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Bachelor Seminar zur Finanzwissenschaft Seminar on European Integration (English)

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Contents:

The member states of the European Union are economically highly integrated in terms of trade, investment, capital and labor mobility. At the same time, however, economic policy is largely conducted by national governments and various supranational institutions. This raises questions about how the EU can deal with various challenges to economic policy, whether reforms are required and if so what kind of reforms.

The seminar focuses on selected current topics in the area of economic policy in the EU. Past topics included causes and consequences of the Brexit, the reform of the EU Budget, the Euro Crisis, the EU's involvement in trade agreements (e.g., CETA), Common Energy Policy, and Migration in Europe. Each seminar participant will write a seminar thesis that describes a specific issue in the subject area and uses economic principles to discuss potential solutions. The seminar itself consists of presentations and structured discussions in the class room.

Learning Objectives:

The seminar allows students to acquire experience in how to assess policy from an economic perspective. Students learn how to profoundly discuss current policy issues and to assess current policy proposals based on economic principles. Students acquire insights into current issues related to the process of European integration and to the role of the European institutions. Students also learn how to write a structured thesis on a subject in economic policy. The seminar, in addition, provides the opportunity to practice and develop further discussion and presentation skills.

Further Information:

The seminar is conducted as a block course over two days each summer semester. For example last year's topic was "**The Rise of populism in Europe: Determinants**". Further information is provided on the Chair's website in January.

The seminar is listed as a separate module in the Bachelor WiWi, but also recognized under the Module description "Seminar on European Integration" in the Programs IES/IBS.

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