

Topics for BA and MA Theses at the chair of Prof. Klasen

The list below gives contains proposals for Bachelor (BA) and Master (MA) thesis topics. You can also make your own proposition. The thesis can be written in German or English. BA theses are typically a literature review of the theoretical and empirical research on the topic. MA theses contain additional own empirical analysis. Please contact the supervisor above the topics first.

Abbas, Faisal:

Association of breastfeeding with stunting: Focus on rural areas as well as on lowest wealth quintiles (Poor)	BA/MA
Child anthropometry and its links with that of Mother BMI, Education, access to water and sanitation access and age at marriage	MA
Obesity in rural areas of developing countries: factors responsible for the obesity of children less than 5 and women less than 20 years (Adolescents)	MA
Association of low access to antenatal care and home based delivery with low birth weight	BA/MA
The gender of first born has association with that of stunting/wasting/underweight	MA
Undernutrition in households having remittances flow	MA
The impact of foreign remittances on women's access to antenatal care and contraceptive use	MA

Depenbusch, Lutz:

Interactions between institutional quality and gender discrimination	BA/MA
The diffusion of gender norms through economic activities	BA/MA
Comparing different indicators of gender discrimination	BA / MA
Assessing the influence of modernization in the agricultural sector on gender inequality in the agricultural labour market using panel data	BA / MA

Filipiak, Ute:

The economic lives of people with disabilities and household coping mechanisms	BA/MA
The economic costs of disabilities and access to finance	MA
The conversion handicap: Empirical Evidence from Vietnam	MA
On the link between poverty and disability: Evidence from Vietnam	MA
Gender differences in economic behavior in the matrilineal society of the Khasis	BA/MA

Ibanez, Marcela:

The impact of coca cultivation on rural households in Colombia	MA
Why do people engage in illicit behavior? The role of religiosity	MA
Poverty, Morality and Crime	MA
Risk preferences and technological change	MA
What do surveys, choice experiments and experiments tell about illicit behavior?	BA/MA

The war on drugs and rural migration	MA
Risk preferences and saving decisions	MA
Identity and cooperation	MA
Entitlement and elite capture	BA/MA
How to promote savings	MA
Incentives in Teams	MA
Communication campaigns as an educational instrument	MA

Kan, Sophia:

Microfinance: Is savings a poverty alleviation tool?	BA
What synergies can be leveraged between microfinance and education?	BA
Success of M-PESA: Kenya versus Tanzania	BA
Impact of remittances on health care	BA
The impact of mobile technology on poverty alleviation in developing countries	BA
Financial inclusion: trends and gaps in Sub-Saharan Africa	BA

Karbala, Ghida:

Trends and Determinants of Female Labour Force Participation in Developing countries	BA/MA
Occupation Segregation: women in Leadership; the role of Family responsibilities and fertility	BA/MA
Determinants of domestic violence	BA/MA
The Impact of conflicts on Risk and Social Preferences	BA

Klasen, Stephan:

Drivers of female labor force participation rates in Bangladesh, Vietnam, Bolivia, Uganda, Rwanda, or South Africa	MA
The impact of female empowerment on economic growth: a review of the theoretical literature	BA/MA
Drivers of changes in sectoral and occupational segregation by gender in South Africa, Uganda, or Vietnam	MA
The impact of gender inequality in education, employment, and pay on growth: A systematic review of the empirical evidence	BA/MA
The impact of female employment on domestic violence in Mali, Uganda, Egypt, Bolivia, or Bangladesh	MA
Critical Review of the Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index	BA / MA
A critical review and reform proposals for the OECD's Gender and Social Institutions Measure	BA/MA
Critical review of the new Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative Multidimensional Poverty Measure	BA / MA
The measurement of social cohesion: current literature and some empirical proposals	BA / MA
The impact of lifting school fees on educational outcomes in African countries	MA

Interactions between fertility and female labor force participation rates in developing countries	BA / MA
Drivers of high fertility in West and Central Africa	BA/MA
The poverty impact of social assistance programs in African countries: Evaluating pilot programs	MA
Determinants of carbon emissions of land use decisions: Evidence from Indonesia	BA / MA
Determinants of gender bias in mortality: new evidence from the 2011 census in India	MA
Determinants of the differential closing of gender gaps in developing countries: w review of the literature	BA/MA
Drivers of the discrepancy between measures of income poverty, undernourishment, and childhood anthropometrics in developing countries	BA/MA

Martinez-Zarzoso, Inmaculada:

Trade in waste: impact on health outcomes in developing countries	MA
Trade liberalization and economic development: Is free trade good for green growth? Evidence at the industry/firm level	MA
Intermediate goods, production networks and North-South economic integration: Evidence using input-output tables and disaggregate trade data	MA
Trade flows and income distribution: Does income inequality affect trade flows between countries?	MA
The role of regional trade agreements: Do they help or hinder the movement towards multilateral free trade? TTIP Prospects	MA
Determinants of total factor productivity at the firm level using World Bank survey data	MA
International migration and Trade: Network effects	MA
Remittances, development aid and FDI in the development process: do they support sustainable growth?	MA
Trade facilitation, transport cost and sustainable economic development	MA
Conflict resolution in the world economy: The role of trade in arms and embargoes	MA
Productivity and exports at the firm level in developing countries	MA
Environmental and labour provisions in new-generation regional trade agreements	MA
Climate change and international migration: Are there environmental refugees?	MA
Pollution haven versus Porter hypothesis: Do environmental regulations foster innovation and productivity growth?	MA
Share economy: Measuring the environmental impact of car-sharing	MA
New technologies: Robotics and 3D printing and its effects on globalization/ glo-calization of the world economy	MA
How sustainable are the sustainable development goals? A focus on Goal 7: Climate change and its impacts	MA

Minasyan, Anna:

Occupational segregation, women empowerment and economic growth	BA/MA
Missing women in the South Caucasus	BA/MA
Motives for foreign aid allocation	BA/MA

Nowak-Lehmann D., Felicitas:

<i>Aid Effectiveness</i>	
Does development aid improve health outcomes? An empirical analysis	MA
Does development aid improve educational outcomes? An empirical analysis	MA
How does recipient country's economic policy influence the effectiveness of foreign aid? Empirical evidence and own findings	MA
How do recipient country's institutions influence the effectiveness of foreign aid? Empirical evidence and own findings	MA
Does development aid reduce the willingness to raise revenue in recipient countries? Empirical evidence and own findings	MA
Does development aid really boost investment in recipient countries? Empirical evidence and own findings	MA
Which types of development aid could be (more) effective? Empirical evidence and own findings	MA
Is Aid for Trade (AFT) effective in promoting recipient countries' exports? Empirical evidence and own findings	MA
<i>Aid Allocation</i>	
How do donors allocate their aid to recipient countries?	MA
Do donors promote their own interests by giving aid?	MA
Do donors benefit from giving aid? What role is played by tied aid?	MA
<i>Issues in International Trade and Finance</i>	
Trade relations and the role of trade barriers. An empirical analysis for the trade between the EU and Latin America	MA
Trade relations and the role of transport costs. An empirical analysis for the trade between Germany and Latin America	MA
How do tariffs influence bilateral trade flows? Insights from panel data	MA
Do trade agreements spur trade between the North and the South? Evidence for Germany's trade with developing countries	MA
The economic impact of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Africa. Insights from a panel analysis	MA
Do the least developed countries (LDCs) really benefit from the EU trade preference schemes? Empirical evidence	MA
Do the least developed countries (LDCs) really benefit from the US trade preference schemes? Empirical evidence	MA
<i>Topics for BA theses</i>	
Chinese FDI in Africa. What is so special about it?	BA

Donors give aid for various reasons. Are the 'new' donors (no-DAC countries) different from the 'old' donor (DAC countries)?	BA
Are the Nordic countries the better donors?	BA
What is Aid for Trade (AfT) and how is it supposed to spur development?	BA
What does the developing world expect from the Doha Round? Is there 'one' developing world?	BA
How will trade negotiations in the Doha Round affect the world's net food importers?	BA
How will trade negotiations in the Doha Round affect the world's net food exporters?	BA
Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs), a new tool for the EU-Africa relations. Are they attractive for Africa?	BA
Is the Generalized System of Preferences Plus (GSP+) attractive for the countries involved?	BA

Pasha, Atika:

Multidimensional poverty as an outcome of poverty reduction programmes in developing countries	BA/MA
Multidimensional poverty and income poverty- Where do the gaps lie?	BA/MA
An impact evaluation of the cash transfer programmes in improving overall poverty outcomes in South Africa	BA/MA
Subjective wellbeing versus income poverty outcomes: trends and determinants	BA/MA
Domestic autonomy and labour demand outcome for women	BA/MA

Perez, Marcello:

Pension system designs in developing countries	BA
Determinants of learning outcomes	MA
Skills mismatch in developing countries	MA

Purwanto, Deniey Adi:

Wage Rigidity: Concepts and Measurements	BA
Wage Rigidity in Developing Countries	BA
Wage Rigidity and Monetary Policy in ASEAN Countries	BA
Regional Wage Rigidity and Unemployment in Developing Countries	BA

Sahoo, Soham:

Returns to education in electoral success	MA
Effect of political leader's identity on crime rates	BA/MA
Effect of local crime on children's education by gender	BA/MA
Effect of dowry on intra-household gender discrimination in school choice	BA/MA
Family structure, female empowerment, and child outcomes	BA/MA
Household dynamics and the emergence of nuclear families	BA/MA

Spousal age difference and female autonomy	BA/MA
Land lease patterns, migration, and household welfare in India	BA/MA
Relationship between over-education and unemployment	BA/MA
Distributional effects of public works programs: Analyzing National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme of India	BA/MA

Santos Silva, Manuel:

Ethnic enclaves and the economic performance of immigrants from developing countries	BA/MA
Gender and racial discrimination in developing countries: trends and determinants	BA/MA

Scholl, Nathalie:

Trade patterns between developing countries	BA
The effects of trade on competition/market structure in developing countries	BA/MA
Determinants of wage inequality in developing countries	MA

Witzel De Souza, Bruno:

Construction and applications of historical datasets for Development Economics (also related topics in Cliometrics associated with current economic performance)	MA
Economic history of Latin America (with special focus on Brazil) and the path-dependence of current economic development	BA/MA
Topics on the deep determinants of long-run economic growth and income levels (including the debate over the Great Divergence and alternative historical measures of development)	MA
Determinants and consequences of human capital accumulation	BA/MA
The relation between international migration and human capital accumulation	MA
Comparative perspectives (in time and space) of the determinants and consequences of international migration (with focus on human capital accumulation)	BA/MA
Empirical assessments of different types of labor contracts in developing countries, with focus on the differences among sharecropping, fixed payments, and wage remunerations (for interested students, possibility to apply this analysis to the historical formation of free labor markets in Brazil during the period of transition from slavery, in the 19th century)	MA

Zenker, Juliane:

Fishing condition and migration in Indonesia	MA
Coca eradication and schooling in Columbia	MA
Migrants language skills and integration in Germany	MA
Cash transfers and economic development	MA