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Current topics of labor market economics

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Consultation by appointment

1. Content, purpose and evaluation of the seminar

- The seminar deals with current economic policy issues related to the labor market:
 - Digitization and automation
 - Globalization and migration
 - Family and gender equality
 - Labor market policies, e.g. Minimum wage, payroll tax, short-time working policy
- The goal is to understand and critically discuss the above-mentioned topics in labor economics.
- Examination:
 - Podcast (33.3%): 5-10 minutes, individually or in groups of two students.
 - Seminar paper (50%): 5-10 pages, individual. The term paper must be rated at least 4.0, so that the seminar as a whole is evaluated.
 - Short presentation (10 minutes, individually or in groups of two students) and participation in the discussion (16.7%).

2. Participants and requirements

- The course is aimed for students at the Bachelor level
- Basic knowledge of micro and macroeconomics is an advantage
- Max. 20 participants
- Language of instruction **English**

3. Organizational process and deadlines

- Preliminary discussion and topic assignment:
 - **Friday**, 12.04.2019, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, Room HKW3
- Presentation and discussion of the podcasts
 - **Thursday**, 27.06.2019, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Room (WiÜ)
 - **Friday**, 28.06.2019, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Room (HKW3)
 - **Thursday**, 04.07.2019, from 12:30 am to 6:00 pm, Room (HKW3)
 - **Friday**, 05.07.2019, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Room (HKW3)
 - Submission of the seminar papers: 25.7., By email

4. Literature

- Current scientific articles (non-technical summaries on <http://voxeu.org/>)
- Theoretical background: Borja's textbook "Labor Economics"
- Own research of scientific and non-scientific contributions

5. Contact

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