



Göttingen, den 20. September 2016

Master-Seminar (Winter 2016/7)

Globalization 2.0: Offshoring, Trade in Tasks, and the Labor Market

If you need further information regarding the seminar please contact Ana Abeliansky (aabelia@uni-goettingen.de).

Dates

- 27.10.2016, 10am (ZHG 1.141): introductory meeting
- 03.11.2016: submission of the application form (see last page) in room oec 2.139 or via email (aabelia@uni-goettingen.de)
- 05.11.–15.11.2016: binding registration or cancellation via FlexNow
Attention: In case that there are more potential participants than available places we will distribute the places according to the study regulation of 2012/03/30, §8
- starting from 4.11.2016: publication of the list of participants and the list of topics
- 12.12.2016: submission of seminar papers, no later than 9am. A PDF version is to be sent to Ana Abeliansky (aabelia@uni-goettingen.de)
- 14.12.2016, 9am (VG 1.106 - upon request) : final meeting concerning the seminar
- 13.-14.01.2017, 9-18 (13.01 in KWZ 0.607 and 14.01 Oec 1.163) : blocked seminar

Attendance is compulsory at all these dates.

Grading

Grading will be based upon the following:

- 1) Seminar paper (15 pages, in English)
- 2) Presentation (30 minutes, in English)
- 3) Discussion of another topic (5 minutes, in English)

The seminar paper accounts for 50% of the final grade. Presentation and discussion accounts for the other 50% of the final grade. Students need to pass both of these requirements in order to pass the seminar.

Please notice that due to organizational constraints, the submission deadline of the seminar paper cannot be extended by any circumstance (e.g. illness).

Required background knowledge

Necessary: International Trade (Master level); Mathematics, Econometrics, Macro- and Microeconomics (BA Level)

Recommended: Economic Growth course

Topics

1. Trade and Wages, Reconsidered

Krugman, P.R. (2008). Trade and wages, reconsidered. *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, 2008(1), 103-154.

2. The Impact of Outsourcing and High-Technology Capital on Wages

Feenstra, R.C., and Hanson, G.H. (1999). The impact of outsourcing and high-technology capital on wages: estimates for the United States, 1979-1990. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 907-940.

3. Global Value Chains

Timmer, M. P., Erumban, A. A., Los, B., Stehrer, R., and de Vries, G. J. (2014). Slicing up global value chains. *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 28(2), 99-118.

Los, B., Timmer, M.P., and Vries, G.J. (2015). How global are global value chains? A new approach to measure international fragmentation. *Journal of Regional Science*, 55(1), 66-92.

4. Explaining Job Polarization

Goos, M, A. Manning and A. Salomons (2014). Explaining job polarization: Routine-biased technological change and offshoring. *American Economic Review*, 104(8): 2509-25.

5. Offshoring and the Onshore Composition of Tasks and Skills

Becker, S.O., Eklholm, K., and Muendler, M.A. (2013). Offshoring and the onshore composition of tasks and skills. *Journal of International Economics*, 90(1), 91-106.

6. Trade Adjustment: Worker-Level Evidence

Dorn, D., Hanson, G.H., and Song, J. (2014). Trade Adjustment: Worker-Level Evidence. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 129(4), 1799-1860.

7. Job Polarization and Jobless Recoveries

Jaimovich, N. and H.E. Siu (2012). The trend is the cycle: job polarization and jobless recoveries. NBER Working Paper, 18334.

8. A Ricardian Model of the Labor Market

Section 4 in: Acemoglu, D. and D.H. Autor (2011). Skills, Tasks and Technologies: Implications for Employment and Earnings, in *Handbook of Labor Economics* edited by Orley Ashenfelter and David Card, Vol. 4B, Ch. 12, 1043-1171.

9. Can Vertical Specialization Explain the Growth of World Trade?

Yi, K. M. (2003). Can vertical specialization explain the growth of world trade?. *Journal of Political Economy*, 111(1), 52-102.

10. Trading Tasks: A Simple Theory of Offshoring

Grossman, G.M., and Rossi-Hansberg, E. (2008). Trading tasks: A simple theory of offshoring. *The American Economic Review*, 98(5), 1978-1997.

11. Trade, Education, and the Shrinking Middle Class

Blanchard, E., and Willmann, G. (2016). Trade, education, and the shrinking middle class. *Journal of International Economics*, 99, 263-278.

12. Immigration, Offshoring, and American Jobs

Ottaviano, G. I., Peri, G., and Wright, G. C. (2013). Immigration, offshoring, and American jobs. *American Economic Review*, 103(5), 1925-1959.

13. A Race to the Bottom in Labor Standards?

Davies, R.B., and Vadlamannati, K.C. (2013). A race to the bottom in labor standards? An empirical investigation. *Journal of Development Economics*, 103, 1-14.

14. The Decline of the Labor Share

Elsby, M.W., Hobijn, B., and Sahin, A. (2013). The decline of the US labor share. *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, 2013(2), 1-63.

15. Premature Deindustrialization

Rodrik, D. (2016). Premature deindustrialization. *Journal of Economic Growth*, 21(1), 1-33.

16. Import Competition and Mental Distress

Colantone, I., R. Crino, and L. Ogliari (2015). The hidden cost of globalization: Import competition and mental distress, CEPR, Discussion Paper 10874.

The seminar paper

In your seminar paper you should present the idea and the central mechanisms of the underlying journal article in your own words. The objective of the seminar paper is that a reader unfamiliar with the original journal article is thoroughly familiarized with the topic. The seminar paper must not be longer than 15 pages (excluding appendices and the list of references). Please use the following layout:

type size 12, spacing 2.0, indentation 2.5 cm

The seminar paper and the presentation are an optimal opportunity to familiarize yourselves with the open-source typesetting software Latex that is used nowadays in science. If you choose to prepare the paper in Word please use the typeface “Times New Roman”.

Advices for preparing a seminar paper:

- use as few footnotes as possible.
- attach a bibliography to your paper.
- do not include lists of figures, tables or abbreviations. They are not necessary in such a short seminar paper.
- properly cite all sources that you refer to.
- for references in the text follow the practice of international journals. Example: If you want to refer to an article written by Hazan in 2009 cite it in the text as [...] (Hazan, 2009). Please do not use footnotes for citation.

Students who copy-paste from any source will automatically be expelled from the course. They are graded with 5.0 and are furthermore reported to the registrar’s office (“Prüfungsamt”). Note that also one-for-one translations from another language account as plagiarism. Be aware: We are extremely ambitious to uncover any attempt of fraud and also use specialized software to detect plagiarism.

The presentation

Every participant of the seminar acts as a presenter of his own topic (30 minutes) as well as a “first participant in discussion” (around 5 minutes) of another topic of the seminar. The technical equipment for the presentation (laptop, beamer, laser-pointer) will be provided by the institute. **The slides have to be sent to Ana Abeliatsky (aabelia@uni-goettingen.de) as a PDF file (no ppt files!) until the day before the seminar.**

If you are uncertain about the composition of your presentation the following advices might be helpful.

- The first 3 minutes of a presentation are crucial because you have the full attention of the audience. Use them to deliver the main point/the takeaway of your talk
- The available speaking time of 30 minutes is not sufficient to say everything that could be said about the topic.
- Practice the presentation several times beforehand to get a feeling for the time constraints etc.

You should pay attention to the following advices when preparing your slides:

- No more than 1 slide per minute
- Every slide should be equipped with a title
- The title should be self-explanatory
- No footnotes, detailed bibliographic information, long formulas, big tables or long sentences
- A slide with too little text is preferable to a slide with too much text, optimal are 20 - 40 words per slide
- A figure or a formula is worth a 1000 words
- Do not use fancy layouts (or other fancy Powerpoint options)

Application Seminar Globalization 2.0, Winter 2016/7

Please hand in the Application form at room oec 2.139 or via email (aabelia@uni-goettingen.de) until 03.11.2016.

Name: _____

Enrollment Number: _____

Subject: _____

Semester: _____

E-Mail: _____

Credits passed: _____

Grade in Bachelor Studies: _____

Have you passed any seminar before? (Yes/no) _____

If yes, which ones? Please write the grade _____

Preferred Topics: 1.: _____

2.: _____

3.: _____

I would like to apply for a place in the seminar "Globalization 2.0", Winter 2016/7.

(Signature)