

Syllabus E581: “Topics in International Economic History II”

ETCS	9
Amount of work estimated in semester hours	Contact time: 30 Self studies: 225
Duration	1 Semester
Regular cycle	WS, SS
Working language	English
Method of examination	Term paper, assignments
Person responsible	Prof. Dr. Jörg Baten (Head of Chair of Economic History)
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Jörg Baten

Content of the module

In this module, students can obtain deep insights into the process of scholarly research in economic history by doing a research internship. The main aspects are how researchers are working on studies and how to retrieve information, prepare econometric analysis and design a scholarly text. The topics covered in the winter term: Long-run human capital development, the development of welfare in many different world regions and international economic history. The topics covered in the summer term: Development and violence, brain drain and migration and general development trends in poor countries over the long run, e.g. human capital, welfare.

Qualification aims

In this module students describe general issues in international economics and interesting economic developments. They will also strengthen their knowledge in applied statistical analyses techniques and execute them with STATA by using real historical data. By writing a term paper, students will be able to gather, analyze and apply information, to formulate convincing arguments, communicate academic ideas, produce conclusions and acquire skills in academic writing. Students present and discuss the research question and their analysis to an academic audience, they react to and incorporate new ideas, feedback and critique.

Literature

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