Economic and Monetary Union (EMU)

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Winter Term 2016/17

Outline and syllabus
Who are we?

Chair for Money, Credit and Currency – Prof. Dr. Jochen Michaelis

What are we interested in / what do we actually do?

- Research in macroeconomics with focus on monetary economics
- Impact of monetary policy on the business cycle
- Macroeconomic modeling with an emphasis on DSGE models
- Labor market questions

What do we offer?

- Basic bachelor courses in macroeconomics (VWL 2 – Makroökonomik)
- Advanced courses on monetary economics
  - Theory and politics of monetary policy (Geldtheorie und –politik)
  - Selected topics in monetary policy (Ausgewählte Fragen der GP)
  - International macroeconomics (Internationale Makroökonomie)
- Bachelor/ Master thesis
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Time and location
Time: Thursday, 8:00 – 12:00h
Location: Nora-Platiel 6, Room 0211

Examination Regulations:
M.A. Wirtschaftswissenschaften (Master-PO 2007) : SP 4, SP 6, Masterprofil 1
M.Sc. Business Studies (Master-PO 2012): Modul FACT 3 - VWL
M.Sc. Business Studies (Master-PO 2013): Modul VWL-FACT-B1

Prerequisites:
Good knowledge of VWL I + II + III, some course of monetary economics
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Structure of the course

The course is divided into two parts:

1. Lecture part: 27th October 2016 – 08th December 2016
   • Midterm exam: 15th December 2016
2. Seminar part: 22nd December, 2016 – 9th February 2017
   • Due date seminar paper: 3rd March, 2017

Credits and requirements:

• Attendance and active oral participation
• Midterm exam, 60 minutes
• Seminar paper (see topics below), 15 pages
  • Send two preferred topics (indicating first and second priority) to schwanebeck@uni-kassel.de within one week. Allocation of topics is based on these preferences and on a first-come-first-serve basis.
• Presentation of seminar paper + discussion, 45 minutes
  • Slides have to be handed in Mondays before the presentation day

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Please note: Binding registration in HIS until 1.11.16 for the seminar and 10.12.2016 (five days before the exam) for the lecture. A later cancellation is not possible.

Contact:

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Further information on the course:


Further information on how to write a seminar paper:

http://www.uni-kassel.de/fb07/fileadmin/datas/fb07/5-Institute/IVWL/Michaelis/Lehre/11/Formal_configuration_seminar_paper_-_BA_-_MA_01.pdf
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Overview of the content

This course is supposed to …

• … give an introduction into the core economic concepts of “Economic and Monetary Unions”
• … point out the implications of integration for fiscal policy and monetary policy
• … provide an overview of important theoretical/empirical findings regarding EMU
• … discuss current issues regarding EMU (with emphasis on EMU in Europe)

Above that, we put emphasis on…

• … recent topics in economics (Financial crisis 07/08, Refugee debate, BREXIT)
• … recent research topics in the field of monetary economics
• … providing you with further skills in working scientifically
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Topics and Literature:

1. Cost and Benefits of Monetary Unions (Benjamin Schwanebeck)

2. Is the Euro Area an Optimal Currency Area? (Benjamin Schwanebeck)

3. The Economics of Product Market Integration (B. Schwanebeck)
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Topics and Literature:

4. **The impact of the Euro on Trade (Andreas Hanl)**

5. **Monetary and Fiscal Policy in a Heterogeneous Currency Union (A. Hanl)**

6. **Monetary Policy and the Zero Lower Bound (A. Hanl)**

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Topics and Literature:

8. The European Sovereign Debt Crisis (B. Schwanebeck)

9. The Greek Tragedy (Philipp Kirchner)

10. Monetary Policy and Housing Markets – The Case of Spain (P. Kirchner)

11. Monetary Policy and Housing Markets – The Case of Ireland (P. Kirchner)
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Topics and Literature:

12. Unconventional Monetary Policy Measures (P. Kirchner)

13. Shadow Banking in the Euro Area (P. Kirchner)

14. Financial Stability and Macroprudential policy (P. Kirchner)
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Topics and Literature:

15. Contagion in Economic and Monetary Unions (P. Kirchner)

16. Sudden Stops in EMU (B. Schwanebeck)

17. Current Account Imbalances in EMU (B. Schwanebeck)

18. Target2 (B. Schwanebeck)
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Topics and Literature:

19. The Economic Implications of Brexit (P. Kirchner)
   

20. The Economics and Politics of Refugee Migration (B. Schwanebeck)

21. Immigration inside the European Union (B. Schwanebeck)