



## Seminar on Growth and Development

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Language: English  
Date: Block Sessions on Friday and Saturday (dates to be agreed upon in due course)

### Idea

This seminar will focus broadly on the concepts and issues of economic growth and development in the light of institutions and governance. We will be discussing the fundamental, contemporary theories of economic growth and development, the determinants of growth and development and the new wave of globalization, the role of institutions and governance in promoting economic growth as well as alleviating economic inequality. Few nations have developed; many are developing (emerged and emerging), and yet many are under-developed. How “best” can this transition be navigated?

Economic growth and development is highly desirable but quite challenging to achieve in an increasingly globalized, “unequal” world. It suffices to say that a fundamental problem in development is inequality in the allocation of resources and distribution of income and wealth. Pertinent models, theories and thoughts will be discussed in both historical and contemporary perspectives. Participants are expected to share their views and positions on the debates that will be brought up, as there will be no room for neutrality (Please note that scientific analysis of objective conditions always necessitate the researcher to take a position).

The introductory class will be held in two (2) block sessions on a Friday and a Saturday (specific dates to be discussed and agreed upon later). Prospective participants will be expected to select their most preferred topic(s) from the list of topics provided below for their presentation and final term paper.



## Framework

The seminar is limited to maximum 20 students (Bachelor and Master).

Advanced students (3rd Semester or later) from following degree programs:

Studiengang	Bereich/Modul	LP / ECTS
Economics (Bachelor)	Seminar	5
IWE (Bachelor)	Seminar zur Entwicklung / Seminar zur internationalen Wirtschaft	5
P&E (Bachelor)	E6	5
Economics (Master)	Individueller Schwerpunkt	6
IWG (Master)	Theorie und Empirie der wirtschaftlichen Entwicklung / Individueller Schwerpunkt	6

**Grading** will be based upon:

- Presentation (in session) on any of the listed topics selected by the student. Each of the participants will be given 15 – 20 minutes to make a presentation.
- Final term/position paper (15 pages for Bachelors students, 20 pages for Masters students). This will comprise overviews of literature and views or positions on the selected topic.

## Application process

If you are interested in the seminar, please contact Phillips Aboluwade per mail, and clearly stating one or two of the topics you are interested in and a brief motivation for the choice of the topic(s). ***Application for participation in the seminar closes October 16, 2019.***

Upon confirmation and satisfactory review of each application, a notification of acceptance for participation will be sent via email as soon as possible.

Shortly after the application closes, selected participants/students will be contacted in due course via email with further information.

The seminar will be integrated into the Campus Online-System; further information and notes will be communicated and made available, if necessary.

Deadline for the submission of the final term paper will be at the end of the WS 2019/20.



## Topics

- 1) Theories of Growth and Development
- 2) Economic Growth, Technology and Inequality
- 3) Growth Diagnostics: A Useful Tool in Economic Analysis and Policy Discussion?
- 4) Institutions and Economic Growth (The impact of institutions on growth)
- 5) Institutions and Inequality
- 6) Governance Institutions and Economic Growth & Development
- 7) Competitiveness (of states/regions) and Economic Development
- 8) The Role of the State in Sustainable Economic Growth & Development
- 9) Globalization, Economic Growth and Development
- 10) Globalization, Capitalism and Inequality
- 11) Trade (policy) and Economic Growth & Development
- 12) Financial Development, Economic Growth, and Inequality
- 13) Financing Economic Growth and Development
- 14) Economic Growth and the Environment (Economy and Ecology)
- 15) Social Progress: An Economic Development Agenda