

Winter term 2019/20

Bachelor of Science in Economics

Spezialmodul: Finanz- und Wirtschaftspolitik (Nr. 102092/102093)

Proseminar „Women and Men in the Labour Market“

How do women and men fare in the labour market? Why are there differences in earnings and occupations between the two sexes? How do economic policies and gender norms affect male and female labour supply? What does economic theory say about discrimination? Which government policies and institutions aim at reducing gender discrimination in the labor market—and are they effective?

This course investigates these and other questions related to differences in labour market behavior and outcomes between men and women in industrialized economies and developing countries. It also examines a variety of public policy measures designed to ensure equality of opportunity. During the regular meetings, the lecturer will introduce basic economic theories related to (fe)male labour supply, decisions within the household, family economics and economic theories of discrimination. The lecturer will also provide a basic overview of modern microeconomic methods of policy evaluation.

A detailed list of topics for the term papers (incl. main references) and information on the course structure will be provided and discussed in the first meeting on October 18th. The number of places is limited to 12. In case of exceedingly high demand, the lecturer will assign the available slots.

Time and location:

First meeting: Friday, October 18, 2019
 Regular meetings: Fridays, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Block seminar: Fridays, Nov 29, Jan 17, Jan 24; 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Location: Boltzmannstr. 16-20, Hörsaal 328

Examination and language:

- Term paper (about 12 pages)
- Presentation of term paper in seminar (approximately 30 minutes)
- Language: English

Course prerequisites:

- Although the course is largely self-contained, basic knowledge of microeconomics and econometrics is recommended.

Important dates:

Oct. 18: Introductory meeting and presentation of term paper topics
 Oct. 25: Assignment to topics, official registration (binding)
 Nov. 29: Presentation and discussion of term paper outlines
 Jan. 17: Student presentations of term papers I (9 am – 3 pm)
 Jan. 24: Student presentations of term papers II (9 am – 3 pm)
Note: We can arrange an alternative date for a one or two-day block seminar.
 March 9: Submission of term paper