



Seminar for Master Students

The Role of Models in Economics

Summer Semester 2014

The seminar consists of a one-day reading course (May 2014) plus a two-day seminar (June 2014) with presentation of papers. A list of topics will be available in March 2014 on the internet.

Introductory Meeting: Registration and allocation of seminar topics

Time and place: Tue, April 15, 2014

11:00-13:00

Campus Bergheim, Room 02.036

Seminar coordination: Florian Kauffeldt

Objectives

The seminar will introduce participants to the role of models in Economics. Modelling techniques influence the way economists analyse economic problems and collect data. The seminar raises the awareness for the central role of models in Economics.

Seminar requirements are active participation, creating a seminar paper, and a seminar presentation. The paper should help students to acquire writing skills for academic papers and theses. A presentation in a conference-like environment will teach students how to present complex contents in a limited time frame.

Language: English

General reading:

Mary S. Morgan: "The World in the Model. How Economists Work and Think", Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2012.

Mark Blaug & Peter Lloyd (eds.): "Famous Figures and Diagrams in Economics", Cheltenham: Edgar Elgar 2010.