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Winter term 2025-26

## Research seminar “Policy, Markets and Trade in the Bioeconomy”



By the Chairs 420a, 420b, 420c, 420d and 490b

Time: Wednesdays, 3pm ct – 5pm

Social room 420b and online

Please join us in the social room when you are around in Hohenheim!

Please register in the ILIAS course:

[https://ilias.uni-hohenheim.de/goto.php?target=crs\\_1056670&client\\_id=UHOH](https://ilias.uni-hohenheim.de/goto.php?target=crs_1056670&client_id=UHOH)

Please join the zoom-Meeting:

<https://uni-hohenheim.zoom.us/j/82321470609?pwd=bGcySTAwYXhuUHhvTzIxclJudVZlQT09>

Meeting-ID: 823 2147 0609

Kenncode: VjTKY3

**Guests and doctorate students:** up to 45 minutes in total for lecture/presentation and discussion (usually 30 minutes presentation and then about 15 minutes for questions)

**Master students:** up to 10 minutes for proposal presentation; up to 15 minutes for first results presentation

**Language:** English or German

**Coordination:** Prof. Dr. Christine Wieck

Date	Topic	Name and affiliation
15.10.	<i>get together</i>	Library/park
22.10.	<i>Fakultätsrat - no seminar</i>	
29.10.	<i>no seminar</i>	Christine travelling
5.11.	<i>Senat - no seminar</i>	
12.11.	PhD workshop*: Let's talk about paper writing and AI tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Your experiences from the past six months</li><li>• Responsible use of AI tools - new guidelines by the university</li><li>• Data archives</li><li>• Prepare your data for replications</li><li>• Open science</li><li>• ...</li></ul>	Christine and everybody

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19.11.	1. 2.	
25.11.	<i>Dienstag! Landwirtschaftsdialog - abends.</i>	
3.12.	<i>Senat - no seminar</i>	
10.12.	1. 2.	
17.12.	<i>no seminar</i>	
7.1.	1. 2.	
14.1.	<i>no seminar</i>	
21.1.	1. 2.	
28.1.	<i>Fakultätsrat - no seminar</i>	
4.2.	1. 2.	

- \* ... all PhD students of the chairs involved in the research seminar and everybody else interested...

## Past Seminars:

### Summer term 2025

Date	Topic	Name and affiliation
9.04.	<i>get together</i>	Library/park
16.04	<i>Fakultätsrat - no seminar</i>	
23.04.	1. Does the food sovereignty of Indigenous Ovazemba communities constitute a local solution to a global challenge? 2. Modelling power dynamics for agri-food sustainability transitions	Gideon Mawenge (420a) Tim Williams (420d)
14.05.	PhD workshop*: Let's talk about paper writing and AI tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your experiences from the past six months</li> <li>• Responsible use of AI tools - new guidelines by the university</li> <li>• Data archives</li> <li>• ...</li> </ul>	Christine and everybody
4.06.	1. Does School Lunch Equalize? An Examination of Dietary Quality and Socioeconomic Disparities in Germany Abstract: An adequate diet is essential for children's cognitive, physical, and educational development, yet children from lower socio-economic backgrounds are more likely to have poorer dietary quality, reinforcing social inequalities. This study examines whether the provision of school lunch can mitigate the effect of socio-economic status on children's dietary quality. Using food frequency data from the second wave of the German KiGGS study (2014–2017), we construct an updated Healthy Nutrition Score for Kids and Youth (HuSKY) to capture overall dietary quality in a single measure. To address potential selection bias between all-day-school-children receiving a school lunch offer and non-all-day-school-children, we apply propensity score matching. We then estimate a mixed-effects model on the matched sample (n = 2,210) to analyze the effects of socio-economic status, school lunch, and their interaction on dietary quality while controlling for several demographic characteristics.	Vicky Heijnk (420b)

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	Our results confirm that dietary quality improves with higher socio-economic status and is also positively associated with receiving a school lunch offer. Beyond confirming prior findings, we find that the positive effect of socio-economic status on dietary quality is substantially smaller for children who receive a school lunch offer. Accordingly, we conclude that school lunch may help reduce socio-economic disparities in dietary quality among children and may also serve as a measure to address related inequalities in health, education, or income. 2.	
27.6.	<i>Friday! Faculty party - everybody incl. students who write their thesis at the institute</i>	
2.07. <b>16.00-17.00</b>	1. Can Irrigation Expansion Solve Ethiopia's Food Challenges? A CGE-Analysis Irrigation development plays a key role in boosting agricultural production and improving food security in Ethiopia. In his paper, Simon provides a nationwide analysis of irrigation expansion, focusing on smallholder and subsistence farming. Using a Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) model, he evaluates different tax-based financing options for the required infrastructure. Results show that while irrigation increases rural incomes, the chosen financing method can have negative effects on urban food consumption and overall welfare.	Simon Ehjeij (490b)

### Winter term 2024-25

Date	Topic	Name and affiliation
16.10.	World Food Day Symposium <a href="https://worldfoodday.uni-hohenheim.de/">https://worldfoodday.uni-hohenheim.de/</a>	Balkonsaal
23.10.	<i>Fakultätsrat, no seminar</i>	
30.10.	PhD workshop*: Let's talk about paper writing - formulating introductions, objectives, hypotheses, identifying research gaps and contributions to the literature ... Initiation of an internal review process Input by Christine, afterwards discussion of your examples from recent papers	<i>CW only online</i>
13.11.	PhD workshop*: Let's talk about AI tools in the research process Input by XX, afterwards discussion of your examples how you use AI tools	
11.12.	1.Specialization and Price Dynamics in Agricultural Niche Markets: Evidence from the German Fresh-Cut Market 2.	Nikolas Bublik/Franzsika Mittag (420b)
18.12.	<i>Christmas get-together</i>	
08.01	1. Animals and humans in an interspecies market for commodities  2. Will the Nature Repair Market support biodiversity-friendly farming? A review of factors that influence Australian farming practices. (Master's thesis proposal presentation)	Sara Dusel (420a)  Clare Duck (420a)
29.01	1. Trade-offs between agriculture and ecosystem service provision: A meta-analysis 2.	Ayoub Barissoul (420a)

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