

Syllabus

Name:			
Economic Geography			
Responsible:			
Professor Dr. Michael Pflüger, Chair of International Economics			
Program:	Type:	Term:	ECTS:
Master	Lecture	Summer	6 CP
Contents & Objectives:			
<p>The course covers the determinants of economic activity in space: basics of urban and regional economics; the origins of the new economic geography and model tools involving mobile labour and mobile capital; applications to trade, tax and regional policy issues are studied and the empirics of agglomeration and trade are covered.</p> <p>Students acquire a knowledge of the forces which determine the allocation of economic activity in space and they learn to apply fundamental models of agglomeration to understand and analyze policy issues involving trade, taxation and regional policy questions both analytically and in an economic intuitive way.</p>			
Prerequisites:			
sound knowledge of basic microeconomic concepts; familiarity with intermediate international economics			
Course Structure:			
Week	Content		
1	I Introduction		
2	II Economic activity in space: basics		
3	III From the new trade theory to the new economic geography		
4	IV The core-periphery model and beyond		
5	V The footloose-capital model and applications		
6	VI Housing, welfare and regional policy		
7	VII The empirics of agglomeration and trade		
8	VIII Policy issues		
9	IX Where to go from here		
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Literature:

The course uses a combination of textbooks and journal articles. The main textbooks used are:

- [1] Brakman, W., H. Garretsen and Ch. van Marrewijk, 2009, The New Introduction to Geographical Economics, Cambridge University Press
- [2] Baldwin, R., R. Forslid, P. Martin, G. Ottaviano and F. Robert-Nicoud, 2003, Economic Geography and Public Policy, Princeton, 2003
- [3] Combes, P.P, Th. Mayer and J.F. Thisse, 2008, Economic Geography. The Integration of Regions and Nations, Princeton University Press
- [4] Fujita, M., P.R. Krugman and A.J. Venables, 1999: The Spatial Economy, MIT Press

Krugman, P.R., 1991, Geography and Trade, MIT Press

Grading:

written final examination

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