

# **Advanced Macroeconomics**

Winter 2016/17

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## **Course Meeting Time and Place:**

Monday, 14:00 – 16:00 in A06 0-001

Tuesday, 14:00 - 16:00 in A05 0-056

Starts: 17th October 2016 Ends: 31st January 2017

## **Content**

“Why are some countries rich and others poor?” is the question at the heart of the research on economic growth and development. In the course, the students will be introduced to the basic economic growth models and the empirical research, which try to answer this question.

## **Structure of the course and prerequisites**

The structure of the course is given in the Course Outline available at the beginning of the term. The course deals with theoretical models, which requires a sound knowledge of mathematics. Those who lack this knowledge should first participate in the course “Intensive Course in Economics (Foundations of Economic Policy)”. Furthermore, to be able to follow the empirical papers on economic growth basic econometric knowledge is required. Therefore, the modules “Ökonometrie” or “Multivariate Statistik” are useful prerequisites.

## **Grading**

Grade will be based on two portfolio accomplishments. You can choose as a first portfolio exam between writing an extended “lecture record” (Protokoll einer Vorlesung) or the presentation of a research paper. The papers available for presentation are listed in the course outline. The second portfolio exam will be a short written test at the end of the term. Each of the portfolio exams will account 50% of the modul’s mark.