



Seminar on “Current Topics in International Trade”

The aim of the seminar is to discussing some of the current key topics of international trade policy from an economist’s point of view. We will try to understand why we can observe substantial current account imbalances and what, if any, actions are needed to adjust them. We will examine examples of trade wars from the past and what we can learn for the modern debate. Furthermore, we will examine how global value chains are changing by choosing selective case studies and in what way the geographical fragmentation of production processes may impact carbon dioxide emissions.

The seminar will make you aware of ongoing policy discussion at the national and international sphere and give you an understanding of why the attitude towards globalization has recently become quite diverse within and across countries.

Lecturer

Dr. Daniel Etzel

Requirements, target group and CP

- The seminar is suited for and restricted to Bachelor students only.
- Active participation in the seminar.
- Seminar presentation (45 minutes, including discussion).
- Written work of up to 10 pages.
- Economics students: Seminar (5 CP).
- IWE students: Seminar zur Internationalen Wirtschaft (5 CP)
- P&E students: E6 or Ö6 (5 CP).

Organization

There will be an introductory lecture in the second week of the semester: 20th April 2018, 2-4 pm. In this introductory lecture, topics are assigned to students. The main part is organized as block seminar (scheduled for June 21st/22nd). Information on the location will be given at short notice.

Please send all course-related questions to: daniel.etzel@uni-bayreuth.de

Noteworthy: The language of the seminar is English.

Application and deadlines

- The seminar is limited to 15 students (first come, first serve!).
- Applicants interested in taking part in this seminar are requested to apply until 15th April 2018 using the following link: [application](#).
- Students who can participate in the seminar will be notified no later than 16th April 2018. Please make sure that the e-mail address used for the e-Learning server is correct and up to date, as we will use this contact information for correspondence. (Note that we do not give any information upon acceptance before the date mentioned above.)
- Late applications can be considered until the introductory lecture (20th April), provided that there is free capacity.
- Deadline for handing in the written work: 14th June 2018. (Slides must be handed in electronically by noon of Monday, 18th June at latest.)

Literature

Information will be given during the introductory meeting.

Seminar topics

Topic I: Current Account Imbalances: Causes and Consequences

Topic II: Trade Wars in a Historical Perspective

Topic III: Winners and Losers of Globalization

Topic IV: Global Value Chains in a Changing World

Topic V: The Carbon Footprint of Global Trade