

## **Master-Seminar „Empirical Economics“**

**Prof. Dr. Martin Gassebner**

**Summer Term 2025**

### **Topics**

#### **A) International Economics**

##### **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.

##### **Cartelization and its Impact on Global Trade Dynamics (João Oliveira)**

Agnosteva, D. (2016). International cartels and bilateral trade: An empirical investigation. *Available at SSRN 2481880*.

Levenstein, M. C., Sivadasan, J., & Suslow, V. Y. (2015). The effect of competition on trade: Evidence from the collapse of international cartels. *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, 39, 56-70

##### **Droughts and Agricultural Trade (Stefanie Pizzella)**

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.

##### **Foreign Investments, Real Estate and Macroeconomic Impact (Stefanie Pizzella)**

Cesa-Bianchi, A. (2013). Housing Cycles and Macroeconomic Fluctuations: A Global Perspective. *Journal of International Money and Finance*, 37: 215–38.

Choi, C. (2006). Does Foreign Direct Investment Affect Domestic Income Inequality? *Applied Economics Letters* 13(12): 811–14.

##### **Globalization and Bankruptcies in 19<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>^</sup>.

### **Technology, Trade and Labour Markets (Bente Jessen-Thiesen)**

de Vries, Gaaitzen, Gentile, E., Miroudot, Sebastian, Wacker, K.M. (2020). The rise of robots and the fall of routine jobs". *Labour Economics*, 66, 101885.

Autor, D. H., Dorn, David, Hanson, Gordon H. (2015). Untangling Trade and Technology: Evidence from Local Labour Markets. *The Economic Journal*, 125(584): 621–646.

### **Hidden capital flows (Pietro Bompreszi)**

Alstadsæter, A., Johannesen, N., Zucman, G. (2018). Who owns the wealth in tax havens? Macro evidence and implications for global inequality. *Journal of Public Economics*, 162: 89–100.

Coppola, A., Maggiori, M., Neiman, B., Schreger, J. (2021). Redrawing the map of global capital flows: The role of cross-border financing and tax havens. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 136(3): 1499–1556.

## B) POLITICAL ECONOMY

### **What explains the electoral success of fascist parties? (Tobias Korn)**

Acemoglu, Daron, Giuseppe de Feo, Giacomo de Luca & Gianluca Russo (2022). War, Socialism, and the Rise of Fascism: an Empirical Exploration. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 137(2): 1233-1296.

Steinmayr, A. (2021). Contact versus exposure: Refugee presence and voting for the far-right. *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 103 (2), 310–327.

### **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.

## C) DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

### **Mobile Money and Socio-Economic Development in India (Bente Jessen-Thiesen)**

Suri, T. (2017). Mobile Money. *Annual Review of Economics*, 9(1): 497-520.

Chakravarty, S. R., Pal, R. (2013). Financial inclusion in India: An axiomatic approach. *Journal of Policy Modeling*, 35(5): 813-827.

### **New development lenders**

Horn, S., Reinhart, C. M., Trebesch, C. (2021). China's overseas lending. *Journal of International Economics*, 133: 103539.

Dreher, A., Fuchs, A., Nunnenkamp, P. (2013). New donors. *International Interactions*, 39(3): 402–415.

### **Important Dates and Deadlines**

Official registration in writing (via email or drop off in room I-056)	April 7
Hand-in of your seminar thesis (via email)	May 30, 23:59
Assignment of the paper you will be discussing in the seminar	June 2
Seminar	June 13

### **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. We have an econometric helpdesk available!

The paper must be of empirical nature.

Length: 15 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.

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