



Seminar in the Summer Term 2014:

## Current Challenges of Economic Policy

<i>Time</i>	Wednesdays, 2 pm to 4 pm
<i>Room</i>	F21/02.31
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<i>Requirements</i>	Portfolio
<i>ECTS Points</i>	6
<i>Registration</i>	FlexNow

### Course Description

The seminar is designed for experienced students, who are interested in current economic and political topics. In this seminar the participants will learn how to read and criticize studies and commentaries in the field of economic policy. After some introductory sessions on actors, institutions, markets and the relation between the state and the economy we will start discussing current challenges and topics of economic policy. For example: How does globalization influence the power of the state? Why are governments measured by economic indicators? What political consequences can be drawn when innovation is a goal for markets?

The whole course will be held in English, therefore discussions, mails, presentations and term papers will not be accepted in German. Regular attendance, active participation, presentations and a term paper that analyses a current topic are the requirements for passing this course.

### Course Schedule

#### *I. Introduction*

04/09/2014    Organization and Requirements of the Seminar

#### *II. Foundations of Economic Policy*

04/16/2014    Why Economic Policy?

04/23/2014    Markets, Public Goods and Public Bads

04/30/2014    Institutions and Actors

05/07/2014    Models of Economic Policy

### *III. New Institutions and Actors*

05/14/2014 Globalization of Markets

05/21/2014 Economic Crises

05/28/2014 Localization of Actors

### *IV. New Values*

06/04/2014 Sustainability

06/11/2014 Topic chosen by participants

### *V. New Markets*

06/18/2014 Innovations

06/25/2014 Topic chosen by participants

07/02/2014 Topic chosen by participants

### *VI. Conclusion*

07/09/2014 Final Discussion and Evaluation

## **Literature**

A detailed syllabus with specific resources for every session will be published soon, at least in the first seminar session.