

Master-Seminar „Empirical Research“

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Winter Term 2024/2025

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.

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.

Langenmayr, D., & Liu, L. (2023). Home or away? Profit shifting with territorial taxation. *Journal of Public Economics*, 217, 104776.

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[^].

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

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

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

Services Trade and the Role of Institutions (Stefanie Pizzella)

Francois, J. and Hoekman, B. (2010) Services Trade and Policy. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 48(3): 642-92.

Alvarez, I., Barbero, J., Rodriguez-Pose, A. and Zofio, J. (2018) Does Institutional Quality Matter for Trade? Institutional Conditions in a Sectoral Trade Framework. *World Development*. 103: 72-87.

Investment in Transport Infrastructure and Trade (Julian Wichert)

Brancaccio, Guilia, Kalouptsidi, M., and Papageorgiou T. (2024): Investment in Infrastructure and Trade: The Case of Ports. NBER Working Paper 32503.

Ducruet, C, R Juhász, D Nagy and C Steinwender (2023), All Aboard: The Effects of Port Development." NBER Working Paper 28148.

B) POLITICAL ECONOMY

Industrial Revolutions and Market Concentration (Tobias Korn)

Juhász, R., M. P. Squicciarini, and N. Voigtländer (2020). Technology adoption and productivity growth: Evidence from industrialization in France. NBER Working Paper 27503.

Braun, S. T. and R. Franke (2022). Railways, growth, and industrialization in a developing German economy, 1829–1910. *The Journal of Economic History* 82 (4), 1183–122.

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.

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*, 37(3): 432-452.

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

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.

Important Dates and Deadlines

Official registration in writing (via email or drop off in room I-056)	October 14
Hand-in of your seminar thesis (via email)	November 29, 23:59
Assignment of the paper you will be discussing in the seminar	December 2
Seminar	December 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.

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.

Wikipedia is NOT a scientific source!