Poverty and Inequality  
Winter Term 2017/18  
Prof. Dr. Sebastian Vollmer

Lectures: Thursday 2-4pm (except Nov 23, Dec 7, Dec) & Tuesday 2-4pm (Nov 28, Dec 5, Jan 9)

Tutorials: Wednesday 12-2pm (starting: tba)

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Purpose
This course provides an in-depth analysis of inequality, poverty and related economic issues at the graduate level. The course covers theories of justice, methodological aspects of poverty & inequality measurement, global aspects of poverty & inequality, effects of inequality on socio-economic outcomes, gender inequalities, inequality and poverty in rich countries as well as development policy targeting poverty. Some familiarity with development issues and empirical methods is highly desirable but not required. The course is open to M.A. students in development economics and international economics as well as graduate students from related fields.

Grading
Each student has to complete a homework assignment and a final exam. Assignments will include practical applications in Stata, short essay questions as well as problem sets. The assignments and in-class participation count for one third of your final grade. The final exam counts for two thirds of your final grade.

Textbooks
1. Introduction


2. Why are some countries rich and others poor?


3. Measurement of Poverty and Inequality


4. Multidimensional Poverty


5. Economic Lives of the Poor

6. Poor Economics
7. Inequality and Growth

8. Pro-Poor Growth

9. Inequality and Health
10. Gender Inequality

11. Poverty and Inequality in Rich Countries

12. Wealth and Economic Mobility