MA Seminar in Development Economics

Economics of Child Labour

CONTENT

The understanding and prevention of child labour have featured significantly in the international development discussion. For instance, Target 8.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals partly deals with ending the worst forms of child labour. In this seminar, we analyse the economic and non-economic factors that influence the household's supply of child labour in developing countries with an emphasis on sub-Saharan Africa. We review several empirical studies to understand the incentives, agencies and constraints of the problem. With this, we provide a synthesis of the literature to gain an understanding of why child labour has persisted in the sub-region despite the significant income growth.

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 April 24, 2020. All questions regarding the presentations and formal requirements and the credit points shall be discussed on this date.


3. Deadline for the submission of the final write-up is September 15, 2020.

Applications for the seminar are possible under a first-come-first-serve policy until April 23, 2020, via the following link: https://forms.gle/mxwNRi4UXoPL5Up4A

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 the basis of the seminar presentation and a written paper of approximately 3200 words.

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**

