



Veranstaltungen Wintersemester 2009/2010

Blockvorlesung *The Economics and Politics of Global Agriculture and Trade*

Zeit: Montag 15:00 -17:00 (in HS 2, Alte Uni, Eingang Brunnenstraße)

Di-Fr jeweils 9:00 – 11:00 und 13:00 – 15:00 (HS 2330)

Ort: Alte Uni HS 2 (Eingang Brunnenstraße) und HS 2330

Beginn: 02.11.2009 bis 06.11.2009

Anmeldung: bis zum 26.10.09 im Sekretariat (mit Punktekontoauszug)

Zielgruppe: Studierende des 2. Studienabschnitts (max. 20 Teilnehmer)

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Inhalt:

Agriculture has for decades been a bone of contention in international trade and has been one of the main focal points in the last and the ongoing rounds of negotiations in the WTO. On one side we have industrialized nations eager to protect and support their own agriculture; on the other side we have nations with comparative advantage in agriculture, including many developing nations, who want freer markets for their products. While the present problems of hunger and malnutrition in the world are more e questions of income distribution than of shortage, the sharp rise in food prices since 2005 may also hint to a future with more scarcity.

Issues to be considered are:

- Agriculture as a global industry and agricultural commodity markets
- Welfare theoretical justifications for agricultural policy
- National policies, protectionism and the WTO

Literature:

Hoekman, B. and M. Kostecki, *The Political Economy of the World Trading System*, Oxford University Press, 2001, chapters 1-6.

Josling, T. and A. Swinbank: *European Union: Shadow WTO Agricultural Domestic Support Notifi- cation*, IFPRI Discussion Paper 00809

Krugman, P.R. and M. Obstfeld: *International Economics*, 8th edition, chapters 8 and 9

Kreditpunkte: 4 CP (Seminar ist mit einer schriftlichen Arbeit abzuschließen)

Veranstaltungssprache: Englisch