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**800218: Seminar on the Economic Situation of Latin America in the 21st Century:
'Trade-related and Macroeconomic Issues in Latin American (LA) Policy Making'
Module: M.WiWi-VWL.0023.Mp
July 19-20, 2019**

1. Organizational issues

Topic selection: Please register and select your preferred TOPIC via Stud.IP.

In order to state your preferences, in Stud.IP, go to 'Participants' – 'Functions/Groups', and choose a topic by joining a group. Only one topic per person can be chosen. Registration begins on April 8, 2019 (noon).

Topics are allocated according to a first come, first serve basis and by certain priority criteria¹. **Please note that the introductory meeting is mandatory.** The final allocation of topics will take place there and some information on the course will be given. If you cannot personally attend, please send a substitute person to attend for you, and to share the pertinent information with you.

Up to two students may work on the same topic. Each student, however, is required to write individual seminar papers. The seminar paper counts 2/3 towards the final grade).

In terms of presentations, students are encouraged to organize joint-presentations (with someone working on the same topic). Presentations should be created in a printer-friendly version (white background!). Presentation and participation in discussions count together 1/3 towards the final grade

Registration: Please register also in Flex Now to be formally enrolled in the seminar and be able to earn credits (see dates below). Withdrawal from the course after registration deadline in Flex Now is only possible with a medical certificate

2. Important Dates

08-04-2019 Start of preliminary topic selection in Stud IP (at noon)

18-04-2019 Introductory session and final allocation of topics (OEC 1.162)

18-04-2019 FlexNow opens for enrollment and is open until April 26, 2019

26-04-2019 **Last possible enrollment date in Flex Now (in order to earn credits!!)**

12-07-2019 Handing-in of seminar papers (2 hard copies) no later than 12h.

17-07-2019 Upload of power point presentations via Stud IP no later than 12h (folder for documents).

19-07-2019 and 20-07-2019 Block Seminar. Presence and full participation during both days is required. Location: OEC 1.163

¹ You have a high priority if you are in the 4th or 5th semester in the MA program. Therefore, please state which MA semester you are currently in and whether you are a student of MA Development Economics or MA International Economics or any other MA program.

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3. List of topics

To find out who is the supervisor in charge for the topic, please refer to the initials FN (Felicitas Nowak) or BW (Bruno Witzel).

The introductory literature (listed below) is either put into STUD.IP under ‘documents’ or downloadable by following the LINKS given in this syllabus.

I. Trade Liberalization and Trade Reform in LA [FN]

Topic 1 [FN]: Moving from protectionism to unilateral trade liberalization and back towards more ‘managed trade’. An overview. Theoretical explanations and empirical experience (outlined for the case of Chile /the case of Mexico)

De Ferranti, D., Lederman, D., Perry, G., Suescún, R. (2008). Trade for development in Latin America and the Caribbean. International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD).

https://www.ictsd.org/sites/default/files/event/2008/08/layout_agi.pdf

LatAm Investor (2018) Why Latin America loves trade deals. June 26, 2018.

<http://latam-investor.com/2018/06/latin-americas-love-trade-deals/#>

Perales, J.R. (2012) The hemisphere’s Spaghetti bowl of free trade agreements. Americas Quarterly. Issue: Social Inclusion, Spring 2012.

<https://www.americasquarterly.org/perales>

Topic 2 [FN]: Trade liberalization and economic growth in developing countries. Theoretical aspects and empirical evidence for LA

Beaton, K., Cebotari, A. & Komaromi, A. (2017) Revisiting the link between trade, growth and inequality: lessons for Latin America and the Caribbean: IMF Working Paper WP/17/46.

<https://www.imf.org/en/Publications/WP/Issues/2017/03/09/Revisiting-the-Link-between-Trade-Growth-and-Inequality-Lessons-for-Latin-America-and-the-44732>

Huchet-Bourdon, M., Le Mouel, C. & Vijil, M. (2018) The relationship between trade openness and economic growth. Some new insights on the openness measurement issue. *The World Economy* 41(1): 59-76.

Paudel, R.C. (2014) Trade liberalization and economic growth in developing countries. Does stage of development matter? Crawford school Research Paper No. 14-13, December 2014.

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/270572731_Trade_Liberalisation_and_Economic_Growth_In_Developing_Countries_Does_Stage_of_Development_Matter

Topic 3 [FN]: The benefits and costs of trade liberalization. Identification of booming and declining sectors. Theory and empirical evidence for Chile/Mexico

Akman, S. et al. (2018) Mitigating the adjustment costs of international trade. T20_Argentina 2018. CARI (Consejo Argentina para las Relaciones Internacionales)

<https://www.g20-insights.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Tf-7-7-1-AdjustmentCostsG20FormatMay232018-2.pdf>

Tarr, D. & Matusz, S.J. (2005) The adjustment costs of trade liberalization. Working Paper February 2005. Department of Economics. Michigan State University.

II. Bilateral and Regional Trade Agreements [FN]

Topic 4 [FN]: The Chile-EU association agreement of 2003 and the planned modernization of the agreement in the field of trade and investment. A critical analysis

Jean, S., Mulder, N. & Ramos, M.P. (2012) A general equilibrium, ex-post evaluation of the EU-Chile Free Trade Agreement (FTA). CEPAL. Santiago de Chile.

https://www.cepal.org/sites/default/files/events/files/documento_maria_priscila_ramos_uade_argentina.pdf

ECORYS-CASE (2017) Ex-ante study of a possible modernisation of the EU-Chile association agreement. Executive Summary. European Commission. Brussels.

<https://publications.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/c2fa1e63-3c3e-11e7-a08e-01aa75ed71a1>

Topic 5 [FN]: NAFTA and the new NAFTA (USMCA-Agreement): The US and the Mexican perspective. Theory-based expectations and empirical evidence

Long, Heather (2018) U.S., Canada and Mexico just reached a sweeping new NAFTA deal. Here's what's in it. Washington Post. October 1, 2018.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2018/10/01/us-canada-mexico-just-reached-sweeping-new-nafta-deal-heres-whats-it/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.92516fc729ef

Long, Heather (2018) USMCA: Who are the winners and losers of the 'new NAFTA'? Washington Post. October 1, 2018.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2018/10/01/winners-losers-usmca-trade-deal/?utm_term=.79f428bc286d

Singh, A. & Dasgupta, P. (2011) A brief analysis of the impact of NAFTA on the United States and Mexico. Saint Peter's College. New Jersey.

https://www.saintpeters.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/economics/files/2012/06/StudPaper_Animesh_Singh_Internationaltrade_2011.pdf

III. Challenges for the Multilateral Trading System [BW]

Topic 6 [BW] Liberalization efforts in agriculture. The main issues and the Latin American perspective

Matthews, A. (2013). Doha Negotiations on Agriculture and the Future of the WTO Multilateral Trade System. *135 EAAE Seminar on Challenges for the Global Agricultural Trade Regime after Doha*.

FAO (2006) Trade reforms and food security. Country case studies and synthesis. Harmon Thomas (ed.). Food and Agricultural Organisation. Rome.
<http://www.fao.org/3/a-a0581e.pdf>

Serrano, R. and Pinilla, V. (2015). The Declining Role of Latin America in Global Agricultural Trade, 1963-2000. *Journal of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 48.

Topic 7 [BW] Liberalization and the protection of intellectual property rights. The main issues and the Latin American perspective

Correa, C. M. (2000). Reforming the Intellectual Property Rights Systems in Latin America. *The World Economy*, Vol. 23 (Issue 6).

Adi, B. (2006). Intellectual Property Rights in Biotechnology and the Fate of Poor Farmer's Agriculture. *The Journal of World Intellectual Property Rights*, Vol. 9 – No. 1.

Bardi, M. A. G., Gutiérrez-Oppe, and Politano, R. (2011). Traditional Knowledge Products in Latin America and their Misappropriation. *Journal of Intellectual Property Law & Practice*, Vol. 6 – No. 1.

Topic 8 [BW] Liberalization and the protection of labor standards. The main issues and the Latin American perspective

Reynaud (2018). The International Labour Organization and Globalization: Fundamental Rights, Decent Work and Social Justice. *ILO Research Paper No. 21*.

Labour Overview (2013). Latin America and the Caribbean. Lima: ILO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean. Chapter: "Labour Report – Economic and Labour Situation in Latin America and the Caribbean" (pp. 15-40).

Dewan, S. and Ronconi, L. (2018). U.S: Free Trade Agreements and Enforcement of Labor Law in Latin America. *Industrial Relations*, Vol. 57 – No. 1.

Middleton, A. (2007) Globalization, Free Trade, and the Social Impact of the Decline of Informal Production: the Case of Artisans in Quito, Ecuador. *World Development*, Vol. 35 – No. 11.

Topic 9 [BW] Liberalization and the protection of the environment. The main issues and the Latin American perspective

La Fleur, M. (2011). The Liberalization and Environmental Goods and Services: Overview of Environmental Goods and Services: Overview and Implication for Latin America and the Caribbean. Santiago: ECLAC – Serie Comercio Internacional – Division of International Trade and Integration.

Mumme, S. P. Trade Integration, Neoliberal Reform, and Environmental Protection in Mexico. Lessons for the Americas. *Latin American Perspectives*, Vol. 34 – No. 3.

Peralta, P. O., Bebbington, A., Hollenstein, P., Nussbaum, I., and Ramírez, E. (2014). Extraterritorial Investments, Environmental Crisis, and Collective Action in Latin America. *World Development*, Vol. 73.