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| Name of the course: | Regional Economic Integration | | | |
| Teacher: | Prof. Dr. Jennifer Pédussel Wu | | | |
| University / organisation: | Berlin School of Economics and Law (HWR) | | | |
| Language of teaching: | English | | | |
| ECTS: | 6.5 | | | |
| Semester (S1, S2, S3 or S4): | <input type="checkbox"/> 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) | July | | | |
| Expected date of final results: | End of semester (30 September) | | | |
| Summary of the content | <p>Given the current state of regional agreements, this course attempts to explore the current state of the literature before moving toward a practical approach by examining the agreements, and those in current development. We begin by examining the economic literature concerning the formation of regional integration agreements and examine the main theoretical strands of the literature. The first part of the course will cover the main theories, beginning with Viner, associated with regional economic integration. The second part of the course will be devoted to exploring the current state of regional integration agreements in the world. We examine several current regional economic integration agreements including Canada-EU, TPP, NAFTA; Mercosur, Asean+3, etc. Students will examine the agreements in an in depth manner looking at the various sections and their relation to the theoretical components of the literature.</p> | | | |
| Indicative list of lectures: | <p>Introduction to Regional Integration (PTA, FTA, MFN, EU, and others) Trade Creation and Trade Diversion; Welfare generated by a trade agreement; A political economy approach to regional integration; Domino Theory and Reciprocity; Natural Trading Partners; Rules of Origin; Trade agreements and the Environment, Global Value Chains and Regional Agreements.</p> | | | |

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| Short bibliography: | <p>Baldwin, R.E., Cohen, D., Sapir, A. and A.Veneables (Eds.). 1999. <u>Market Integration, Regionalism and the Global Economy</u>. CEPR, Cambridge University Press.</p> <p>Baldwin, R.E. 2008. “Big-Think Regionalism: A Critical Survey”, NBER Working Paper 14056.</p> <p>Bowen, H.P., Hollander, A., J. Viaene. 2012. <u>Applied International Trade (2nd edition)</u>. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.</p> <p>Bhagwati, J, Krishna, P and A. Panagariya (Eds). 1999. <u>Trading Blocs: Alternative Approaches to Analyzing Preferential Trade Agreements</u>. MIT Press (BKP)</p> <p>Grossman, G.M., (2016) “The purpose of trade agreements”, NBER working paper 22070.</p> <p>Maggi, G. and Rodríguez-Clare, A. “A Political-Economy Theory of Trade Agreements”, AER, 97:4 (September 2007).</p> <p>Reider, R. “Playing Dominos in Europe: An Empirical Analysis of the Domino Theory for the EU, 1962-2004” HEI WP 11/2006</p> <p>Schiff, M. ”Will the Real “Natural Trading Partner” Please Stand Up?” (June 1999). World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 2161.</p> <p>Schiff, M and L.A. Winters. 2003. <u>Regional Integration and Development</u>. The World Bank and Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Tapp, S. “Understanding Rules of Origin: A Critical Review of the Literature.” Canadian Dept. of Finance WP June 2007.</p> |
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