



## Seminar on Growth and Development – WS 2024-25

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Language: English  
Date: Introductory Lectures  
Sessions for Presentations (to be announced later)

### Motivation

This seminar will focus broadly on the concepts and issues of economic growth and development in the light of institutions and governance. We will discuss the fundamental, contemporary theories of economic growth and development, the determinants of growth and development and the new wave of globalization, and the role of institutions and governance in promoting economic growth and alleviating economic inequality. Few nations have developed; many are developing (emerged and emerging), yet many are underdeveloped. How “best” can countries navigate the transition?

Economic growth and development are highly desirable but quite challenging to achieve in an increasingly globalized, “unequal” world. It suffices to say that a fundamental problem in development is inequality in the allocation of resources and distribution of income and wealth. We will discuss pertinent models and thoughts from historical and contemporary perspectives. Participants will share their views and positions on the debates that will come up, as there will be no room for neutrality (Please note that scientific analysis of objective conditions always necessitates the researcher to take a position).

### Target Group & Accreditation

The expected participants in this seminar are Master’s students in Economics, International Economics and Governance (IWG), Philosophy & Economics, Development Studies, and advanced bachelor’s students in the listed courses of study. The details are as presented in the table below:

Studiengang	Bereich/Modul	LP / ECTS
Economics (Bachelor)	Seminar	5
IWE (Bachelor)	Seminar zur Entwicklung / Seminar zur internationalen Wirtschaft	5
P&E (Bachelor)	E6	5
Economics (Master)	Individueller Schwerpunkt	6
IWG (Master)	Theorie und Empirie der wirtschaftlichen Entwicklung / Individueller Schwerpunkt	6



## Requirements

Participants are required to participate in the Introductory Sessions, Academic Presentation Sessions, and Submission of a final seminar paper. Each participant will give an academic presentation (for 20 minutes) on their preferred topic, followed by a session of discussion and Q & A with the audience (10 minutes). All participants must participate actively in all the sessions.

After the presentations, participants will prepare and submit a written work in the form of a seminar paper (approximately 4,000 words for Masters- and 3,000 words for Bachelors students) on or before a stipulated date.

Final grades are based on the academic presentation and final seminar paper.

## Seminar Organization & Application Process

**Mandatory introductory lectures** will take place (on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2024, from 12 – 14 Uhr). The objectives of this session are as follows;

- ✚ To provide a background to the subject of Economics of Growth & Development.
- ✚ Present the seminar's structure, introduce the topics, and highlight the nexus of the listed themes.
- ✚ To present a working paper on a pertinent contemporary topic.
- ✚ To discuss relevant comments and questions from the participants.

The **presentations** on selected topics will tentatively take place in January 2025 (exact date, time, and venue to be announced). Further information, if and when necessary, will be promptly communicated in due course.

The deadline for submitting the final seminar papers is the last day of the academic calendar of the Winter Semester.

If you are interested in participating in the seminar, don't hesitate to contact me via an email indicating one or two topics of your choice in the list below and supported with a brief motivation for your preference(s). **The deadline for the application is the 30<sup>th</sup> of November, 2024.**

Upon receipt and satisfactory review of each application, you will receive notification of acceptance for participation in the seminar via email as soon as possible.

**The seminar is limited to 20 participants.** I will treat the applications on a first-come-first-serve basis and a case-by-case basis.



## Outline of Topics

- 1) Theories of Growth and Development
- 2) Institutions and Economic Growth (The impact of institutions on growth)
- 3) Inequality of Opportunity and Economic Inequality
- 4) Economic Growth and Economic Inequality
- 5) Governance, Democratic Reforms and Economic Growth & Development
- 6) The Role of the State in Sustainable Economic Growth & Development
- 7) Competitiveness (of states/regions) and Economic Development
- 8) Globalization, Economic Growth and Development
- 9) Globalization, Capitalism, and Inequality
- 10) Trade, Global Value Chains, and Growth & Development
- 11) Financial Development, Economic Growth, and Inequality
- 12) Financing Economic Growth and Development
- 13) Economic Growth and the Environment (Economy and Ecology)
- 14) Growth and Institutional Diagnostics
- 15) Social Progress: An Economic Development Agenda