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Bachelor-Seminar (Sommersemester 2022)

Refugees

If you need further information regarding the seminar please contact Dr. Katharina Werner (kwerner@uni-goettingen.de).

Dates

- 20.4.22, 10:00-11:00, introductory meeting (Big Blue Button via StudIP)
- 27.4.2022: submission of the application form by email (kwerner@uni-goettingen.de)
- 28.4.2022–15.5.2022: binding registration or cancellation by FlexNow
Attention: In case that there are more potential participants than available places we will distribute the places according to the study regulation of 22.11.2019, §12
- starting from 28.4.2022: publication of the list of participants and the list of topics
- 19.05.2022, 16:15-17:15, room oec 0.168: extra class on “How to write a Seminar Paper”
- 7.6.2022: submission of seminar papers. A PDF version is to be sent to Katharina Werner (kwerner@uni-goettingen.de)
- 15.06.2022, 9.00-10.00, final meeting concerning the seminar (Big Blue Button via StudIP)
- 24.06. & 25.06.2022: blocked seminar (rooms: Friday: ZHG 1.141; Saturday: oec 1.164)

Attendance is compulsory at all these dates.

Grading

Grading will be based upon the following:

- 1) Seminar paper (15 pages, in English or German)
- 2) Presentation (20 minutes, English)
- 3) Discussion of another topic (5 minutes, 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: BA-courses in Econometrics, Macro- and Microeconomics

Recommended: B.A.-courses in Economic Growth, Mathematics

Topics

1. Are refugees different from economic immigrants?

Cortes, K.E., 2004, Are refugees different from economic immigrants? Some empirical evidence on the heterogeneity of immigrant groups in the United States. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 86(2), 465–480.

2. Refugees' and irregular migrants' self-selection into Europe

Aksoy, C. G., and Poutvaara, P., 2021, Refugees' and irregular migrants' self-selection into Europe. *Journal of Development Economics*, 152, 102681.

3. Differences in labour market outcomes between natives, refugees and other migrants in the UK

Ruiz, I., and Vargas-Silva, C., 2018, Differences in labour market outcomes between natives, refugees and other migrants in the UK. *Journal of Economic Geography*, 18(4), 855–885.

4. The development push of refugees: Evidence from Tanzania

Maystadt, J. F., and Duranton, G., 2019, The development push of refugees: Evidence from Tanzania. *Journal of Economic Geography*, 19(2), 299–334.

5. Immigration and prices: quasi-experimental evidence from Syrian refugees in Turkey

Balkan, B., and Tumen, S., 2016, Immigration and prices: quasi-experimental evidence from Syrian refugees in Turkey. *Journal of Population Economics*, 29(3), 657–686.

6. Forced Displacement and Human Capital: Evidence from Separated Siblings

Chiovelli, G., Michalopoulos, S., Papaioannou, E., and Sequeira, S., 2021, Forced Displacement and Human Capital: Evidence from Separated Siblings (No. w29589). National Bureau of Economic Research.

7. Lift the Ban? Initial Employment Restrictions and Refugee Labour Market Outcomes

Fasani, F., Frattini, T., and Minale, L., 2021, Lift the Ban? Initial Employment Restrictions and Refugee Labour Market Outcomes. *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 19(5), 2803–2854.

8. Jobs, crime, and votes – a short-run evaluation of the refugee crisis in Germany

Gehrsitz, M., and Ungerer, M., 2016, Jobs, crime, and votes – a short-run evaluation of the refugee crisis in Germany. *Economica*, forthcoming.

9. Contact versus exposure: Refugee presence and voting for the far right

Steinmayr, A., 2021, Contact versus exposure: Refugee presence and voting for the far right. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 103(2), 310–327.

10. Refugee migration and electoral outcomes

Dustmann, C., Vasiljeva, K., and Piil Damm, A., 2019, Refugee migration and electoral outcomes. *The Review of Economic Studies*, 86(5), 2035–2091.

11. The violent legacy of conflict: evidence on asylum seekers, crime, and public policy in Switzerland

Couttenier, M., Petrencu, V., Rohner, D., and Thoenig, M., 2019, The violent legacy of conflict: evidence on asylum seekers, crime, and public policy in Switzerland. *American Economic Review*, 109(12), 4378–4425.

12. The economic integration of forced migrants: Evidence for post-war Germany

Bauer, T. K., Braun, S., and Kvasnicka, M., 2013, The economic integration of forced migrants: Evidence for post-war Germany. *The Economic Journal*, 123(571), 998–1024.

13. German Jewish émigrés and US invention

Moser, P., Voena, A., and Waldinger, F., 2014, German Jewish émigrés and US invention. *American Economic Review*, 104(10), 3222–55.

14. Immigration and the diffusion of technology: The Huguenot diaspora in Prussia

Hornung, E., 2014, Immigration and the diffusion of technology: The Huguenot diaspora in Prussia. *American Economic Review*, 104(1), 84–122.

15. Forced migration and human capital: Evidence from post-WWII population transfers

Becker, S. O., Grosfeld, I., Grosjean, P., Voigtlander, N., and Zhuravskaya, E., 2020, Forced migration and human capital: Evidence from post-WWII population transfers. *American Economic Review*, 110(5), 1430–63.

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, indention 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”). Notice 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 (20 minutes)** as well as a **“first participant in discussion” (around 5 minutes)** of another topic of the seminar. **The slides have to be sent to Katharina Werner (kwerner@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 20 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)

Plagiarism Statement

- Name
- Enrollment Number

The seminar paper on the topic for the Seminar “Refugees” in SS 2022 was written by me and in my own words, except for quotations from published and unpublished sources which are clearly indicated and acknowledged as such. I am conscious that the incorporation of material from other works or a paraphrase of such material without acknowledgement will be treated as plagiarism, according to the regulations of the University of Goettingen.

I also agree that my seminar paper will be checked with a specialized software.

(Date and Signature)