

# E512: Master's Seminar on Organization and Behavior of Firms

## Content & Objectives:

This seminar deals with selected topics on firm organization and firm behavior. Students are expected to write an essay (about 20 pages long) and to give a 30 minute presentation (both in English). The primary goal of the seminar is to prepare students to write a master thesis. Participants will also practice their presentation and communication skills.

Essays and presentations are based on journal articles. These articles address research questions related to the organization and behavior of firms. The research papers often focus on investment, financing, location, or organizational responses of firms to economic fundamentals, but also to

- tax incentives,
- international tax rules,
- trade policy,
- financial regulation, etc.

## Participation:

If you are interested in participating, please sign up online for the seminar on *alma*. If you have questions, write an email to 'georg.wamser@uni-tuebingen.de'. I will then assign an academic paper to each participant on October 16, 2024. While you are expected to work thoroughly through the academic paper, you should also do some additional research on related articles relevant to the research question. After the presentation (in December), you have about four weeks to finish your essay. More details/information will be provided by email.

The essay must be submitted electronically (in pdf-format) to the above email address no later than January 14, 2025.

### Assessment:

Presentation (20%), Seminar Paper (80%)

#### **Seminar Details:**

• Seminar presentations: December 11 and December 12, 2024. (Seminar room: t.b.a.)

- Please register for the seminar until October 15, 2024 (alma online registration)
- Essays are due on January 14, 2025.
- $\bullet\,$  You can earn 9 ECTS-Credits.