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## BACHELOR SEMINAR ON EUROPEAN INTEGRATION (5 ECTS)

### SUMMER TERM 2026

#### “ASSESSING DEBT SUSTAINABILITY: HOW DO EU COUNTRIES COMPARE?”

EXAMINATION NR. 62261 (WIWI), 70231 (IES), 70331 (IBS)

This seminar examines the **sustainability of public debt in the European Union (EU)**. Each Participant will conduct an **assessment of an assigned EU member state**, and we discuss and compare results in the seminar. The assessment is drawing on economic analyses from three key institutions: The European Commission, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and the International Monetary Fund. Students will **critically analyze changes in the debt sustainability projections** from these sources, assessing risks and economic shocks that may not be fully accounted for in all reports.

**A Q&A meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2026 at 11.20 AM on Zoom**

(<https://fau.zoom-x.de/j/8743929559?pwd=STFqdGJRMDFKVM5FOTZwYUc5Rm01UT09>). If you are unable to attend, we invite you to read the **syllabus on the chair's website** ([www.publicfinance.rw.fau.eu/](http://www.publicfinance.rw.fau.eu/)).

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