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| Name of the course: | Current Issues in International economics | | | |
| Teacher: | Prof. Dr. Martina Metzger, Prof. Dr. Christina Teipen | | | |
| University / organisation: | Berlin School of Economics and Law (HWR) | | | |
| Language of teaching: | English | | | |
| ECTS: | 6.5 | | | |
| Semester (S1, S2, S3 or S4): | S1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S2 | S3 | S4 |
| Teaching method(s): | Lecture courses | | Flipped classroom | |
| | Other: | Seminar | | |
| Type(s) of evaluation: | Sitting exam | | Written report | |
| | Oral defence | | Group project | |
| | Other comments: | Term paper | | |
| Expected deadline(s) for the evaluation(s): | Mid-August | | | |
| Expected date of final results: | End of semester (30 September) | | | |
| Summary of the content: | <p>This course will involve a programme of research and debate focusing on the various dimensions of the recent social and economic developments such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green Finance - Adaptation to climate change in the Global South - Reform of the international and national financial system - Development of regional financial markets - Financial remittances - Gender and macro - Role of the State (monetary and fiscal policy) in the developmental process / providing financial market stability - Trends and explanation of changes in income distribution - Restructuring of global value chains and impacts on working conditions - Digitalisation of work and employment <p>Following an initial input from the lecturers, students will form small research groups which will focus on a particular question, and then present the results of the research to the class.</p> | | | |

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| <p>Indicative list of lectures:</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The real exchange, structural change and female labor force participation 2. Distributional impacts of QE 3. (Economic) consequences of de-regionalisation: The case of Brexit 4. Macroprudential supervision in the Eurozone: Unfinished agenda 5. International banking regulation after the crisis : Status quo and prospects 6. Digital financial services and remittances: Improving financial inclusion? 7. Asymmetric power relationships in global value chains and employment relations theory 8. The labour process debate and the new digital workplace |
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