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800031 WKLA II : Trade-related and Macroeconomic Issues in Latin American Economic Policy Making

Module: M.WiWi.VWL.0023 (Seminar)

JULY 14-15, 2017

Organizational Issues:

Please register and select your preferred TOPIC via Stud.IP.

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 4, 2017**.

Up to two students may work on the same topic. Each student, however, is required to write individual seminar papers. In terms of presentations, students are encouraged to organize joint-presentations (with someone working on the same topic).

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.

You can select your topic preferences starting on April 4, 2017 at 12h (noon; not before and only through Stud.IP).

Introductory session and final allocation of topics:

April 20, 2017 (12-13h), OEC 0.169

Last possible enrollment day in order to earn credit:

by April 27, 2017 latest (via FlexNow; withdrawal from the course after this date is only possible with a medical certificate)

Handing-in of seminar papers (2 hard copies):

July 7, 2017 (12h), (the seminar paper counts 2/3 towards the final grade)

Send power point presentations via Stud IP e-mail distribution list:

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.

July 12, 2017 (12h) PPT/PDF in a printer-friendly (white background!) version; (presentation and participation in discussions count together as 1/3 of the final grade)

The BLOCK SEMINAR takes place from:

July 14-15, 2017. Presence and full participation during these two days is required.

Location/room on first and second day: KWZ 0.609 (Kulturwissenschaftl. Zentrum)

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List of Topics:

To know who the **supervisor** for a topic is, please refer to the initials FN (Feli Nowak) or JL (Jana Lenze).

The introductory literature (listed below) is downloadable under *documents* in Stud IP or via the url LINK.

Seminar on Macroeconomic Stability and Trade Issues in Developing Countries, with a Special Focus on Latin America (LA) & the Caribbean

I. Macroeconomic Stability in Latin America

Topic 1 [FN]: Why the concern about macroeconomic stability and how did the Washington Consensus improve macroeconomic stability in Latin America?

Birdsall, N.A. de la Torre, and F. V. Caicedo (2010) *The Washington Consensus: Assessing a Damaged Brand*. World Bank Policy Research Paper 5316. Washington, DC: World Bank.

<http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/848411468156560921/pdf/WPS5316.pdf>

Ocampo, J.A. (2005) *A broad view of macroeconomic stability*. DESA Working Paper No. 1, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs. http://www.un.org/esa/desa/papers/2005/wp1_2005.pdf

Stiglitz, J. E. (2008) *Is there a post-Washington Consensus Consensus? The Washington Consensus reconsidered: towards a new global governance*, 41-56. <http://growthlab.cid.harvard.edu/files/growthlab/files/serra8.pdf#page=48>

Topic 2 [FN]: What has Argentina learned from the 2002 crisis? Theoretical aspects and empirical observations.

Fleischmann, A. (2016) *Is Argentina's economy finally having a 'moment'?* Fortune /2016/09/16. <http://fortune.com/2016/09/16/argentina-mauricio-macri/>

Gurtner, F.J. (2004) *Why did Argentina's currency board collapse?* *The World Economy* 27(5): 679-697.

OECD (2016) *Argentina*. OECD Economic Outlook 16(2): 102-104. <http://www.oecd.org/eco/outlook/economic-forecast-summary-argentina-oecd-economic-outlook-november-2016.pdf>

Weisbrot, M. and Sandoval, L. (2007) *Argentina's Economic Recovery. Policy choices and implications*. Center for Economic and Policy Research. CEPR.

Topic 3 [FN]: Why and under which circumstances are fixed exchange rate systems more prone to currency and debt crises? Theoretical background and the Latin American experience (you can choose one LA country)

Boonman, T.M. (2015) Sovereign debt defaults and currency crises in Latin America, University of Groningen, the Netherlands, SOM research school.
<http://www.rug.nl/research/portal/en/publications/sovereign-debt-defaults-and-currency-crises-in-latin-america%283af0f4e4-8e57-40fe-88d0-0d33c6a46218%29.html>

Reinhardt, C.M. and Rogoff, K.S. (2011) From financial crash to debt crisis. *American Economic Review* 101: 1676-1706.

II. From Multilateral Trade Liberalization to Bilateral/Tri-lateral Trade Agreements: The Latin American Experience

Topic 4 [JL]: Multilateral trade liberalization has come to a halt. What is at stake for Latin America in the Doha Round? What are the issues?

Machinea, J.L. (2013) How the demise of Doha would affect the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean. CEPAL Review. <http://www.cepal.org/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/prensa/noticias/columnas/6/28486/P28486.xml&xsl=/prensa/tpl-i/p8f.xsl&base=/prensa/tpl-i/top-bottom.xsl>

Lester, S. (2016) Is the Doha Round over? The WTO's Negotiating Agenda for 2016 and beyond. Herbert A. Stiefel Center for Trade Policy Studies. No. 64, February 11, 2016

Topic 5 [JL]: NAFTA: Its economic impact on the Mexican and the US economy in terms of production, exports, employment and wages.

McBride, J. (2017) NAFTA's economic impact. Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). <http://www.cfr.org/trade/naftas-economic-impact/p15790>.

Burfisher, M., Robinson, S. and Thierfelder, K. (2001) The impact of NAFTA on the United States. *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 15(1): 125-144.

Weisbrot, M., Lefebvre, S. and Sammut, J. (2014) Did NAFTA help Mexico? An assessment after 20 years. Center for Economic and Policy Research. CEPR. February 2014.

III. Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) between the EU and Developing Countries: What are the Challenges?

Topic 6 [NF]: Why did all of the Caribbean countries, but only a few African countries sign Economic Partnership Agreements with the EU? Why did EPAs work for the Caribbean and not for Africa?

Europeaid (2014) Monitoring the implementation & results of the CARIFORUM-EU EPA agreement. Final report. September 2014.

Sarmadi, D. (2014) EU-Africa free trade agreement 'destroys' development policy, say Merkel adviser. EURACTIV. November 10, 2014.

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/development-policy/news/eu-africa-free-trade-agreement-destroys-development-policy-says-merkel-advisor/>

McDonald, S., Lande, S. and Matanda, D. (2013) Why Economic Partnership agreements undermine Africa's regional integration. A Wilson Center & Manchester Trade collaboration. <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/publication/why-economic-partnership-agreements-undermine-africas-regional-integration>

IV. Trade Liberalization and the Effects on Poverty and Inequality

Topic 7 [JL]: Can free-trade policies help reduce gender inequalities in employment, wages or education?

Gaddis, I., and J. Pieters (2014) The Gendered Labor Market Impacts of Trade Liberalization: Evidence From Brazil. World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 7095, November 2014.

Juhn, C., Gergely Ujhelyi, and Villegas-Sanchez, C. (2013) Men, women, and machines: How trade impacts gender inequality, *Journal of Development Economics* 106: 179-193.

Yamamura, E. (2016) Long-Term Effect of International Trade on the Gender Wage and Educational Gaps. ISER Discussion Paper No. 963.

https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2745118

Topic 8 [JL]: How does globalization and trade liberalization affect poverty and inequality?

Castilho, M., Menendez, M. and Sztulman, A., (2012) Trade Liberalization, Inequality, and Poverty in Brazilian States, *World Development* 40(4): 821-835.

Jaumotte, F., Lall, S. & Papageorgiou, C. (2013) Rising Income Inequality: Technology, or Trade and Financial Globalization? *IMF Economic Review* (2013) 61: 271.
<https://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/wp/2008/wp08185.pdf>

Attanasio, O., Goldberg, P. and Pavcnik, N. (2004) Trade reforms and wage inequality in Colombia, *Journal of Development Economics* 74 (2): 331-366.