SUMMER SCHOOL 2010

Graduate School in Law and Economics,
University of Hamburg

July 5th – 16th, 2010

Courses for
Postgraduates with a Background in
Law & Economics
Empirical Law and Economics

Jonathan Klick, Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania, has published numerous articles in law and economics, focusing in particular on econometric studies of legal institutions and offsetting behaviours in health and safety regulation. Prior to entering law teaching, he served as the Associate Director of the Liability Project at the American Enterprise Institute. Trained both as a lawyer and an economist, he has also served as a research fellow/economist for the Department of Defense, Council of Economic Advisors and Bureau of Economic Analysis, and the Mercatus Center. While in law school at George Mason University, he won the Whitney Writing Prize and was a Robert Levy Fellow.

This course will provide a background for students in the basics of empirical research. Students will learn to be critical consumers of empirical legal research, while developing skills in research design for their own scholarship. The focus of the course will be on the issue of statistical identification, which involves isolating causal relationships between legal rules and individual behavior.

The Political Economy of International Organizations

Axel Dreher is Professor of Development Economics and International Economics at the Georg-August University Göttingen since 2008 and director of the Center for European, Governance and Economic Development Research (cege). He received his Ph.D. from the University of Mannheim in 2003 and has been lecturer and researcher at the KOF Swiss Economic Institute at ETH Zurich, the Universities of Mannheim, Exeter, and Konstanz. Dreher is Affiliated Professor at the KOF Swiss Economic Institute, and Research Fellow at IZA and CESifo. He has published almost 50 articles in refereed journals, among them the Journal of Development Economics, European Economic Review, International Economic Review, and the Journal of Law & Economics. He is Editor of the Review of International Organizations and author of the KOF Index of Globalization. He ranks 12th according to the Handelsblatt Ranking of the best publishing researchers in the German-speaking area. Most of his current research is in the field of political economy, economic development, and globalization.

In this course, we will apply political-economy approaches to international organizations, with a particular focus on the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Students will receive a rigorous training in the functioning of and particularly the political economics governing selected international organizations. They will explore the main debates in international governance enabling them to evaluate contending arguments on the achievements and failures of international organizations in a scientific way. While modern economic, political-economic, and international relations theories will be discussed, the main focus of the lecture is on the discussion of empirical research.
Applications

The number of places for each of the courses is limited. To apply, please send a statement of interest and a CV to Sönke Häseler (Soenke.Haeseler@uni-hamburg.de) by April 30th. Include your background in Law & Economics and indicate which one of the courses you wish to attend – or which one you prefer in case you wish to attend both. Participants will be informed by mid-May. Doctoral students of the Hamburg Graduate School in Law and Economics and the European Doctorate Programme in Law and Economics need not apply.

Materials and Housing

Reading materials will be made accessible free of charge on the internet. We regret that the University of Hamburg cannot assist participants in finding accommodation.

All courses take place at the

University of Hamburg

The courses run daily from 9 am to 1 pm.

For further information please contact:

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