
BLOCKSEMINAR “GLOBALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT”

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. THEY SHOULD ANSWER (ALMOST) ALL YOUR QUESTIONS IN ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS!!!

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ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Block course: December 14-15, 2012

Introductory meeting: October 24, 2012, 12-14 h

Course Description

This BA seminar will deal with selected topics regarding the relationship between globalization and economic development. The focus will be on the effects of trade and trade liberalization on growth, inequality, and poverty in developing countries.

Course Requirements

To acquire 6 credit points students will have to write a seminar paper (50%), prepare a presentation, participate in the discussions and briefly discuss a paper of another student (which together accounts for the other 50%).

Eligible Participants

The seminar is open to BA students in economics, and BA students in the three business BA programs.

Seminar Papers

The seminar papers should be written in English, comprising no more than 12 pages (Times New Roman, 12pt, 1.5 spaced, margins: left 2.5 cm, right 3.5; top/bottom 2.5, 12 pages excluding title page, table of content, bibliography and exhibits, max. 16 pages total). In addition, a short abstract of about 200 words (key question, methodology and main results) has to be composed. The papers should be analytical and critical, develop a coherent argument, drawing own conclusions and should go beyond the pure summary of existing literature. Guidelines on well-written papers can be found on the webpage of Prof. Klasen (<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/64390.html>).

Students should hand in an electronic (pdf) as well as one printed copy of their seminar papers. The electronic version will then be made available to all other students for reading.

Presentations

The presentations should be in English and have a maximum (!) length of 30 min focusing on the main insights of the research papers. The speaker can use any visual device for her or his presentation (e.g. handouts, transparencies) and should be able to answer short questions during the presentation. (Please don't forget about your audience and prepare a well-structured, interesting and educational presentation!)

Discussions

In addition, each student will be assigned to another paper which he should briefly (5 min) discuss after the presentation. The discussion should be a critical reflection of the paper and presentation (content, structure, unclear points) and come up with two or three questions to start a discussion. It is also expected that all other students have briefly gone through the papers of the other participants before the seminar, so that a good discussion after the presentations can take place.

TIME SCHEDULE

01.10.2012	Registration opens (topics are assigned on a first-come first-served basis)
24.10.2012	Obligatory initial meeting with final assignment of the topics (students with assigned topics will have to be present, if not their topic will be given to someone else)
24.10. – 4.11.2012	Registration with FlexNow
9.12.2012	Deadline for seminar papers.
14.-15.12.2012	Seminar with presentations and discussions

APPLICATION

If you wish to register before the initial meeting please send your application (indicating your three preferred topics) to mlobue@uni-goettingen.de. Maria will then get back to you.

TOPICS AND SUPERVISORS (PRELIMINARY)

Topic 1: Defining and measuring globalization (Maria)

Dreher, A., N. Gaston, and P. Martens. (2008). "Measuring Globalisation: Gauging its Consequences". Springer Verlag, in particular p. 5-74.

Scholte, J. A. (2008). "Defining Globalisation." *World Economy*, 31(11), 1471-1502.

Topic 2: Does trade lead to higher growth? Cross-country evidence (Maria)

Rodríguez, F. and D. Rodrik (2000). "Trade Policy and Economic Growth: A Skeptic's Guide to the Cross-National Evidence". NBER Macroeconomics Annual, Bernanke, B. and K. S. Rogoff (eds), MIT Press for NBER, Cambridge, MA.

Dollar, D. and A. Kraay (2004). "Trade, Growth, and Poverty". *The Economic Journal*, 114(493), F22-F49.

Topic 3: Capital account liberalization, financial globalization and development (Maria)

Kose, M., E. Prasad, K. Rogoff and S. Wei (2009). "Financial globalization: a reappraisal". *IMF Staff Papers*, 56(1), 8-62.

Topic 4: Competing concepts of inequality in the Globalization Debate (Maria)

World Bank (2005). "World Development Report 2006: Equity and Development", in particular p. 57.

Ravallion, M and F. Ferreira (2008). "Global Poverty and Inequality. A Review of the Evidence". World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 4623, The World Bank, Washington , DC .

Topic 5: Does globalization make the poor poorer and the rich richer? Inequality trends within developing countries (Van)

Goldberg, P. K. and N. Pavcnik (2007). "Distributional Effects of Globalization in Developing Countries". *Journal of Economic Literature* 45(1), 39-82.

Topic 6: The links between trade liberalization and poverty (Van)

Winters, A. (2002). "Trade Liberalisation and Poverty: What are the Links?". *The World Economy* 25(9), 1339-1367.

Topic 7: Do agricultural subsidies in rich countries really hurt the poor? (Van)

Winters, A. (2005). "The European agricultural trade policies and poverty". *European Review of Agricultural Economics* 32(3), 319-346.

Tokarick, S. (2008). "Dispelling Some Misconceptions about Agricultural Trade Liberalization". *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 22 (1), 199–216.

Topic 8: Agricultural high value products: Pathway out of poverty? (Elisabeth)

8a: Transmission channels

Minot, N. and D. Roy (2007). "Impact of high-value agriculture and modern marketing channels on poverty: An analytical framework". International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, DC.

Case 8b: Senegal

Maertens, M. and J. Swinnen (2009). "Trade, Standards, and Poverty: Evidence from Senegal". *World Development* 37(1), 161-178.

Topic 9: Manufacturing in poor countries: Yet another form of exploitation? (Van)

Case 9a: Madagascar

Nicita, A. (2006). "Export led growth, pro-poor or not? Evidence from Madagascar's textile and apparel industry". *Journal of African Economies* 2008 17(3):465-489

Case 9b: Bangladesh

Kabeer, N. & S. Mahmud (2004). "Globalization, gender and poverty: Bangladeshi women workers in export and local markets". *Journal of International Development* 16(1), 93-109.

Case 9c: Vietnam

Justino, P., J. Litchfield and H. Pham (2008). "Poverty Dynamics During Trade Reform: Evidence From Rural Vietnam". *Review of Income and Wealth* 54(2), 166-192.

Topic 10: Rising food prices and the poor (Elisabeth)

10a: Transmission channels

Headey, D. and S. Fan (2008). "Anatomy of a crisis: the causes and consequences of surging food prices". *Agricultural Economics* 39(s1), 375–391.

Mitchell, D. (2008). "A Note on Rising Food Prices". Policy Research Working Paper 4682. The World Bank, Washington , DC .

Case 10b: Brazil

Ferreira, F., A. Fruttero, P. Leite and L. Lucchetti (2011). "Rising Food Prices and Household Welfare. Evidence from Brazil in 2008". Policy Research Working Paper 5652, The World Bank, Washington , DC .

Case 10c: Sub-Sahara Africa

Wodon, Q. and H. Zaman (2009). Higher Food Prices in Sub-Saharan Africa: Poverty Impact and Policy Responses. *The World Bank Research Observer* 25(1): 157-176.

Topic 11: Land grab or beneficial investment? Large-scale agricultural investments in developing countries (Elisabeth)

Anseeuw, W.; Boche, M.; Breu, T.; Giger, M.; Lay, J.; Messerli, P. and K. Nolte (2012). Transnational land deals for agriculture in the 'Global South'. Analytical Report Based on the Land Matrix Database. CDE/CIRAD/GIGA, Bern/Montpellier/Hamburg.

Cotula, L., S. Vermeulen, R. Leonard and J. Keeley (2009). "Land grab or development opportunity? Agricultural investment and international land deals in Africa". FAO, IIED and IFAD.

SOME GENERAL READINGS

Bhagwati, J. (2004). "In defense of globalization". Oxford University Press, New York.

Bhagwati, J. and T. N. Srinivasan (2002). "Trade and Poverty in the Poor Countries". *American Economic Review* 92(2), 180-183.

Dollar, D. (2005). "Globalization, Poverty, and Inequality since 1980". *The World Bank Research Observer* 20, 145-175.

Winters, A., N. McCulloch and A. McKay (2004). "Trade Liberalization and Poverty: The Evidence So Far". *Journal of Economic Literature* 42 (1), 72-115.

Harrison, A. (ed) (2007). "Globalization and Poverty: An NBER Study." University of California at Berkeley and NBER.

Wade, R. H. (2004). "Is Globalization Reducing Poverty and Inequality?" *World Development* 32(4), 567-589.

Other resources

Website of the World Bank Trade Research Group, Centre for Global Development (www.cgdev.org), Eldis (www.eldis.org)