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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

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">● The review process● Your experiences from the past six months● Responsible use of AI tools● Prepare your data for replications● Open science● ...	Christine, Ramona, 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. Designing Set-Aside Auctions for Farmland – A Policy Learning Approach 2. —	Dr. Matthias Ritter (Uni Tübingen)
17.12.	<i>no seminar</i>	
7.1.	1. 420a guest speaker (tbc) 2.	
14.1.	<i>no seminar</i>	
21.1.	1. tba 2. 420a guest speaker (tbc)	Prof. Dr. Diogo Souza de Monteiro (Newcastle University)
28.1.	<i>Fakultätsrat - no seminar</i>	
4.2.	1. tba 2. tba	Prof. Dr. Colette Vogeler (Deutsche Universität für Verwaltungswissenschaften Speyer) Sonia Martínez-Girón (Universidad Antonio de Nebrija)

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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"> ● Your experiences from the past six months ● Responsible use of AI tools - new guidelines by the university ● Data archives ● ... 	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	Vicky Heijnk (420b)

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	<p>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. 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.</p> <p>2.</p>	
27.6.	<i>Friday! Faculty party - everybody incl. students who write their thesis at the institute</i>	
2.07. 16.00-17.00	<p>1. Can Irrigation Expansion Solve Ethiopia's Food Challenges? A CGE-Analysis</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	Simon Ehjeij (490b)

Winter term 2024-25

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16.10.	World Food Day Symposium https://worldfoodday.uni-hohenheim.de/	Balkonsaal
23.10.	<i>Fakultätsrat, no seminar</i>	
30.10.	<p>PhD workshop*: Let's talk about paper writing - formulating introductions, objectives, hypotheses, identifying research gaps and contributions to the literature ...</p> <p>Initiation of an internal review process</p> <p>Input by Christine, afterwards discussion of your examples from recent papers</p>	<i>CW only online</i>
13.11.	<p>PhD workshop*: Let's talk about AI tools in the research process</p> <p>Input by XX, afterwards discussion of your examples how you use AI tools</p>	
11.12.	<p>1.Specialization and Price Dynamics in Agricultural Niche Markets: Evidence from the German Fresh-Cut Market</p> <p>2.</p>	Nikolas Bublik/Franzsika Mittag (420b)
18.12.	<i>Christmas get-together</i>	
08.01	1. Animals and humans in an interspecies market for commodities	Sara Dusel (420a) Clare Duck (420a)

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	2. Will the Nature Repair Market support biodiversity-friendly farming? A review of factors that influence Australian farming practices. (Master's thesis proposal presentation)	
29.01	1. Trade-offs between agriculture and ecosystem service provision: A meta-analysis 2.	Ayoub Barissoul (420a)

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