



Göttingen, den 22. Juli 2020

Master-Seminar (Winter 2020/21)
Economics of the Covid-19 Epidemics

If you need further informations regarding the seminar please contact Viacheslav Yakubenko (vyakube@gwdg.de).

Dates

- 09.11.2020, 14:00: introductory meeting (online).
- 15.11.2020: submission of the applications
- 16.11.2020: publication of the list of participants and the list of topics **Attention: In case that there are more potential participants than available spots we will distribute the places according to the study regulation of 2012/03/30, §8**
- 16.11.2020 to 30.11.2020: binding registration or cancellation via FlexNow
- 04.01.2021 by 9:00: submission of seminar papers. A PDF version is to be sent to Viacheslav Yakubenko (vyakube@gwdg.de).
- 15-16.01.2021, block seminar (rooms and exact times are to be announced)

Attendance is compulsory at all dates.

Grading

Grading will be based upon the following:

- 1) Seminar paper (15 pages), English
- 2) Presentation (20 minutes), English
- 3) Discussion of another topic (5 minutes)

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

Required background knowledge

Necessary: BA–courses in Econometrics, Macro- and Microeconomics or equivalent

Application

To apply for the course, please, send a scanned version of the application form (see next page) to Viacheslav Yakubenko (vyakube@gwdg.de).

Application form for the seminar “Health and Development”, Winter 2020/21

Please hand in the Application form via email to vyakybe@gwdg.de until 15.11.2020.

Name:

Enrollment Number:

Subject:

Semester:

Exchange: (YES/NO)

E-mail:

Credits passed:

Grade in Econometrics:

Grade in Growth and Development:

Grade in Bachelor Studies:

Have you passed any seminar before? (Yes/No):

if yes: **Topic:**

Grade:

Preferred Topics:

1.:

2.:

3.:

I would like to apply for a place in the seminar “Economics of the Covid-19 Epidemics”, Winter 2020/21.

(Signature)

Topics

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 Viacheslav Yakubenko (vyakube@gwdg.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)