Seminar on “Topics in Trade Policy”

The seminar aims at shedding light on key aspects of trade policy, thereby addressing non-cooperative as well as cooperative forms of policy setting. A particular focus of the course lies on the role of regional trade agreements and their relationship with the multilateral agreement under the umbrella of the WTO. In addition, the seminar offers insights into the role of interest groups and tackles other issues like environmental and labor standards.

Requirements

- Active participation in the seminar
- Seminar presentation and moderation of the discussion afterwards
- Written work of about 10 pages (main text) at Bachelor level and 12 pages at Master level
- Economics and IWE/IWG students can acquire 5 CP in their Bachelor program and 6 CP in their Master program (only in the area “Individueller Schwerpunkt”/“Individuelle Spezialisierung”). P&E Bachelor students can acquire 8/10 CP (depending on their program regulations) if the course is selected as Verzahnungsseminar. For the additional points, these students have to participate in a “final discussion” on the course. (This course cannot be selected as “Electives” course in the new P&E Master program).
- There is no necessity for preparing written work or participating in the “final discussion” if P&E Bachelor students would like to acquire 2 CP (kleiner Schein).

Organization

There will be an introductory lecture in the first week of the semester: 15 October, 10-12am. In this introductory lecture, topics are assigned to students. The main part of the seminar is organized as block seminar (scheduled for November 29th/30th).

Please send all course-related questions to hartmut.egger@uni-bayreuth.de.

Noteworthy: The language of the seminar is English.
Application and deadlines

- Applicants must enroll to the E-Learning server until 15 September 2013 at the following link: application.

- Students who can participate in the seminar will be notified not later than 30 September 2013. Please make sure that the e-mail address in your personal profile is up to date, as we will use this contact information for correspondence. (Note that we do not give any information upon acceptance before that date. E-mails with such requests will be deleted without response!)

- Late applications can be considered until 15 October, provided that there is free capacity.

- **Deadline for handing in written work:** January 31st 2013. (Slides must be handed in three days prior to the presentation.)

Seminar topics

**Topic 1: Unilateral trade policy**

1) The case of optimal tariffs


2) Strategic trade policy


3) A political economy model of trade policy


**Topic 2: trade talks, bilateral/ and multilateral trade policy**

4) Trade talks


5) Regional trade agreements


6) Regionalism vs. multilateralism


7) Gatt and the WTO


Topic 3: Other issues

8) Environmental standards


9) Labor standards and child labor


10) Culture and trade

