier, L. S., & Zucman, G. (2018). The missing profits of nations (No. w24701). *National Bureau of Economic Research*.

Globalization and Bankruptcies in 19th Century UK (Tobias Korn)

Autor, D. H., D. Dorn, and G. H. Hanson (2013). The China syndrome: Local labor market effects of import competition in the United States. *American Economic Review*, 103(6): 2121-2168.

Federico, G and A Tena-Junguito (2017b), A tale of two globalizations: Gains from trade and openness 1800–2010, *Review of World Economics*, 153: 601–626

B) POLITICAL ECONOMY

Did Merchant Guilds Promote Early Cartel Formation? (Tobias Korn)

Sheilagh Ogilvie (2019). *The European Guilds: An Economic Analysis*. Princeton University Press.

Wahl, Fabian (2019). Political Participation and Economic Development. Evidence from the Rise of Participative Political Institutions in the Late Medieval German Lands. *European Review of Economic History*, 23(2): 193-213

Consequences of Terrorism (Martin Gassebner)

Gaibullov, K., Sandler, T. (2019). What we have learned about terrorism since 9/11. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 57(2): 275-328.

Brodeur, A. (2018). The effect of terrorism on employment and consumer sentiment: Evidence from successful and failed terror attacks. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 10(4): 246-82.

Effects of Communal Reforms (Martin Gassebner)

Blom-Hansen, J, Houlberg, K., Serritzlew, S., Treisman, D. (2016). Jurisdiction Size and Local Government Policy Expenditure: Assessing the Effect of Municipal Amalgamation. *American Political Science Review*, 110(4): 812– 831.

Egger, P., Koethenbueger, M., Loumeau, G. (2022). Local Border Reforms and Economic Activity. *Journal of Economic Geography*, 22(1): 81-102.

Impact and perception of urban environmental disparities (Julian Wichert)

Hebllich S., Trew A., Zylberberg Y. (2021). East Side Story: Historical Pollution and Persistent Neighborhood Sorting. *Journal of Political Economy*, 129(5): 1508–1552.

Namin S., Xu W., Zhou Y., Beyer K. (2020). The legacy of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation and the political ecology of urban trees and air pollution in the United States, *Social Science & Medicine*, Volume 246, 112758.

The role of ideology in domestic intelligence activity (Julian Wichert)

Gentzkow, Matthew, Bryan Kelly, and Matt Taddy (2019). Text as data. *Journal of Economic Literature* 57(3):535–74.

Mastorocco, Nicola and Arianna Ornaghi. (2021). Who Watches the Watchmen? Local News and Police Behavior in the United States. *Working Paper*.

Government Ideology and Public Spending (Thomas Schiller)

Herwartz, H., Theilen, B. (2021). Government ideology and fiscal consolidation: Where and when do government parties adjust public spending?. *Public Choice* 187, 375–401.

Herwartz, H., & Theilen, B. (2017). Ideology and redistribution through public spending. *European Journal of Political Economy*, 46, 74–90.

C) DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

Empirical Investigation of the Solow Model (Thomas Schiller)

Ding, S., Knight, J. (2009). Can the augmented Solow model explain China's remarkable economic growth? A cross-country panel data analysis, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Volume 37, Issue 3, Pages 432-452.

Temple, J., Wößmann, L. (2006). Dualism and cross-country growth regressions. *Journal of Economic Growth* 11, 187–228.

Important Dates and Deadlines

Official registration in writing (via email or drop off in room I-056)	October 10
Hand-in of your seminar thesis (via email)	November 27, 23:59
Assignment of the paper you will be discussing in the seminar	November 28
Seminar	December 9

Grade determination

Seminar thesis	50%
Oral presentation of your thesis	25%
Discussion of your assigned paper	12.5%
Active participation in the seminar	12.5%

Formalities of the seminar thesis

Contact Prof. Dr. Gassebner by email and indicate the topic(s) you are interested in as soon as possible. The topics will be allocated on a first come-first serve basis.

Once you are assigned to your topic, contact your supervisor before you start working. They will help you with obtaining the data necessary for your paper.

The paper must be of empirical nature.

Length: 15-20 pages; including everything. Deviations of more than 10% in either direction will lead to a reduction of the grade.

Be sure to properly cite all sources you are using. Plagiarism will lead to a failing grade.

Wikipedia is NOT a scientific source!