Zusätzliche Seminare in WM II/ IIIb

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030 102
International Economics from a Global South Perspective

2 st., Seminar Mo 16-18, GA 03/46

Creditpoints: 4, 6

This course will provide an analysis of economic relationships between countries, covering both trade and monetary issues. The course is split into two parts: In part 1, it will consider international trade theories and policies, discussing questions such as: who trades what with whom? What are the effects of trade on welfare and the income distribution? What are the effects of barriers to trade and economic integration? While in part 2, it will consider international macroeconomics issues, discussing the issues such as: how are nominal exchange rates determined? What does it mean for a currency to be overvalued or undervalued? Why do countries run large current account surpluses or deficits? Are such external imbalances sustainable? Why do some fixed exchange rate regimes fail and end in a currency crisis? What are the benefits and costs of a common currency? The course will look both at the answers of classical and new trade theory to these questions.

Selected Readings:

Note: A more comprehensive list of reading materials will be updated at a later stage.
Research Seminar with International Workshop: Environment, Health Welfare and Dignity

2 st., Seminar Di 12-14, GABF 04/352

Creditpoints: 4, 6

This seminar and workshop will consider key debates in the relationship between environment and health, including:
- Population growth (in urban areas, and in developing countries, etc.)
- Environment and health issues, advocacy, interventions
- Poverty alleviation and causes of poverty in Southeast Asia
- Human rights in Southeast Asia
- Human trafficking in Southeast Asia
- Human welfare and dignity

Students will be guided through the topics in a series of preparatory seminars, which will be followed by an international workshop with invited speakers. International speakers might include but not limited to Prof. Dr. Gobind M. Heerani, Prof. Dr. Haradhan Kumar Mahajan, Prof. Dr. Fil, Prof. San Sophany, etc.

Note: Reading materials depends on invited speakers and will be provided at later stage.
Moral philosophers are very much concerned with how people should or should not act, with what is right and wrong, with what is permissible or impermissible, or what it means to be a good, virtuous person. However, as everyday experience and research from psychology teach us, reality often does not conform to these normative theories. Many philosophers have reacted to this kind of empirical evidence by saying that there is a large gap between the ought and the is – an unfortunate fact that we probably have to live with.

However, a new group of interdisciplinary researchers has tried to systematically tie together moral philosophy and moral psychology. These people, often referred to as experimental philosophers, aim to understand why we make the moral judgments and decisions we make. They are fascinated by the gap between ‘is’ and ‘ought’, and they investigate what the underlying cognitive processes, folk assumptions and concepts are that affect moral cognition.

This seminar will introduce the interdisciplinary research method and tools of experimental philosophy as they are used to investigate questions in the intersection of moral philosophy and moral psychology. At the beginning of this course, we will engage with the method of experimental philosophy more generally, as experimental philosophy has not only informed debates about moral questions but also many other research areas. We will therefore introduce the method as it is applied to a variety of domains. We will introduce a couple of most important empirical tools that experimental philosophers have used, such as questionnaire studies, experiments, and corpus studies. We will also provide basic training in how to use online software for data collection (Qualtrics, MTurk) and data analysis (Excel, SPSS). We will apply these methods to three topics from moral philosophy. In the first session, we will jointly decide which topics we will cover. Some suggestions are: moral realism, happiness and wellbeing, moral motivation, moral responsibility, free will, and moral character.

Introductory session with general information about the seminar: Thursday, 04.04. 2019, 2-4.

During this session we will make a choice of up to three topics in moral philosophy and moral psychology to focus on during the seminar in July.

The seminar will presuppose a minimal understanding of statistics and experimental research, yet a bachelor’s degree in psychology is not necessary at all. All students (including, among others, philosophers, psychologists, law students, and cognitive science students) are invited who have taken an introduction to statistics, experimental research, or who have taken either “Philosophical Thought Experiments and Experimental Philosophy”, “Moral Psychology”, or participated in the EXTRA colloquium in winter 18/19. If you don’t meet these criteria but still want to participate, please contact us.

**Literature:** Preparatory texts will be determined in the first session.