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Course for Doctoral Students

"Training in Firms: An International Comparison"

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Summer Term 2007

Lecture: Mon. 18:00-19:30, Plattenstrasse 14, PLM 103/104

Target audience:

This seminar is intended for Ph.D. students in business economics, economics or related fields who are interested in economics of education. The aim is to discuss recent articles published in the field of international comparative economics of education and to present and discuss individual dissertation projects of the students.

Credits:

Students are required to attend all sessions, to prepare a presentation on one of the required readings, comment on one other reading as discussant upon request, give a presentation on their own dissertation project, and write a short referee report (2 pages) on another student's dissertation presentations. Students who meet all the requirements will be granted a doctoral seminar certificate (Doktorandenschein).

Procedure:

On Monday, September 17th, 2007, the seminar literature will be briefly introduced and the individual assignments (text, date for presentation of text and dissertation project) will be fixed., and organizational details will be discussed.

Literature:

A reader including the full literature will be provided for all participants for a small fee.



Course Outline:

	DATE	TOPIC/TEXT
1	Mon., Sep. 17, 2007	<i>Introduction, Organizational Details, Assignment of Dates for Presentation of Paper and Dissertation</i>
2	Mon., Sep. 24, 2007	<i>Literature: "Workplace Training in Europe" IZA Discussion Paper (2005) By Andrea Bassanini, Alison Booth, Giorgio Brunello, Maria De Paola and Edwin Leuven (Only chapter 2 and 3) Presented by: Johannes Mure Diploma thesis: Marianne Hagmann</i>
3	Mon., Oct. 01, 2007	<i>canceled</i>
4	Mon., Oct. 08, 2007	<i>canceled</i>
5	Mon., Oct. 15, 2007	<i>Literature: "Training in Europe" Journal of the European Economic Association 2 (2004) 346- 360 By Wiji Arulampalam, Mark Bryan and Alison Booth Presented by: Simone Tuor Literature: Why Some Firms Train Apprentices and Many Others Do Not German Economic Review 7(3) (2006) 249- 264 By Stefan Wolter, Samuel Mühlemann and Jörg Schweri Presented by: Simone Tuor Dissertation Project: Donata Bessey Referee Report: Stefan Veen</i>
6	Mon., Oct. 22, 2007	<i>Literature: "Abschreibungsraten allgemeiner und beruflicher Ausbildungsinhalte" ZEW Discussion Paper (2005) By Volker Ludwig and Friedhelm Pfeiffer Presented by: Stefan Veen Literature: "The Role of Promotion in Inducing Specific Human Capital Acquisition" The Quarterly Journal of Economics 108(2) (1993) By Canice Prendergast Presented by: Simon Janßen</i>
7	Mon., Oct. 29, 2007	<i>Dissertation: Simon Janßen Referee Report: Donata Bessey Project Presentation: A Comparison between the Swiss and Japanese Apprenticeship System. By Shiho Futagami</i>
8	Mon., Nov. 05, 2007	<i>Literature: A Product-Market Theory of Industry-Specific Training (2006) Working Paper By Hans Gersbach and Armin Schmutzler Presented by: Donata Bessey Dissertation Project :Simon Tuor Referee Report: Simon Janßen</i>
9	Mon., Nov. 12, 2007	<i>Guest Lecture on Scholarly Writing (date may be changed)</i>
10	Mon., Nov. 19, 2007	<i>Dissertation: Jens Mohrenweiser Referee Report: Johannes Mure Diploma thesis: Christian Kosch</i>
11	Mon., Nov. 26, 2007	<i>Diplomarbeit: Regula Geel Dissertation Project: Stefan Veen Referee Report: Jens Mohrenweiser</i>



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12	Mon., Dec. 03, 2007	<i>Literature: "Match Effects" (2007) Working Paper By Simon Woodcock Presented by: Jens Mohrenweiser Dissertation Project Johannes Mure: Referee Report: Simone Tuor</i>
13	Mon., Dec. 10, 2007	<i>Referee Report: Johannes Mure</i>
14	Mon., Dec. 17, 2007	<i>Write Referee Reports</i>