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## **Information on the seminar:**

### **Economic Growth, the External Sector, and Country Risks in Developing Countries**

#### **Overview: Things to do during the Seminar** (More detailed information below...)

1. **Application mail to get access to Moodle (to [kerstin.rathje@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:kerstin.rathje@uni-erfurt.de))**
2. **Participate in the first meeting on Thursday, May 7, via Internet**
3. **Mail your preferred topics (to [Dominik.Maltritz@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:Dominik.Maltritz@uni-erfurt.de))**
4. **Write a seminar paper and submit it to [kerstin.rathje@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:kerstin.rathje@uni-erfurt.de) until June 18, 2020**
5. **Read other student's papers**
6. **Discussion of other student's papers**

## General Information

This course is about the reasons for growth and economic development in developing and newly industrializing countries, in particular about the influence of and the relation to the external sector of the national economy.

We will look at the real economic aspect (exports, imports, etc.), but with a stronger focus on the monetary aspect, i.e. the inward (and outward) flow of capital, such as foreign direct investment.

Country risks and the governance of states play an important role in this context. The latter also has a direct influence on economic development and may create feedback effects.

A list of specific topics can be found at the end of this paper.

## Detailed description of the things to do during the seminar

### First step: Application mail to get access to Moodle

To get access to Moodle please write an e-mail to [kerstin.rathje@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:kerstin.rathje@uni-erfurt.de).

This mail should fulfil the following requirements:

- 1) It should be send from an e-mail-adress from the University of Erfurt ([name@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:name@uni-erfurt.de))
- 2) The mail should contain the following text:  
"Ich verpflichte mich weder den Zugangsschlüssel noch die Inhalte, die im Moodle-Raum zur Verfügung gestellt werden, an Dritte weiterzuleiten sowie dafür Sorge zu tragen, dass Dritte nicht in den Besitz der Schlüssel oder der Inhalte kommen können. Mir ist bewusst, dass eine Zuwiderhandlung einen strafrechtlichen Tatbestand darstellt und insbesondere geistige Eigentumsrechte verletzt."

Or in English:

"I promise that I will neither the key nor any content that is provided in the Moodle space make available for other persons. In addition, I ensure that no unauthorized person gets access to the key and the content. I know that any contravention constitutes a criminal offence, especially it violates intellectual property rights."

In response to this mail you get **access to the respective Moodle** space.

There you can find the slights for the introduction section from Wednesday, May 6 onwards (at latest).

Later on other information will be provided.

## **Step 2: Participate in the first meeting on Thursday, May 7 via Internet**

The class starts with an introduction lecture at Thursday, May 7, at 6 pm.

Please read the seminar description carefully in advance. The first lecture is thought to provide the opportunity to ask questions regarding how the seminar will work.

This first lecture will take place via internet (probably via Webex). All students that are registered in Moodle will be invited via e-mail in advance.

## **Step 3: Mail your preferred topics to Dominik Maltritz**

After the first meeting and **until Sunday, May 10**, you should write an e-mail to [Dominik.Maltritz@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:Dominik.Maltritz@uni-erfurt.de).

In this mail you should inform about the topic(s) on that you want to write your seminar paper.

The mail should contain the following:

- 1) In the “subject” you should include the name of the seminar

**Note: This holds true for any further conversation via e-mail: make sure that the subject line contains the name of the seminar (at least partly).**

- 2) In the content:

3 preferred Seminar topics from the list shown at the end of this paper.  
(together with you preferences concerning these topics)

**Afterwards ..**

you will receive an e-mail in which you are **assigned to a topic** on which you write a seminar paper.

## **Step 4: Write a seminar paper**

The most important thing to do in the seminar is to write the seminar paper. The grade that the students receive will (mainly) rely on this paper.

Note:

The papers is on one the assigned topic (see Step 3)

The papers are single-authored.

The paper length is 10 to 15 pages.

**The paper should be submitted to [kerstin.rathje@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:kerstin.rathje@uni-erfurt.de) until noon of June 18, 2020.**

### **Step 5: Read other student's papers**

After June 18 the papers of all students are available in Moodle. Each student is supposed to read the papers of his fellow students.

### **Step 6: Discussion of other student's papers**

After reading the papers we will discuss them jointly. At the moment it is not quite clear how this will proceed. Maybe it is possible to meet personally, but I would rather guess that we will do it via internet during our meeting dates. (Thursday after 6 pm).

### **List of Specific Topics (for Seminar Papers)**

- 1) Drivers of Economic Growth in Developing Countries: An Overview on the Empirical Research
- 2) The Relation between Economic Growth and the External Sector of the Economy
- 3) Determinants of International Trade in an Empirical Perspective
- 4) Economic Growth and Capital Flows (in General)
- 5) Positive and Negative Effects of FDI in Developing Countries
- 6) Determinants of Capital Costs
- 7) Overview on Country Risks
- 8) Country Risks and Capital Flows and Costs
- 9) Determinants of Country Default Risk in a Theoretical Perspective
- 10) Empirical Research on Country Default Risk
- 11) Theoretical Modeling of Currency Crises
- 12) Determinants and Effects of Currency Crises in an Empirical Perspective
- 13) Theory and Empirics of Banking Crises