

Winter Term 2020/21

**Seminar “Japan’s Economy between Market, State and Society”**

<b>Addressees</b>	This seminar is the principal part of the advanced module “Japan’s Political Economy” (AEAS 2108) for the CEAS and MEAS Master program. The second part of the module, “Project Study: Topical Issues of Japan’s Political Economy”, is included in this framework. The seminar is also relevant for Master BWL and Master Wirtschaftsingenieur. Erasmus exchange students are welcome. For other programs please contact Mihaela Suhalitca.
<b>Course description</b>	Giving credit to the research focus of the master program, students will work on a self-study project applying relevant economic theories (Downs’ public choice, welfare approach) including quantitative measures to various major policy fields like monetary and fiscal policy, labor market policy, social policy etc. Students will integrate their findings in a scholarly presentation and a seminar paper. During the semester, students will learn about and discuss current issues in Japan’s political economy – e.g. recent policy initiatives like Abenomics.
<b>Learning targets</b>	The successful completion of the seminar enables students to ...work out a structured approach to solve the tasks at hand ...get familiar with the application of theories (operationalization, hypothesis building and testing, interpretation of results) ...get to know some basic quantitative tools (regression analysis) and critically evaluate their benefits for their own analysis ...learn how to present complicated materials to a wider audience ...get acquainted with ways of developing, presenting and defending hypotheses ...understand current economic policy issues in Japan
<b>Course type</b>	Seminar, 6 ECTS credit points
<b>Methods of Assessment</b>	- Regular and active participation, including discussion of someone else’s presentation (15%) - Presentation (35%) - Academic Paper (50%)
<b>Time</b>	Monday, 8:30 - 10:00
<b>Kick off meeting</b>	<b>Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
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