

European Economic Policy (1289)

Outline

This seminar provides insights into various aspects of European economic integration. It comprises a lecture part and a seminar part and covers four full-day seminar sessions on two weekends.

Lecture: The first day of the course consists of an introductory lecture, which aims provide participants with a detailed overview the theoretical background of European economic integration and the political economics of European institutions

Seminar: On the following three days, sessions will focus on selected topics of European monetary and economic policy and the sectoral policies of the EU. Topics shall be covered by individual student presentations. Going beyond presentations, we also intend to discuss current developments in the economic crisis.

Participants who wish to earn credit points will have to hold a presentation and write a term paper (*Seminararbeit*) on a topic to be chosen from the list below. If the number of participants exceeds 14, presentations shall be held in a team whereas term papers need to be written individually. The overall number of participants is limited to 30.

Concept

- 4-day block course on two weekends from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- The course consists of two parts
 - Lecture: 8 December 2012
 - Presentations: 9 December 2012 and 12/13 January 2013

How to earn credit points

1. Presentation including a summarizing handout on a chosen topic. Presentation: 45 minutes; questions and discussion: 45 minutes. The presentation has to be held in English.
2. Term paper on a chosen topic (12 to 15 pages).
 - Please refer to *Hinweise zum wissenschaftlichen Arbeiten* by Professor Ralf Anderegg as a guideline. (<http://www.wipol.uni-koeln.de/14425.html>).
 - The term paper can be written either in English or German.

Grading:

Your grade will be the weighted average of two individual scores:

- Grade on the content of the presentation and the response to questions: One-third
- Grade on the term paper (content and form): Two-thirds

Deadlines

- Until 1 October 2012: Please indicate prioritization of three topics that you would like to cover in your presentation and term paper by sending an email to Nicolaus Heinen (nheinen@web.de). Topics will be assigned to participants on a first come, first served basis until 3 October.
- Until end of October 2012: Please register online via KLIPS (second registration round: 12 to 24 September; last minute registration from 08 to 28 October). If you are a *WiSo-student*, you have to enroll via *WiSo-Prüfungsamt* (until 31 October). Other students enroll via ZIB.
- The day before your presentation: Please email a preliminary version of your summarizing handout to nheinen@web.de.
- 15. March 2013: Deadline for your term paper. Email your term paper to nheinen@web.de.

Although the course is a block course, we aim to provide you with extensive support and supervision. During the semester we offer personal consultations – individual meetings can be arranged by email. In addition, students may contact us any time regarding additional literature, content and structure of their term paper or formal issues.

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Schedule

Saturday, 8 December 2012: Introduction to European economic policy (Lecture)

- The economics of regional economic integration
- Institutions and history of the European Union

Sunday, 9 December 2012: Monetary and fiscal policies in the European Union

- Topic 1: ECB and Fed: A comparison of monetary targets and instruments.
- Topic 2: Nonconventional monetary policy in the euro area.
- Topic 3: The Stability and Growth Pact: Reforms and critique
- Topic 4: Mechanisms of economic policy coordination in the EU and euro area
- Topic 5: Macroeconomic tensions in the euro area

Saturday, 12 January 2013: Sectoral policies of the European Union (Seminar)

- Topic 6: Trade Policy
- Topic 7: Common Agricultural Policy
- Topic 8: Services within the Single European Market
- Topic 9: Competition policy
- Topic 10: Regional and cohesion policy

Sunday, 13 January 2013: Other EU policy areas (Seminar)

- Topic 11: The EU budget
- Topic 12: European tax systems
- Topic 13: European energy policy
- Topic 14: European social models.
- Synopsis: At the end of the seminar, each student will again summarize the most important facts and hypotheses of his presentation.

A folder including core documents on each seminar topic will be available by 15 September at the chair of Professor Funk (CMR/WiSo-Hochhaus, 7th floor, office 724). Please check office hours during the semester break with Mrs. Hoffmeyer (0221 470 4496, hoffmeyer(at)wiso.uni-koeln.de). Students are also invited to tap additional sources in order to include them into the preparation of the seminar.

On 26 October at 1 pm, Dr. Heinen will offer an introductory meeting to discuss the organization of the seminar in room S 81 (Philosophicum).