

800031: Seminar on “Latin American Economies: Crises and Reforms”

**Module: M.WiWi.VWL.0024 (Seminar)
20-21 January 2017**

**How to promote development?
The role of deep developmental factors. Issues in Latin America.**

Organisational issues

Please register and make a preliminary reservation of your TOPIC via Stud IP.

In order to signal your preferences, you have to register in Stud IP on **1st of October (12:00)**, go to ‘Participants’ – ‘Functions/Groups’, and choose a topic by joining a group. Only one topic per person can be chosen.

Topics are allocated according to first come, first served and priority level¹. It is important to attend the introductory meeting (20 October 2016) as the **final allocation** of topics will take place there and some information on the course will be given. In case you are unable to attend this meeting you must send a substitute.

Reservation of a topic will only be possible starting on 01/10/2016 at 12:00 (noon; not before & only through Stud IP!).

Introductory session and final allocation of topics:

20 October 2016, 12-13h, VG Room 0.110

Last possible course enrollment to earn credit points:

27 October 2016 (via FlexNow; withdrawal from the course after this date is only possible with a medical certificate)

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

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

Uploading of power point presentations on Stud IP in folder ‘presentations’:

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.

18 January 2017 (12h) PPT in a printer-friendly (white background!) version; (presentation and participation in discussions count together 1/3 towards the final grade)

The BLOCK SEMINAR takes place: 20-21 January, 2017. Permanent presence during these two days is required.

Location/room on first day: VG 3.104

Location/room on second day: OEC. 1.162

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Appointments via Skype

List of topics

To find out who is the **supervisor** in charge for the topic, please refer to the initials FN (Feli Nowak) or DM (Dimitrios Minos).

The introductory literature (listed below) is downloadable under *documents* in Stud IP.

General literature:

Meier, G. M. und J. E. Rauch (2005): Chapter IX.A und IX.C, Leading Issues in Economic Development. Eighth Edition. Oxford University Press: Oxford.

Sala-i-Martin, X. (1997) I just ran two million regressions. Papers and Proceedings of the Hundred and Fourth Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association 87(2): 178-183.

Levine, R. and Renelt, D. (1992) A sensitivity analysis of cross-country growth regressions. The American Economic Review 82(4): 942-963

I. Savings and Growth

Topic 1 [FN]: The role of savings (domestic and foreign savings) for growth. How does Latin America compare to other developing countries/regions?

Ganioglu, A. and Yalcin, C. (2013) Domestic Savings-Investment Gap and Growth: A Cross-country panel study. Working Paper No. 13/46. Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey.

Loayza, N., Schmidt-Hebbel, K. and Servén, L. (2000) Saving in Developing Countries: An Overview. The World Bank Economic Review 14(3): 393-414.

Collins, S.M. (1991) Saving Behavior in Ten Developing Countries, in: National Saving and Economic Performance, eds. D. Bernheim and J. Shoven, Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

II. Financial Development and Growth

Topic 2 [FN]: Financial repression, liberalization of the domestic capital market and capital account liberalization in developing countries. Theoretical underpinnings and Latin American experience

Bumann, S., Hermes, N. and Lensink, R. (2012) Financial Liberalization and Economic Growth: A Meta-Analysis. Technical Report. London: EPPI-Centre, University of London.

Eichengreen, B. and Leblang, D. (2002) Capital Account Liberalization and Growth: Was Mr. Mahathir Right? NBER Working Paper No. 9427.

Khan, M.S. and Senhadji, A.S. (2000) Financial Development and Economic Growth: An Overview. IMF Working Paper WP/00/209. IMF.

Roubini, N. and Sala-i-Martin, X. (1992): Financial Repression and Economic Growth. Journal of Development Economics 39: 5-30.

III. Innovation and Growth

Topic 3 [FN] How important are technological progress and skills for growth? How does Latin America compare to other regions in the world in terms of expenditures for research and development (R&D) and education?

OECD/CAF/ECLAC (2014) Innovation for Development in Latin America, in: Latin American Economic Outlook 2015: Education, Skills and Innovation for Development. OECD Publishing, Paris.

Acemoglu, D. (2012) What Human Capital Do? A Review of Goldin and Katz's 'The Race between Education and Technology'. Journal of Economic Literature 50(2): 426-463.

Lederman, D. and Maloney, W.F. (2003) R&D and Development. Policy Research Working Paper. WPS 3024. The World Bank.

Klenow, P.J. and Bils, M. (2000) Does Schooling Cause Growth? American Economic Review 90(5): 1160-1183.

IV. Institutions and Growth

Topic 4 [FN]: How do institutions and governance in particular influence economic growth? Which measures of institutional reform have been taken in Latin America?

Acemoglu, D. und J. Robinson (2008): The Role of Institutions in Growth and Development, Commission on Growth and Development, Working Paper No. 10.

Rodrik, D. (2006): Second-Best Institutions, American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings, 98:2, 100-104.

Lin, J. Y. und J. B. Nugent (1995): Institutions and Economic Development, in J. Behrman und T.N. Srinivasan: Handbook of Development Economics. Amsterdam: Elsevier.

Topic 5 [FN]: Historical explanations for Latin America's growth performance. Geography, institutions and colonial past as potential channels.

Coatsworth, J. H. (2008): Commentary: Inequality, Institutions and Economic Growth in Latin America, Journal of Latin American Studies, 40: 545-569.

Acemoglu, D., Johnson, S. and J. A. Robinson (2002): Reversal of Fortune: Geography and Institutions in the Making of the Modern World Income Distribution, The Quarterly Journal of Economics, Vol. 117 (4): 1231-1294.

Acemoglu, D., Johnson, S. and J. A. Robinson (2001): The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation, The American Economic Review, Vol. 91 (5): 1369-1401.

Sokoloff, K. L. und S. L. Engerman (1997): Factor Endowments, Institutions, and Differential Paths of Growth Among New World Economies, in Stephen Haber (ed.): How Latin America Fell Behind. Stanford University Press: Stanford.

V. Natural Resources and Economic Development

Topic 6 [DM]: The ambiguous role of natural resource endowment for economic development. The Latin American experience

Brunnschweiler, Christa N. (2008): Cursing the Blessings? Natural Resource Abundance, Institutions, and Economic Growth, World Development Vol. 36 (3): 399-419

Gylfason, T. (2007): The International Economics of Natural Resources and Growth. CESifo Working Paper No. 1994.

Rosser, A. (2006): The Political Economy of the Resource Curse: A Literature Survey. IDS Working Paper 268.

Sachs, J. D. und A. W. Warner (1999): The Big Push, Natural Resource Booms and Growth, Journal of Development Economics, Vol. 59: 43-76.

VI. Population Growth and Economic Development

Topic 7 [DM]: How does population growth affect economic development? Compare the more recent developments in Latin America with the ones in Africa

Prettner, K. and Strulik, H. (2016) It's a Sin – Contraceptive Use, Religious Beliefs, and Long-Run Economic Development. Unpublished Manuscript. Department of Economics, University of Göttingen.

Becker, S. O., Cinnirella, F., and Woessmann, L. (2010) The Trade-off between Fertility and Education: Evidence from before the Demographic Transition: Journal of Economic Growth 15(3): 177-204.

Galor, O. and Weil, D.N. (2000) Population, Technology, and Growth: From Malthusian Stagnation to the Demographic Transition and Beyond. American Economic Review, 806-828.

VII. Social Cohesion and Economic Development

Topic 8 [DM]: Social cohesion and ethnic diversity as determinants of economic development. Theoretical underpinnings and Latin American experience

Easterly, W. (2006): Social Cohesion, Institutions, and Growth. Working Paper No. 94. Center for Global Development. Wash. D.C.

Patrinos, H. A. und G. Hall (2006): Indigenous Peoples, Poverty and Human Development in Latin America. Palgrave Macmillan: New York.

Montalvo, J. G. und M. Reynal-Querol (2005): Ethnic Diversity and Economic Development, Journal of Development Economics 76: 293-323.