MA Seminar in Development Economics

Economics of Child Labour

CONTENT

A significant portion of the received literature argues that poverty is the leading cause of child labour. However, the available empirical evidence does not fully support this assertion. The last decade’s monetary poverty has considerably declined in Sub-Saharan Africa, however, the decline in a child is less than expected. In this seminar we analyse the major economic factors influence the household's supply of child labour in Sub-Saharan Africa. We review several empirical studies to understand the incentives, agencies and constraints. With this provides a synthesis of the literature to gain an understanding of why the problem persists in the sub-region. Students may also present their own theoretical and empirical contributions.

TARGET GROUP

Students can acquire credit points for the following programs:

- IWG (Master): “Theorie und Empirie der gesellschaftlichen Entwicklung” or “Individueller Schwerpunkt/ Spezialisierung”
- Economics (Master): “Individueller Schwerpunkt/ Spezialisierung”
- Development Studies: “Development Seminar “
- P&E (MA): "Electives"
SEMINAR ORGANISATION

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1. An introductory lecture on the papers and the topics of the seminar is on **December 14, 2018**. All questions regarding the presentations and formal requirements and the credit points shall be discussed on this date.

2. Presentations of papers take place on **January 25-26, 2019**. Participants are required to hand in their electronic presentation by **January 24, 2019**

3. Deadline for the submission of the final write-up is **February 28, 2019**

Applications for the seminar are possible under a first-come-first-serve policy until December 12, 2018 via the following link: [https://goo.gl/forms/P8c4jewMUP7wLg3k2](https://goo.gl/forms/P8c4jewMUP7wLg3k2)

REQUIREMENTS

1. Seminar participants are required to make an academic presentation of their assigned papers. The presentation may include additional related literature and/or data.

2. Participants must moderate the discussion following their presentation and respond to questions from the audience.

3. Active participation in discussions during the seminar is expected of all participants. **Attendance is compulsory.**

4. The grade will be given on basis of the seminar presentation and a written paper of approximately 4000 words at Master level.

OUTLINE OF TOPIC AND LITERATURE

*Economic shocks and child labour*


### Household wealth and child labour


### Economic growth and child labour


**Child labour and educational outcomes**


**Household characteristics and child labour**

