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Seminar Research Methods II

Venue: H. 5.054, Kochstr. 4

Time: Wednesday, 14:15 – 15:45

First day: 18.10.2017

Language of instruction: English

This seminar is for students of the MA Development Economics and International Studies. Students submit and present their assignments. The deadline for submission of assignments is two weeks before the assignment is to be presented in the seminar. The assignment must be submitted in the form a hard copy and in electronic form. The assignment should be about 15 pages long. If two (three) students co-write an assignment it should be about 20 (25) pages long. A power-point file should be used for the presentation. Electronic copies of the assignments and power-point files will be made available to all seminar participants on StudOn. The presentations should not be longer than 60 minutes so that there is sufficient time for questions and discussions. Students can improve their marks with bonus points that they can get for actively participating in the seminar.

Further guidance for writing the assignment and presentations will be provided on the course page for the seminar on StudOn.

The seminar will be based on the book:

Mary E. Burfisher, Introduction to Computable General Equilibrium Models, Cambridge University Press, 2nd ed., 2017

An electronic version of the book is available through the University Library:

Do Search Request; Author: Burfisher; use "Volltext".

A printed version of the book is also available at the library of the Institute.

The examples and exercises in the textbook should be taken as guides but for your seminar paper you need to use a different set of countries (and possibly different commodities or factors of production, but that is optional).

Topics of the Seminar Research Methods II, Winter Term 2017/18

- 1. Foundations of Computable General Equilibrium Modelling** *(18 Oct. 2017)*
Burfisher, Ch. 1-3
- 2. Final Demand in a CGE Model** *(25 Oct. 2017)*
Burfisher, Ch. 4
- 3. Effects of Soaring Food Prices** *(8 Nov. 2017)*
Burfisher, Exercise 4, 301-306
- 4. Supply in a CGE Model** *(15 Nov. 2017)*
Burfisher, Ch. 5
- 5. Food Fight: Agricultural Production Subsidies** *(22 Nov. 2017)*
Burfisher, Exercise 5, 307-313
- 6. Factors of Production in a CGE Model** *(29 Nov 2017)*
Burfisher, Ch. 6
- 7. How Immigration Can Raise Wage** *(6 Dec. 2017)*
Burfisher, Exercise 6, 314-319
- 8. Climate Change – The World in 2050** *(13 Dec. 2017)*
Burfisher, Exercise 9, 335-342
- 9. Trade in a CGE Model** *(20 Dec. 2017)*
Burfisher, Ch. 7
- 10. The Doha Development Agenda** *(10 Jan. 2018)*
Burfisher, Exercise 7, 320-326
- 11. Taxes in a CGE Model** *(17 Jan. 2018)*
Burfisher, Ch. 8
- 12. The Marginal Welfare Burden of the Tax System** *(24 Jan. 2018)*
Burfisher, Exercise 8, 327-334
- 13. Regulations in a CGE Model** *(31. Jan. 2018)*
Burfisher, Ch. 9
- 14. Deep Integration: Removing Tariffs and NTMs** *(7 Feb. 2018)*
Burfisher, Exercise 11, 352-365