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Regional Economic Integration: Theory & Policy

Lectures:

1. *Sa*, 6.6.2015, 10-18h, Room: J24/22, Habelschwerdter Allee 45;
2. *Fr*, 12.6.2015, 10-18h, Room: UG 5, Ihnestr. 22;
3. *Fr*, 19.6.2015, 10-18h, Room: UG5, Ihnestr. 22;
4. *Sa*, 20.6.2015, 10-14h, Room: J24/22, Habelschwerdter Allee 45;

Office Hours: TBA

Master OES: Methoden der Wirtschaftsgeschichte und der Ressourcenökonomie

The aim of the course is to provide an overview of regional integration – its scope, theory and practice. As the result of the course, students are expected to be able to apply theoretical approaches to the analysis of integration agenda of particular countries and regions. The ultimate goal is to help students to understand motives and effects of integration-related decisions, to compare various models of regional integration and to follow trends and problems of the current integration agenda. Students are expected to make a 15-minute presentation on the last day of the block course. The course grade is defined by participation and a paper.

Textbooks:

1. Shiff Maurice, Alan Winters. Regional Integration and Development. World Bank, 2003.
2. UNCTAD Virtual Institute. Training package on Regional Trade Agreements. Geneva, 2006.

Supplementary material:

1. Andriamananjaram Soamiely. Customs Unions. In: Preferential Trade Agreement Policies for Development. A Handbook. World Bank, 2011, Ch. 5.
2. Baldwin. Richard and Masahiro Kawai. Multilateralizing Asian Regionalism. ADBI Working Paper Series No. 431, August 2013.
3. Baldwin, Richard E. and Charles Wyplosz. The economics of European integration, 2009.
4. Bhagwati, Jagdish and Arvind Panagariya. The Theory of Preferential Trade Agreements: Historical Evolution and Current Trends. *American Economic Review*, Vol. 86, No. 2, 1996.
5. Cameron, Fraser. The EU Model of Integration: Relevance Elsewhere? Jean Monnet/Robert Schuman Paper Series 5: 37, December 2005.
6. Dragneva, Rilka and Kataryna Wolczuk. Russia, the Eurasian Customs Union and the EU: Cooperation, Stagnation or Rivalry? Russia and Eurasia Program, August 2012, REP BP 2012/01.
7. Mattli Walter. The logic of regional integration: Europe and beyond. Cambridge University Press. 1999.
8. Methodology for impact assessment of free trade agreements. Mandaluyong City, Philippines: Asian Development Bank, 2010.

9. Sherov-Ignatev Vladimir. Customs Unions of Commodity - Exporting Countries: an Answer to Some Challenges of Globalization? - Global Conference on Business and Finance Proceedings. 7: 2, 2012.
10. Venables A. (2009) Economic Integration in Remote Resource-Rich Regions. OxCarre Research Paper, 22, August.
11. WTO. World Trade Report 2011. Preferential trade Agreements, Geneva 2011.

Course overview:

- I. **Scope and trends of regional integration. Types of regional trade agreements.**
Shiff and Winters. Chapter 3
UNCTAD, Module 1
WTO. World Trade Report 2011
- II. **Theoretical approaches to regional integration. Measuring integration and its effects.**
UNCTAD, Module 2
Bhagwati and Panagariya (1996) Mattli, Ch. 2 and 3
Shiff, Winters Ch. 3 and 8
- III. **European integration. Lessons and challenges.**
Mattli, Ch. 4.
Baldwin and Wyplosz (2009) Cameron (2005).
- IV. **Open regionalism**
Baldwin and Kawai (2013)
WTO. World Trade Report 2011
- V. **Regional integration of resource-exporting countries. Customs unions.**
Andriamananjaram (2011)
Dragneva, and Wolczuk (2011)
Sherov (2013)
- VI. **Student presentations. Methodology. Bilateral Trade Agreements.**
- VII. Methodology (2010)
UNCTAD. Module 3