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- First Meeting: Wednesday, October 27, 14.15-15.45, MZG 1213
- Seminar: Friday, February 11, 09.30-19.00, Theologicum – T0.136
Saturday, February 12, 09.30-19.00, ZHG – MZG 1141
- Deadline for enrollment: Wednesday, November 10, 2010
- Deadline for sign offs: Wednesday, November 3, 2010
- Deadline for papers: Sunday, January 30, 2010, 23:59

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Your participation during discussions (at the margin)
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Language: Papers have to be written in German or English.
Seminar meetings and all presentations will take place in English.

Topics for “Development Aid”

I. Theories of Development Aid

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