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Masterseminar “The Political Economy of the IMF and the World Bank”

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Seminar: Friday, December 12, 14.00-20.00, Oeconomicum – OEC 1.163
Saturday, December 13, 08.00-18.00, Oeconomicum – OEC 1.163

Deadline for papers: Sunday, December 07, 2008, 23:59

Please send an electronic version of your seminar paper (preferably pdf, otherwise Word) to Jan Höffler (Jan-H.Hoeffler@wiwi.uni-goettingen.de).

If you fail to meet this deadline, you fail the course!

After the deadline you will receive one of the papers written by another student as a paper for discussion. Please prepare a short critical review of this paper for the seminar meeting.

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Your seminar paper (60 percent)

Your presentation and Q&A session (15+10 minutes, 30 percent)

Your discussion of another paper (5 minutes, 10 percent)

Your participation during discussions (at the margin)

(You will only be graded when present during all presentations!)

Language:

Papers have to be written in German or English

Seminar meetings will take place in English if necessary

Topics for “The Political Economy of the IMF and the World Bank”

This seminar applies economic principles and political-economy approaches to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. The politics of the Bretton Woods Institutions affect an ever-increasing number of people. To understand these effects, we need to study the decision-making processes and patterns of policy making of these organizations in a systematic and detailed fashion.

I. Normative and Positive Theory of International Organizations

1. Do we need international organizations to ensure cooperation among states? (Seo Young Cho)

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2. Why do states delegate part of their sovereignty to international organizations? (Seo Young Cho)

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3. Is there a principal-agent problem in/ with international organizations? (Axel Dreher)

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4. Who controls the IMF? (Andreas Fuchs)

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5. A critical assessment of the IMF's non-lending functions (Axel Dreher)

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6. A critical assessment of IMF Conditionality (Axel Dreher)

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- Vreeland, James, 2007, *The International Monetary Fund: Politics of Conditional Lending*, Routledge, Chapter 4.

9. Does the IMF's "seal of approval" catalyze capital flows? (Axel Dreher)

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11. Should the IMF be reformed and, if so, how? (Jan Höfler)

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III. The World Bank Group (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA)

13. Who controls the World Bank? (Andreas Fuchs)

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- <http://www.nber.org>
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