



Seminar “Basic Income and Social Justice”

(Summer Term 2024)

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SoCoLab seminar, winner of a University Teaching Award 2012 and the Economics Student Council Award 2021, deviates from a usual seminar setting. The students after reading the necessary papers and finish the required assignments will be welcomed during class to participate and discuss the elements of the theories and their ideas with Prof. Neumärker and his co-workers. The seminar consists of an introduction, 2 blocked meetings, a day of experiments with the participants, and a concluding session for the team experiments. In the first sessions (Part I), the theoretical foundations and political problems are laid, and after the introduction to experiment settings (Part II) follow the presentations and critical discussion on design and conduct of team experiments (Part III). The participation in all the classes is obligatory in order to achieve maximum participation and understanding of the subjects. After the classes and the experiments for seminar participants are over, teams are given a sufficient amount of time to develop an experiment on the topic. In the team experiments, the participants are expected to critically reflect on one of the issues tackled in the seminar. The experiment design formalities and more specific information on the content will be provided to all participants.

Composition of the grade, which must not be worse than 4.0:

- Experiment presentation and participation during discussions: 20%.
- Seminar Paper Part 1, literature section: 30%.
- Seminar Paper Part 2, experiment section: 50%.

and

- A maximum of 20% absence is permitted.
- More than 20% absence must be approved by us (e.g. unavailability due to illness).

Students will receive **6 ECTS** credit points upon successful completion of the seminar.

The Seminar can be recognized as “**Topics in the Economics of Social Justice**” for students enrolled in the “M.Sc. Economics”.

M.Sc. Economics:

▶ Internal Elective for the profile "Economics and Politics"

External Elective for "Finance" and "Information Systems and Network Economics"

M.Sc. VWL:

▶ Constitutional Economics and Competition Policy

▶ Empirical Economics

▶ Public Sector Economics and International Taxation

M.Sc. BWL:

▶ Public Sector Economics

▶ Volkswirtschaftslehre

Time schedule:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>
22.04.2024* 12:00-14:00 c.t. PC-Pool 3 (Werthmannstraße 4, EG)	Introductory Session And arrangement of the Teams for the Experiments
22.04.2024 Input via Ilias	Upload of the Video Sessions on Basic Income Issues and Theories, and on Social Justice, New Ordoliberalism, and Social Contracting with Respect to Basic Income and its Application in Experimental Logic and Design
13.05.2024* 09 c.t. -16 h PC-Pool 9/9a (Werthmannstraße 4, EG)	Instructional Experiment Sessions for Participants
01.06.2024 Upload via Ilias	Submission deadline: Literature section of the seminar paper based on mainly mandatory readings (max. 5 pages)
10.06.2024* 09 c.t. -16 h PC-Pool 9/9a	Presentation Round 1 of the experiment teams: Design of the experiment and preliminary results
15.07.2024* 09 c.t. -16 h PC-Pool 9/9a	Presentation Round 2 of the experiment teams: Results of the experiment
01.08.2024 Upload via Ilias	Submission deadline: Description and evaluation of the experiment and its results (max. 10 pages)

*Attendance is mandatory.

How to apply:

You can apply now until Wednesday, April 3. Therefore, join the Ilias course “Seminar “Basic Income and Social Justice” SS 2024” by following this link, no password required:

https://ilias.uni-freiburg.de/goto.php?target=crs_3363804&client_id=unifreiburg

In this Ilias course, you apply with a letter of motivation (max. 1 page) and current transcript of records as one PDF document. Students who have successfully taken courses offered by the chair and who have written a good letter of motivation are prioritized. We will inform you about acceptance, waiting list, or rejection by Friday, April 12th.

For further questions, feel free to send a mail to “marcel.franke@vwl.uni-freiburg.de”.

Further information on:

<https://gwp.uni-freiburg.de/sommersemester-2024/seminar-basic-income-and-social-justice-ss24/>