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Student Seminar for Master Students on Globalization and International Mobility

This seminar will deal with selected topics of international trade and foreign direct investment. The topics and the respective research papers (with links to the papers) are:

1. Trade Elasticities

Boehm, Christoph E., Andrei A. Levchenko, and Nitya Pandalai-Nayar (2023), The Long and Short (Run) of Trade Elasticities, *American Economic Review*, 113: 861–905.

2. International Trade and Transport Markets

Boddin, Dominik, and Frank Stähler (2024), Import tariffs and transport prices, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 57: 430–458.

3. The Effectiveness of Sanctions

Tyazhelnikov, Vladimir, and John Romalis (2024), Russian Counter-Sanctions and Smuggling: Forensics with Structural Gravity Estimation, *Journal of International Economics*, forthcoming.

4. Oligopoly in International Trade

Head, Keith, and Barbara J. Spencer (2017), Oligopoly in international trade: Rise, fall and resurgence, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 50: 1414–1444.

5. Financial constraints and foreign direct investment

Bilir, L. Kamran, Davin Chor, and Kalina Manova (2019), Host-country financial development and multinational activity, *European Economic Review*, 115: 192–220.

6. International Trade under Uncertainty

Novy, Dennis, and Alan M. Taylor (2020), Trade and uncertainty, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 102: 749–765.

7. Free Trade Agreements

Nagengast, Arne J. and Yoto V. Yotov (2024), Staggered Difference-in-Differences in Gravity Settings: Revisiting the Effects of Trade Agreements, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, forthcoming.

8. Trade and Income Inequality

Adão, Rodrigo, Paul Carrillo, Arnaud Costinot, Dave Donaldson, and Dina Pomeranz (2022), Imports, Exports, and Earnings Inequality: Measures of Exposure and Estimates of Incidence, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 137 (3): 1553–1614.

9. Diversification Through Trade

Caselli Francesco, Miklós Koren, Milan Lisicky, and Silvana Tenreyro (2020), Diversification Through Trade, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 135 (1): 449–502.

10. Resilience in Global Supply Chains

Grossman, Gene, Elhanan Helpman, and Hugo Lhuillier (2023), Supply Chain Resilience: Should Policy Promote International Diversification or Reshoring?, *Journal of Political Economy*, 131 (2).

11. Multinational Auto Production

Head, Keith and Thierry Mayer (2019), Brands in Motion: How Frictions Shape Multinational Production, *American Economic Review*, 109 (9): 3073–3124.

12. Production Network Formation

Demir, Banu, Ana C. Fieler, Daniel Y. Xu, and Kelly K. Yang (2024), O-Ring Production Networks, *Journal of Political Economy*, 132 (1): 200–247.

You are expected to write an essay and to do a presentation. Both the essay and the presentation must be in English. The essay should not be longer than 20 pages, and you will be emailed a Latex template for your essay. The presentation will be 20 minutes, followed by a discussion of 10 minutes. The timeline is as follows:

- Registration until October 13, 10:00: please send an email with the subject line “Master seminar registration” to frank.staehler@uni-tuebingen.de and indicate three topics you are interested in (in preferred order). We hope that you will understand that we cannot make any commitment at this stage.
- Topic assignment by email: October 14, 11:00.
- First meeting: October 15, 12:15–13:45 in room E04 (Mohlstr. 36, ground floor).
- Submission deadline for essay: December 10, 10:00.
- Student seminar with presentations: December 12, starting at 9:00 in room SR209 (Mohlstr. 36, second floor; exact schedule to be announced).

The number of participants in this seminar is limited to a maximum of twelve, and the allocation will be done on a first come, first served basis. You are expected to work thoroughly through the respective research paper, which is one of the key papers in your topic area. Additionally, you should do research on other papers in this field, and for this reason you should learn how to use Google Scholar, Science of Knowledge, the Social Science Citation Index and other tools.

All correspondence will be done by email, and with the topic assignment you will receive the details of the meeting on October 15. In this meeting, we will also discuss the general setup of the seminar on December 12.