

Updates zum Kommentierten Vorlesungsverzeichnis der Abteilung Volkswirtschaftslehre Herbstsemester 2010

22. Juni 2010, drei zusätzliche Veranstaltungen und weitere Änderungen:

Artificial Intelligence II

Vorlesung und Übung 4st.

Winschel, V.

Zeit und Ort werden noch festgelegt.

Course title: Artificial Intelligence II

Instructor: Dr. Viktor Winschel, Dr. Mathias Nieper

Offered: HWS 2010

Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + practical exercise (2)

Course level: Master, Diploma

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Basic programming skills; Basic knowledge of formal logic; Basic knowledge of probability theory

Examination: Written Exam (60 - 90 minutes)

Participants have to carry out and present the results of practical exercises on a regular basis as a requirement for being admitted to the final exam.

ECTS-Credits: 7 (Diploma) or 9 (Master)

Course description: This lecture is organized in cooperation with the faculty for computer science. The class will provide and advanced overview of the state-of-the-art principles and methods of artificial intelligence. The covered areas will be uncertain reasoning, decision making & planning, and optimization. Students will learn how to apply the learned methods to solve meaningful problems in industry and economics. For instance, constructing a telecommunication network at low cost while guaranteeing stability if particular connections get damaged, and efficient traffic management are some of the applications that will be addressed in the class. For students of economics we will provide additional lectures to catch up with the education of computer scientists (e.g. logic and programming usually need to be introduced to economists).

- Probabilistic Reasoning & Statistical Relational Learning: Bayesian and Markov Networks, Markov Logic

- Decision Making & Planning: Markov decision processes, Reinforcement Learning

- Optimization Problems & Methods: Linear & Integer Programming, Branch and Bound, relation to search methods, Approximation methods for hard problems

- Real world applications: (Semantic) Web applications, Applications in economics and industry

Literature: Stuart Russel and Peter Norvig: Artificial Intelligence - A Modern Approach, Prentice Hall 2003; Luc de Raedt: Logical and Relational Learning, Springer Verlag 2008

Contact person: Dr. Viktor Winschel, Tel. 181-1802, E-mail: winschel@rumms.uni-mannheim.de, room 245.

Statistical Methods with R

Vorlesung und Übung 4st.

Stocker, T.

wtl Fr 10:15 - 11:45 10.09.2010-10.12.2010 L 7, 3-5 P 043

wtl Fr 08:30 - 10:00 17.09.2010-10.12.2010 L 7, 3-5 P 043

Diese Veranstaltung eignet sich für Studenten, die einen Einblick in die Vielfalt statistischer Methoden gewinnen und gleichzeitig ihre Fähigkeiten in der „statistischen Programmiersprache“ R ausbauen möchten. Wahl- und auszugweise werden statistische Methoden und Techniken aus den Bereichen Regressionsanalyse, nichtparametrische Statistik, multivariate Statistik und Zeitreihenanalyse vorgestellt. Dabei soll zunächst ein Basisverständnis für die jeweils zugrunde liegende Theorie vermittelt und anschließend die praktische Anwendung (mit R) erlernt werden. Für diese sehr anwendungsorientierte Veranstaltung werden gute statistisch-ökonomische Kenntnisse vorausgesetzt. Die hohe Gewichtung der Hausaufgaben ist durch den teils erheblichen zeitlichen Aufwand zu erklären.

Internationale Studierende und/oder Studierende, welche die Sprache R noch nicht kennen, sollten im Voraus mit mir Kontakt aufnehmen.

Course title: Statistical Methods with R

Instructor: Dr. Toni Stocker

Offered: Winter-Semester 2010/11

Method (hours per week): lecture (2) and practical exercises (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English on demand

Prerequisites: Statistics I and II (Basic Statistics), Grundlagen der Ökonometrie (Basic Econometrics), Laptop required.

Examination: 50% Assignments, 50%, Written Exam (90 minutes)

Lecture and practical exercises: 4 hours.

ECTS-Credits: 7

Course Description: This course is well suited for students who want to get an insight into the variety of statistical methods and want to extend their capabilities in the „statistical programming language“ R. Selected methods and techniques from the fields of regression analysis, nonparametric statistics, multivariate statistics and time series analysis will be introduced. Students will get a basic understanding of the underlying theoretical concepts and learn how to apply important statistical methods in R. For this heavily application-oriented course students are expected to bring along solid basic knowledge in statistics and econometrics. Since assignments are partly pretty time-consuming they will be weighted 50%.

International students and/or students who do not yet know R should contact me in advance.

Contact person: Dr. Toni Stocker, e-Mail: stocker@rumms.uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 145, Tel. 181-3963.

Competition Economics

Vorlesung

2st.

Takahashi, Y.

wtl Mo 10:15 - 11:45 06.09.2010-06.12.2010 A 5, 6 Bauteil B B 144

Course title: Competition Economics

Instructor: Yuya Takahashi

Offered: Fall 2010

Method (hours per week): lecture (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Intermediate microeconomics

Examination: Final exam (70%) and homework exercises (30%)

ECTS-Credits: 5

Course description: The course covers core topics in industrial organization, such as competition and market structure, product differentiation, entry and exit, vertical relationships, and technology adoption. We also discuss empirical aspects of economic models in IO; i.e., identification of demand and supply, estimation of production function, and estimation of entry-exit models.

Contact person: Yuya Takahashi, email: takahashi2@wisc.edu

Soziale Grundsicherung

Seminar

2st.

Boeckmann, B.

Einzel Fr - 10.09.2010-10.09.2010

Die Veranstaltung muss leider entfallen.

E810 Duration Analysis/Verweildaueranalyse (Wahlveranstaltung Ökonometrie)

Vorlesung und Übung 4st.

Maier, M.

wtl	Mo	08:30 - 10:00	06.09.2010-10.12.2010	L 7, 3-5 031
wtl	Di	08:30 - 10:00	07.09.2010-07.12.2010	L 7, 3-5 P 044 oder 158

Die Vorlesungszeiten stehen nun fest.

Developments in Business Cycle Theory

Blockseminar 2st.

Jung, P.

Einzel	Fr	16:00 - 18:00	17.09.2010-17.09.2010	L 7, 3-5 P 044
Einzel	Fr	10:00 - 20:00	26.11.2010-26.11.2010	L 9, 1-2 002
Einzel	Sa	10:00 - 20:00	27.11.2010-27.11.2010	L 9, 1-2 003

Die Räume stehen nun fest.

E513 Demography and region / Demographie und Region

Seminar 2st.

Gans, P.

Einzel	Mo	15:30 - 18:45	08.11.2010-08.11.2010	L 7, 3-5 410
Einzel	Mo	15:30 - 18:45	15.11.2010-15.11.2010	L 7, 3-5 410

Die Räume stehen nun fest.

Entwicklungsökonomie/Development Economics (Bachelor Blockseminar)

Blockseminar 2st.

Frölich, M. / Volland, B.

Einzel	Mi	09:30 - 16:00	27.10.2010-27.10.2010	L 7, 3-5 410
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Der erste Termin steht nun fest.

Venture Capital and Regional Development

Blockseminar 2st.

Hasse, S.

Einzel	Fr	08:30 - 19:30	12.11.2010-12.11.2010	L 9, 1-2 002
Einzel	Sa	08:30 - 13:30	13.11.2010-13.11.2010 bei Bedarf	L 9, 1-2 002

Die Räume stehen nun fest.

Applied Econometrics

Seminar 2st.
wtl Di 13:45 - 15:15 07.09.2010-07.12.2010 L 7, 3-5 P 043

Trenkler, C.

Die Anmeldung beginnt bereits ab dem 30. August. / Enrollment starts on 30 August.

Kurse der Universitätsbibliothek zur Datenbank- und Literaturrecherche für Wirtschaftswissenschaftler

Wirtschaftswissenschaften: Literatursuche in Katalogen, Portalen und Internet (Kurs A)

Der Kurs vermittelt grundlegende Kenntnisse der Literaturrecherche sowie einen Überblick über die wichtigsten Recherche- und Nachweisinstrumente (Online-Katalog der UB, regionale und überregionale Kataloge, Fachportale) und das Angebot an elektronischen Medien (Zeitschriften, E-Books, Datenbanken).

Es werden keine Kenntnisse vorausgesetzt.

Dauer: 1 1/2 Std.

Termin: ~~14.09.2010~~ **28.09.2010**, 12:00-13:30 Uhr; weitere Termine werden während des Semesters im Studierendenportal bekanntgegeben und können auch kurzfristig vereinbart werden

Treffpunkt: Bibliotheksbereich Schloss Ehrenhof, PC-Raum, 2. OG.

Referenten:

Dipl.-Vw. Regine Becher, Tel.: 0621-181-3018, E-mail: regine.becher[at]bib.uni-mannheim.de

Dipl.-Vw. Wolfram Lindner, Tel. 0621/181-3032, E-mail: wolfram.lindner[at]bib.uni-mannheim.de

Anmeldung: über das Studierendenportal

Wirtschaftswissenschaften: Recherchieren in Datenbanken und Internet (Kurs B)

Der Kurs vermittelt die Techniken der wissenschaftlichen Literaturrecherche am Beispiel der wichtigsten wirtschaftswissenschaftlichen Datenbanken (WISO, Business Source Premier, ABI/INFORM Complete, EconLit with Full Text) und erläutert die Literaturbestellung über Fernleihe und Dokumentlieferdienste.

Kenntnisse der Nutzung von Recherche- und Nachweisinstrumenten (siehe Kurs A) werden vorausgesetzt.

Dauer: 1 1/2 Std.

Termin: ~~16.09.2010~~ **30.09.2010**, 12:00-13:30 Uhr; weitere Termine werden während des Semesters im Studierendenportal bekanntgegeben und können auch kurzfristig vereinbart werden

Treffpunkt: Bibliotheksbereich Schloss Ehrenhof, PC-Raum, 2. OG.

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Anmeldung: über das Studierendenportal

21. Juli 2010, Änderungen und zusätzliche Veranstaltungen:

Mikroökonomik B

Vorlesung			3st.			Peitz, M.
wtl	Mo	15:30 - 17:00	13.09.2010-06.12.2010	A 3 Bibl., Hörsaalgebäude 001		
Einzel	Mi	10:15 - 11:45	08.09.2010-08.09.2010	B 6, 23-25 Bauteil A, A 0.01		
14-tägl	Mi	10:15 - 11:45	15.09.2010-08.12.2010	B 6, 23-25 Bauteil A, A 0.01		
Einzel	Mi	10:15 - 11:45	03.11.2010-03.11.2010	B 6, 23-25 Bauteil A, A 0.01		

Bitte beachten Sie die Hörsaal- und Terminänderungen.

Seminar in Competition Economics

Blockseminar			2st.			Takahashi, Y. / Peitz, M.
Einzel	Di	10:15 - 11:45	07.09.2010-07.09.2010	Raum wird noch bekannt gegeben		
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 18:00	19.11.2010-19.11.2010	Raum wird noch bekannt gegeben		
Einzel	Sa	09:00 - 18:00	20.11.2010-20.11.2010	L 7, 3-5 P 044		

Course title: Seminar in Competition Economics

Instructor: Yuya Takahashi

Offered: Fall 2010

Method (hours per week): blockseminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Intermediate microeconomics

Examination: Seminar presentation and seminar paper

ECTS-Credits: 4

Organization Meeting: Tuesday, September 7th, 2010

Course schedule: Friday, November 19th, 2010, 9:00 - 18:00; Saturday, November 20th, 2010, 9:00 - 18:00

Course description: We discuss empirical applications of several important topics in IO. Students are required to pick one or two empirical papers in selected topics and give a presentation to discuss the papers' strengths and weaknesses. Based on comments that they receive in the presentation, students are required to write a seminar report summarizing the papers. Topics include competition and market structure, product differentiation, entry and exit, discrete choice, vertical relationships, and technology adoption.

Contact person: To sign up for the seminar please contact Nuray Mamac, nuray.mamac@econ.uni-mannheim.de; concerning contents of the seminar please email Yuya Takahashi, takahashi2@wisc.edu

Seminar in Empirical Industrial Organization

Seminar			2st.			Schmidt-Dengler, Ph.
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Course title: Seminar in Empirical Industrial Organization

Instructor: Philipp Schmidt-Dengler

Offered: Fall 2010

Method (hours per week): seminar (2)

Course level: Master and Diploma

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Bachelor

Examination: Seminar presentation and seminar paper

ECTS-Credits: 6 (Diploma)

Course description: This seminar will cover recent empirical papers in Industrial Organization. Students will present a paper and write a report evaluating the paper critically and suggesting improvements as well as further applications.

Contact person: Philipp Schmidt-Dengler, L7, 3-5, Room 3.11

E518 Information and Incentives - Contract Theory

Vorlesung und Übung 3st.

Levy, R.

wtl Do 08:30 - 10:45 09.09.2010-09.12.2010 B 6, 23-25 Bauteil A, A 3.03

Course title: E518 Information and Incentives - Contract Theory

Instructor(s): Raphaël Levy

Offered: Fall 2010

Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + practical exercises (1)

Course level: Master and Diploma

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Bachelor

Examination: written exam (tba.)

ECTS-Credits: 6 (Diploma)

Course description: The objective of the course is to introduce contract theory. Topics include basic models of screening, signaling, adverse selection and moral hazard. The course also covers more complex theoretical developments such as dynamic contracting. Finally, I shall explore the issue of incomplete contracts and its applications in the theory of the firm. All over the course, I will put strong emphasis on applications of the theory, in particular in the fields of labor economics, corporate finance and industrial organization.

Contact person: Raphaël Levy, rlevy@eui.eu (provisory)

Gesundheitsökonomie

Vorlesung 3st.

Wille, E.

Einzel	Mo	10:00 - 13:00	25.10.2010-25.10.2010	L 7, 3-5	410
Einzel	Mo	14:30 - 17:00	25.10.2010-25.10.2010	L 7, 3-5	410
Einzel	Do	10:00 - 15:30	04.11.2010-04.11.2010	L 7, 3-5	410
Einzel	Fr	10:00 - 13:00	15.10.2010-15.10.2010	L 9, 1-2	002
Einzel	Fr	14:30 - 17:00	15.10.2010-15.10.2010	L 9, 1-2	002
Einzel	Fr	10:00 - 13:00	29.10.2010-29.10.2010	L 9, 1-2	002
Einzel	Fr	14:30 - 17:00	29.10.2010-29.10.2010	L 9, 1-2	002
Einzel	Fr	10:00 - 13:00	05.11.2010-05.11.2010	L 9, 1-2	002
Einzel	Fr	14:30 - 17:00	05.11.2010-05.11.2010	L 9, 1-2	002

Blockveranstaltung an mehreren Einzelterminen

Course title: Gesundheitsökonomie

Instructor: Prof. Dr. Eberhard Wille

Method (hours per week): lecture (3)

Course level: Bachelor and Diploma

Course language: German

Prerequisites: Finanzwissenschaft

Examination: written, 135 minutes

ECTS-Credits: 7

Course description: determinants of health care expenditures, efficiency and effectiveness in health care; outcome measurement, managed care and disease management, cost benefit analysis in health care.

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Eberhard Wille, phone: 0621/181 1828, L 7, 3-5, room 2-20, E-Mail: wille[at]rumms.uni-mannheim.de

28. Juli 2010: Zusätzliche Veranstaltung

Industrial Organization

Vorlesung und Übung 3st.

Schutz, N. / Peitz, M.

Zeit und Ort werden noch bekannt gegeben.

Course title: Industrial Organization

Instructor: Nicolas Schutz

Offered: Fall 2010

Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + practical exercises (1)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Microeconomics A+B

Examination: homework + final exam

ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description: In a market economy, firms are in charge of deciding what and how much to produce, and consumers respond to this by shopping for the best alternative. This course analyzes the behavior of firms. It aims to answer the following questions. What is a firm? What defines the boundaries of a firm? Given established boundaries, how do firms make production decisions and how do they compete with each other? Should government meddle with the operation of firms? The course will be organized as follows:

1. Review on perfect competition
2. Review on game theory
3. Monopoly
4. Static oligopoly
5. Dynamic oligopoly and collusion
6. Product differentiation
7. Information
8. Advertising
9. Merger, entry and market structure
10. Network effects
11. Vertical relations
12. Patents and R&D
13. Antitrust

Contact person: Nicolas Schutz, email: nicolas.schutz@gmail.com

28. Juli 2010: Änderungen

Seminar Labour Economics "Empirical Analyses of Wage Formation"

Blockseminar

2st.

Gürtzgen, N.

After an introductory meeting at the beginning of the semester the seminar takes place as a block seminar on 12th and 13th November, 2010. For more information and a list of the available topics please consult the web page of Nicole Gürtzgen at <http://www.zew.de/de/mitarbeiter/mitarbeiter.php3?action=mita&kurz=ngu>. Students can sign up for the seminar until 19th August, 2010. Please send an E-mail to Nicole Guertzgen including your matrikel number and 2-3 topics of your choice.

Neu: Anmeldungen sind bis 13.9.2010 möglich. Enrollment is possible until September, 13th, 2010.

Strategie, Organisation und Regulierung

Vorlesung			2st.	
Einzel	Mo	14:00 - 18:00	06.09.2010-06.09.2010	L 7, 3-5 P 043
Einzel	Mo	14:00 - 18:00	20.09.2010-20.09.2010	L 7, 3-5 P 043
Einzel	Mo	14:00 - 18:00	04.10.2010-04.10.2010	L 7, 3-5 P 043
Einzel	Mo	14:00 - 18:00	18.10.2010-18.10.2010	L 7, 3-5 P 043
Einzel	Mo	14:00 - 18:00	25.10.2010-25.10.2010	L 7, 3-5 P 043
Einzel	Mo	14:00 - 18:00	08.11.2010-08.11.2010	L 7, 3-5 P 043
Einzel	Mo	14:00 - 18:00	22.11.2010-22.11.2010	L 7, 3-5 P 043

Grüner, H.

Die Vorlesungstermine stehen nun fest.

Makroökonomik B

Übung			2st.	
wtl	Mi	12:00 - 13:30	15.09.2010-10.12.2010	L 7, 3-5 001
wtl	Mi	13:45 - 15:15	15.09.2010-10.12.2010	L 7, 3-5 001

Vogel, E.C.

Makroökonomik B

Übung			2st.	
wtl	Mi	15:30 - 17:00	15.09.2010-10.12.2010	L 7, 3-5 001
wtl	Do	13:45 - 15:15	16.09.2010-10.12.2010	A 5, 6 Bauteil B B 144
wtl	Fr	08:30 - 10:00	17.09.2010-10.12.2010	L 7, 3-5 031
wtl	Fr	12:00 - 13:30	17.09.2010-10.12.2010	L 7, 3-5 031

Lengnick, M.

Makroökonomik B

Übung			2st.	
wtl	Do	12:00 - 13:30	16.09.2010-10.12.2010	L 7, 3-5 031
wtl	Do	13:45 - 15:15	16.09.2010-10.12.2010	L 7, 3-5 031

Kuhle, W.

Mikroökonomik B

Übung			2st.			Russ, S.
wtl	Do	10:15 - 11:45	16.09.2010-10.12.2010	L 7, 3-5	001	
wtl	Do	12:00 - 13:30	16.09.2010-10.12.2010	L 7, 3-5	001	
wtl	Do	15:30 - 17:00	16.09.2010-10.12.2010	L 7, 3-5	001	
wtl	Fr	12:00 - 13:30	17.09.2010-10.12.2010	A 5, 6 Bauteil B B	244	

Mikroökonomik B

Übung			2st.			Bernecker, A.
wtl	Mi	15:30 - 17:00	15.09.2010-10.12.2010	L 7, 3-5	031	
wtl	Mi	17:15 - 18:45	15.09.2010-10.12.2010	L 7, 3-5	031	

Mikroökonomik B

Übung			2st.			Loerke, P.
wtl	Fr	10:15 - 11:45	17.09.2010-10.12.2010	L 7, 3-5	001	
wtl	Fr	13:45 - 15:15	17.09.2010-10.12.2010	L 7, 3-5	001	

Übungen zu Grundlagen der VWL, Analysis und Statistik II siehe Studierendenportal.

5. August 2010: Zusätzliche Veranstaltung

Wie "frei" ist unsere Marktwirtschaft? Wirtschaftsordnung und Regulierung in Westdeutschland seit 1945

Hauptseminar			2st.		Freiin von Künsberg-Langenstadt, A.
Einzel	Do	17:15 - 18:45	16.09.2010-16.09.2010		
Einzel	Fr	09:30 - 17:00	12.11.2010-12.11.2010		
Block	-	09:30 - 17:00	05.11.2010-06.11.2010		

Inhalt:

Die institutionelle Neuordnung Westdeutschlands nach Ende des Zweiten Weltkrieges wird als die Geburtsstunde der freien (Sozialen) Marktwirtschaft in Westdeutschland angesehen. Dabei wird oft vernachlässigt, daß die Wirtschaftsordnung der Bundesrepublik keineswegs vollständig frei von Regulierung und staatlichen Einflüssen war und ist. Anhand verschiedener Quellen werden in der Veranstaltung einerseits der Entstehungshintergrund unserer Wirtschaftsverfassung und andererseits bestimmte, regulierte Bereiche ebenso wie die Rolle der Europäischen Union als Treiber der Deregulierung untersucht. Der Leistungsnachweis wird über die aktive Teilnahme, das Anfertigung einer Hausarbeit und ein Referat zum gleichen Thema erbracht.

Dieses Hauptseminar wird angeboten für folgende Studiengänge: BSc. VWL (Wahlbereich), Diplom VWL (Wahlbereich), M.A. Geschichte (alle Arten), Magister Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeschichte/Neuere Geschichte; Wirtschaftspädagogen mit Wahlfach Geschichte; Diplom BWL (Wahlfach Wirtschaftsgeschichte), Master Wipäd und BaKuWi Geschichte mit Nebenfach VWL. Voraussetzung für die Teilnahme ist der erfolgreiche Besuch der Vorlesung „Einführung in die Wirtschaftsgeschichte für Volkswirte“ bzw. für Wirtschaftspädagogen des Proseminars in Wirtschaftsgeschichte.

Anmeldung:

Die Anmeldung ist möglich ab dem 10.08.2010, 10.00 Uhr bei Dipl.-Kffr. Alexandra v. Künsberg per Mail (akuensbe@rumms.uni-mannheim.de). Bitte geben Sie gleich drei Themenwünsche für die Übung mit an. Die Themenliste finden Sie im Internet auf der Lehrstuhlhomepage.

Grundlagen-Literatur:

Heusgen, Christoph: Ludwig Erhards Lehre von der Sozialen Marktwirtschaft: Ursprünge, Kerngehalt, Wandlungen (Sozioökonomische Forschungen, Bd. 13), Stuttgart 1981

Jaeger, Hans: Geschichte der Wirtschaftsordnung in Deutschland, Frankfurt/M 1988

Krakowski, Michael (Hrsg.): Regulierung in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland: Die Ausnahmebereiche des Gesetzes gegen Wettbewerbsbeschränkungen, Hamburg 1988

Picot, Arnold (Hrsg.): 10 Jahre wettbewerbsorientierte Regulierung von Netzindustrien in Deutschland: Bestandsaufnahme und Perspektiven der Regulierung, München 2008

Rauhut, Siegfried: Soziale Marktwirtschaft und Parlamentarische Demokratie: Eine institutionenökonomische Analyse der politischen Realisierungsbedingungen der Konzeption der Sozialen Marktwirtschaft (Duisburger Volkswirtschaftliche Schriften, Bd. 34), Berlin 2000

Course title: Wie "frei" ist unsere Marktwirtschaft? Wirtschaftsordnung und Regulierung in Westdeutschland seit 1945 - To what extent is the German market economy based on a 'free' market?

Instructor: Dipl.-Kffr. Alexandra v. Künsberg-Langenstadt

Method (hours per week): seminar (2)

Examination: written paper and presentation

ECTS-Credits: 4 or 6

Course description: This seminar deals with the question of regulation and deregulation facts within the German economic system. After WWII the institutional reform in Western Germany lead to what is commonly known as social market economy (Soziale Marktwirtschaft). By using specific files and laws this seminar wants the students to analyse and discuss to what extent our social market economy was still regulated. The course will follow a chronological line, starting with the after-war period and ending with the deregulation pressure of the European Union in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

Application/registration starts 10.08., 10am. Please send an email, including your three favourite paper topics.

Contact person: Alexandra v. Künsberg-Langenstadt, L7, 3-5, room P09, phone 181-1904, e-mail akuensbe@rumms.uni-mannheim.de

5. August 2010: Änderungen

Stadtökonomie

Vorlesung 2st. Gans, P.
wtl Mi 10:15 - 11:45 15.09.2010-08.12.2010 L 7, 3-5 001

Course title: Stadtökonomie

Instructor: Prof. Dr. Paul Gans

Offered: winter semesters

Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + **practical exercises (1)**

Examination: tba.

ECTS-Credits: ~~5~~ **6**

Course description:

The lecture comprises the following issues:

- Formation of cities; global urbanisation;
- Urban systems; central place theory, global cities;
- Urban structure and land use within cities;
- Selected urban issues (e.g. residential mobility, housing markets, poverty).

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Paul Gans, Tel. 181-1963, E-mail: paulgans[at]uni-mannheim.de; L 7, 3-5, room P 029, Tuesday 16:00-17:00.

E518 Information and Incentives - Contract Theory

Vorlesung und Übung 3st. Levy, R.
wtl Do 08:30 - 10:45 09.09.2010-09.12.2010 B 6, 23-25 Bauteil A, A 3.03

Kommentar siehe oben auf Seite 6, Änderung der ECTS-Credits:

ECTS-Credits: ~~6~~ **7 (Master and Diploma)**

E810 Duration Analysis/Verweildaueranalyse (Wahlveranstaltung Ökonometrie)

Vorlesung und Übung 4st. Maier, M.

Ort und Zeit werden noch bekannt gegeben.

Kommentar siehe oben auf Seite 6, Änderung der ECTS-Credits:

ECTS-Credits: ~~8 (Diploma)~~ or **9.5 (Master and Diploma)**

18. August 2010: Zusätzliche Veranstaltung

Organizations and Personnel / Grundlagen der Organisations- und Personalökonomik

Vorlesung und Übung 4st.

Neckermann, S.

Wtl:	Di,	7.9. - 16.11	12:00-13:30	L9,1 003
Einzel:	Fr.	10.9.2010	9:00-19:00	ZEW, Raum Straßburg
Einzel:	Do.	16.9.2010	9:00-19:00	ZEW, Raum Hamburg
Einzel:	Fr.	17.9.2010	9:00-19:00	ZEW, Raum Hamburg
Einzel:	Do	11.11.2010	9:00-19:00	ZEW, Raum Hamburg
Exam	Di	16.11.	12-13:30	L9,1 003

Course Title: Organizations and Personnel / Grundlagen der Organisations- und Personalökonomik

Instructor: Dr. Susanne Neckermann

Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + practical exercises (2)

Course level: B.Sc., and minor subject economics

Course language: German or English

Examination: written (90 min); 2 graded homework presentations; attendance and participation

ECTS-Credits: 7

Course description: This course provides an introduction to the economic analysis of organizations and personnel and will cover basic theories as well as empirical evidence. We will look at contracts, incentive provision, and selection and extend the framework to non-standard preferences. During the first three weeks, we will cover the bulk of the theoretical material.

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18. August 2010: Änderungen

Mathematical Econometrics and Statistics I

Vorlesung und Übung 6st.

Mammen, E.

wtl	Di	10:15 - 11:45	07.09.2010-07.12.2010	L 7, 3-5 031
wtl	Di	12:00 - 13:30	07.09.2010-07.12.2010	L 7, 3-5 031
wtl	Do	10:15 - 11:45	09.09.2010-09.09.2010	L 7, 3-5 P 044

Änderung der ECTS-Credits:

ECTS-Credits: ~~11 (Bachelor)~~ or 14 (Master **and Bachelor**)

Artificial Intelligence II

Vorlesung und Übung 4st.

Winschel, V.

Zeit und Ort werden noch festgelegt.

Änderung der ECTS-Credits:

ECTS-Credits: ~~7 (Diploma)~~ or 9 (Master **and Diploma**)

19. August 2010:

~~Applied Econometrics for Health Economists~~

~~Vorlesung und Übung~~ ~~2st.~~

~~Jürges, H.~~

Die Veranstaltung muss leider entfallen.

~~Topics in Empirical Microeconomics~~

~~Blockseminar~~

~~Jürges, H.~~

Die Veranstaltung muss leider entfallen.

30. August 2010:

International Financial Policy

Vorlesung 3st.

Vaubel, R.

wtl Mi 12:00 - 13:30 08.09.2010-08.12.2010 L 7, 3-5 031

14-tägl Fr 10:15 - 11:45 17.09.2010-10.12.2010 L 7, 3-5 031

~~Die Veranstaltung ist auf Antrag auch für Bachelorstudierende geöffnet.~~

Literaturhinweise:

Eine Liste ausgewählter Aufsätze wird in der Vorlesung verteilt und ist am Lehrstuhl erhältlich.

Die Klausur kann wahlweise auf Englisch oder Deutsch geschrieben werden.

Die Veranstaltung wird in englischer Sprache gehalten.

Course title: International Financial Policy

Instructor(s): Prof. Dr. Roland Vaubel

Offered: winter semester 2010

Method, hours per week: lecture (3)

Course level: Master and Diploma (~~on application also course level: Bachelor~~)

Course language: English

Examination: written, 135 minutes

ECTS-Credits: Master **and Diploma** 7,5, ~~Diploma 7, Bachelor 7~~

Course description: International Financial Policy

1. Foundations of exchange rate theory
2. Exchange rate policy and the international monetary system
3. European monetary integration
4. Official international liquidity
5. International capital movements and international debt

Inhalt:

1. Grundlagen der Wechselkursstheorie
2. Wechselkurspolitik und Weltwährungsordnung
3. Die europäische Währungsintegration
4. Die offizielle internationale Liquidität
5. Internationale Kapitalbewegungen

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Roland Vaubel, Tel. 181-1816, E-mail: vaubel[at]uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 2-12.

Seminar in Competition Economics

Blockseminar			2st.		Takahashi, Y. / Peitz, M.
Einzel	Di	10:15 - 11:45	07.09.2010-07.09.2010	4.10	
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 18:00	19.11.2010-19.11.2010		Raum wird noch bekannt gegeben
Einzel	Sa	09:00 - 18:00	20.11.2010-20.11.2010		L 7, 3-5 P 044

Die erste Seminarsitzung findet im Raum 4.10 statt.

2. September 2010:

~~Organizations and Personnel~~ / Grundlagen der Organisations- und Personalökonomik

Vorlesung und Übung 4st. Neckermann, S.

Wtl:	Di,	7.9. - 16.11	12:00-13:30	L9,1 003
Einzel:	Fr.	10.9.2010	9:00-19:00	ZEW, Raum Straßburg
Einzel:	Do.	16.9.2010	9:00-19:00	ZEW, Raum Hamburg
Einzel:	Fr.	17.9.2010	9:00-19:00	ZEW, Raum Hamburg
Einzel:	Do	11.11.2010	9:00-19:00	ZEW, Raum Hamburg
Exam	Di	16.11.	12-13:30	L9,1 003

Course Title: Organizations and Personnel / Grundlagen der Organisations- und Personalökonomik

Instructor: Dr. Susanne Neckermann

Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + practical exercises (2)

Course level: B.Sc., and minor subject economics

Course language: German ~~or English~~

Examination: written (90 min); 2 graded homework presentations; attendance and participation

ECTS-Credits: 7

Course description: This course provides an introduction to the economic analysis of organizations and personnel and will cover basic theories as well as empirical evidence. We will look at contracts, incentive provision, and selection and extend the framework to non-standard preferences. During the first three weeks, we will cover the bulk of the theoretical material.

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Industrial Organization

Vorlesung und Übung 3st. Schutz, N. / Peitz, M.

wtl	Mo	10:15 - 11:45	06.09.2010-06.12.2010	L 9, 1-2 002
14-tgl.	Do	17:15 - 18:45	16.09.2010-10.12.2010	L 7, 3-5 P043

Zeit und Ort stehen nun fest.

9. September 2010: Terminänderung

Strategie, Organisation und Regulierung

Vorlesung		2st.			Grüner, H.
Einzel	Mo	14:00 - 18:00	06.09.2010-06.09.2010	L 7, 3-5 P 043	
Einzel	Mo	14:00 - 18:00	13.09.2010-13.09.2010	L 7, 3-5 P 043	
Einzel	Mo	14:00 - 18:00	27.09.2010-27.09.2010	L 7, 3-5 P 043	
Einzel	Mo	14:00 - 18:00	11.10.2010-11.10.2010	L 7, 3-5 P 043	
Einzel	Mo	14:00 - 18:00	25.10.2010-25.10.2010	L 7, 3-5 P 043	
Einzel	Mo	14:00 - 18:00	08.11.2010-08.11.2010	L 7, 3-5 P 043	
Einzel	Mo	14:00 - 18:00	22.11.2010-22.11.2010	L 7, 3-5 P 043	

Teilweise geänderte Termine.

13. September 2010: Zusätzliche Veranstaltung

Empirical Methods in Industrial Organization

Seminar 3st. Shcherbakov, A. / Peitz, M.

Organizational Meeting: Friday, October 22, 13:45-15:15h; at L9, 1-2, 002.

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Office hours: by appointment, or just stop by

Student Presentation: TBA.

Prerequisites: Intermediate Microeconomics, Introduction to Econometrics.

Grading Policy:

- Presentation: 50%
- Research review: 50%

SUMMARY:

This course is intended to provide an introduction to empirical industrial organization (IO) and also familiarize students with research at the frontiers of the field. We will discuss in detail the model, research question, sources of identification and estimation methodology.

The list of papers below is meant to provide a starting point for reading on each topic and it does not attempt to be comprehensive. Topics include estimation of production functions, models of collusion, differentiated product demand systems, entry/exit and strategic interactions, price discrimination, vertical relationships, technology adoption, and introduction into single agent dynamic optimization problems.

Students are required to select one paper for presentation and another one for writing a research review (see a brief guideline below). Each student has up to 30 minutes for presentation followed by a 20-minutes discussion.

Research review:

In addition to presentation, you are required to write a "research review" of one paper listed below. The review should be about 3 to 5 pages long and should contain the following:

1. A brief summary of what the paper claims to have done and how it relates to earlier literature. Note that this part may also require that you look up and read some additional background literature.
2. A more detailed evaluation of what the paper does and how successfully it achieves its goals. Depending on the paper, you would evaluate the modeling assumptions, the data set, the econometric techniques used, the correctness of the proofs, and so on.

3. A discussion of what important questions remain unanswered or incompletely addressed, and proposals for how future work might address these issues or further advance the literature. For example, if a paper does not clearly identify a parameter of interest, you should try to come up with a strategy, perhaps involving a different data set, that would identify the parameter.

LIST OF TOPICS:

1 Empirical models of collusion

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- Bresnahan, T. (1987). Competition and collusion in the American automobile industry: the 1955 price war. *Journal of Industrial Economics*, 35: 457-482.
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- Ellison, G. (1994). Theories of cartel stability and the Joint Executive Committee. *Rand Journal of Economics*, 25: 37-57.
- Genesove, D. and Mullin, W. (1998). Testing static oligopoly models: conduct and cost in the sugar industry: 1890-1914. *Rand Journal of Economics*, 29: 355-377.
- Green, E. and Porter, R. (1984). Noncooperative collusion under imperfect price information. *Econometrica*, 52: 87-100.
- Lau, L. (1982). On identifying the degree of competitiveness from industry price and output data. *Economics Letters*, 10: 93-99.
- Sullivan, D. (1985). Testing hypotheses about firm behavior in the cigarette industry. *The Journal of Political Economy*, 93: 586-598.

2 Production functions

- Akerberg, D., Benkard, L., Berry, S. and Pakes, A. (2007). Econometric tools for analyzing market outcomes. *Handbook of Econometrics*, Chapter 63, 6(A): 4172-4276.
- Akerberg, D., Caves, K., and Frazer, G. (2008). Structural identification of production functions. Working paper.
- Arellano, M. and Bover, O. (1995). Another look at the instrumental variable estimation of error components models. *Journal of Econometrics*, 68: 29-51.
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- Olley, S. and Pakes, A. (1996). The dynamics of productivity in the telecommunications equipment industry. *Econometrica*, 64: 1263-1295.
- Wooldridge, J. (2005). On estimating firm-level production functions using proxy variables to control for unobservables. Unpublished manuscript. Michigan State University.

3 Differentiated product discrete choice demand models

- Berry, S. (1994). Estimating discrete-choice models of product differentiation. *RAND Journal of Economics*, 25: 242-262.
- Berry, S., Levinsohn, J., and Pakes, A. (1995). Automobile prices in market equilibrium. *Econometrica*, 63: 841-890.
- Davis, P. (2000). Empirical models of demand for differentiated products. *European Economic Review (papers and proceedings)*, 44(4-6): 993-1005.
- Nevo, A. (1998). Identification of the oligopoly solution concept in a differentiated products industry. *Economics Letters*, 59(3): 391-395.
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4 Models of entry and strategic interactions

- Berry, S. (1992). Estimation of a model of entry in the airline industry. *Econometrica*, 60:889-917.
- Berry, S. and Waldfoegel, J. (1999). Social inefficiency in radio broadcasting. *RAND Journal of Economics*, 30(3): 397-420.
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5 Price discrimination

- Busse, M., and Rysman, M. (2005). Competition and price discrimination in Yellow Pages advertising. *RAND Journal of Economics*, 36(2): 378-390.

- Crawford, G. (2006). The discriminatory incentives to bundle in the cable television industry. Mimeo, University of Arizona, 2006.
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- Gowrisankaran, G., and Stavins, J. (2004). Network externalities and technology adoption: lessons from electronic payments. *RAND Journal of Economics*, 35(2): 260-276.
- Hamilton, B. and McManus, B. (2005). Technology diffusion and market structure: evidence from infertility treatment markets. Working Paper.
- Rysman, M. (2004). Competition between networks: a study of the market for Yellow Pages. *Review of Economic Studies*, 71: 483-512.
- Schmidt-Dengler, P. (2006). The timing of new technology adoption: the case of MRI. Working Paper.

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- Akerberg, D. (2003). Advertising, learning and consumer choice in experience good markets: a structural empirical examination. *International Economic Review*, 44(3): 1007-1040.
- Gowrisankaran, G., and Rysman, M. (2009). Dynamics of consumer demand for new durable goods. Working paper.
- Hotz, J., Miller, R., Sanders, S. and Smith, J. (1994) A simulation estimator for dynamic models of discrete choice. *Review of Economic Studies*, 61: 256-289.
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- Rust, J. (1987). Optimal replacement of GMC bus engines: an empirical model of Harold Zurcher. *Econometrica*, 55(5): 99-1033.

Course title: Seminar Empirical Methods in Industrial Organization

Instructor: Alex Shcherbakov

Offered: Fall 2010

Method (hours per week): seminar (3)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Intermediate Microeconomics, Introduction to Econometrics

Examination: see above

ECTS-Credits: 4

Course description: see above

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15. September 2010:

Economics of Innovation

Blockseminar			2st.		Väänänen, L. / Peitz, M.
Einzel	Do	12:00 - 13:30	23.09.2010-23.09.2010	L9, 1-2, 009	
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 18:00	19.11.2010-19.11.2010	L9, 1-2, 003	
Einzel	Sa	09:00 - 18:00	20.11.2010-20.11.2010	L7, 3-5, P043	

Die Räume stehen nun fest.