



Seminar on Growth and Development

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Language: English
Date: Introductory Lectures (3rd & 4th of December, 2020)
Block Sessions for Presentations (19th & 20th of February, 2021)

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 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).

Target Group & Accreditation

The participants in this seminar are expected to be Masters students in Economics, International Economics and Governance (IWG), Philosophy & Economics, Development Studies as well as advanced Bachelors students in the listed courses of study. The details are as presented in the table below:

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
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Requirements

Participants are required to take part in the Introductory Sessions, Academic Presentation Sessions, and Submission of a final seminar paper. Each participant is expected to give an academic presentation (for 20 minutes) on his/her preferred topic, followed by a session of discussion and Q & A with the audience (10 minutes). Active participation in the discussions is expected of all the participants.

After the presentations, participants are expected to prepare and submit a written work in the form of a seminar paper (approximately 4,000 words for Masters- and 3,000 words for Bachelors students) on or before a stipulated date.

Final grades will be based on the academic presentation and final seminar paper.

Seminar Organization & Application Process

A **mandatory introductory lecture** is scheduled for 3rd and 4th of December, 2020 from 14:00 – 16:00 (venue to be announced in due course). The objectives of this session are as follows;

- ✚ To provide a background to the subject of Economics of Growth & Development.
- ✚ To present the structure of the seminar, introduce the topics, and highlight the nexus of the listed topics.
- ✚ To present a working paper on a pertinent contemporary topic.
- ✚ To discuss relevant comments and questions from the participants.

The **presentations** on selected topics will tentatively take place on the 19th and 20th of February 2021 (time and venue to be announced). Further information, if necessary, will be communicated in due course.

The deadline for the submission of the final seminar papers is the last day of the academic calendar of the Winter Semester.

If you are interested in participating in the seminar, please contact me via an email clearly indicating one or two topics of your choice in the list below and supported with a brief motivation for your preference(s). **Deadline for the application is 31st of October 2020.**

Upon receipt and satisfactory review of each application, you will get a notification of acceptance for participation in the seminar via an email as soon as possible.

The seminar is limited to 15 participants. Applications will be treated on first-come-first-serve basis and on case-by-case basis.



Outline of Topics

- 1) Theories of Growth and Development
- 2) Institutions and Economic Growth (The impact of institutions on growth)
- 3) Inequality of Opportunity and Economic Inequality
- 4) Economic Growth and Economic Inequality
- 5) Governance, Democratic Reforms and Economic Growth & Development
- 6) The Role of the State in Sustainable Economic Growth & Development
- 7) Competitiveness (of states/regions) and Economic Development
- 8) Globalization, Economic Growth and Development
- 9) Globalization, Capitalism, and Inequality
- 10) Trade, Global Value Chains, and Growth & Development
- 11) Financial Development, Economic Growth, and Inequality
- 12) Financing Economic Growth and Development
- 13) Economic Growth and the Environment (Economy and Ecology)
- 14) Growth Diagnostics
- 15) Social Progress: An Economic Development Agenda

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that, for now, the seminar is planned to be conducted in person. However, given the ongoing development regarding the COVID – 19 pandemic, the seminar may have to be carried out via ZOOM. If so, announcement will be made on the Chair’s website and/or communicated directly to all the participants.