Two-Day Seminar for Master Students

Institutions in Economic Theory and Economic History

Summer Semester 2013

Time and place: June 28-29, 9:00-18:00, CB 00.010

Registration and introductory meeting; allocation of seminar topics
Time: Friday, February 15, 14:00-16:00
Room: 00.010 Campus Bergheim
Preliminary meeting: Friday, May 17, 9:00-13:00, CB 00.010

Seminar coordination: Boris Wiesenfarth

Objectives
The seminar will introduce participants to the literature on the role of institutions in Economic History and Economic Theory.
Seminar requirements are active participation, 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:
Topics

1. Economics of the Ancient World


2. Medieval Economic Growth


3. State and Church, The Economics of Religion


4. Economics of the French Revolution


5. Mercantilism


6. Industrialization


7. The North American Fur Trade


8. Colonial Legacies and Implications for Economic Growth


9. The Role of Wars and Peace in Economics


10. Civil Wars – Causes and Consequences

11. Game Theory, Economic History and Institutions

12. Leadership and Transition of Political Power

13. The Role of Coalitions in Economic History