

## Topics in Labour Markets Dynamics

This seminar will focus on several topics in Labour Economics. A list includes: the impact of trade integration on labour markets, an explanation for the increasing bargaining power of firms in wage setting, the effect of unemployment insurance. Both theoretical and empirical papers are available.

**Structure:** The seminar will be conducted on a paper discussion basis. A typical session starts with a (25 minutes) presentation of a published paper. This presentation is followed by a (5 minutes) comment. Finally, there will be a class discussion.

**Requirements:** All participants have to prepare (each in English):

- a written review of a published paper (max. 25 pages, main text with figures and tables, including references) (40% of the grading),
- a presentation of the paper in the class (as if they were the author) (40%), and
- a comment on another paper (preparing slides is useful) (10%).

Also, it is expected that all seminar participants are familiar with the paper that is to be discussed; active class participation is part of your grade (10%).

**Administrative details:** The seminar will be held as a “Blockseminar” in Darmstadt probably in November or December 2023.

The latest submission of the written review is 1 month after presenting via email. Please do not submit a printed version. Delayed submissions are not accepted. The number of participants is restricted to 28 students. For registered participants, we will give further instructions by e-mail and in a **brief meeting** on **TBA** (please contact us in case you have not received further information).

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## Literature:

The following list offers a selection of papers. Own proposals are welcome.

### Trade and Labour:

- "Labour Market Rigidities, Trade and Unemployment" by Elhanan Helpman, Oleg Itskhoki
  - DOI: [10.1093/restud/rdt032](https://doi.org/10.1093/restud/rdt032)
- "Revisiting The Employment Impact of Offshoring " by Greg C. Wright
  - DOI: [10.1016/j.eurocorev.2013.06.010](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eurocorev.2013.06.010)
- "Firm Heterogeneity and the Labor Market Effects of Trade Liberalization" by Hartmut Egger, Udo Kreickemeier
  - DOI: [10.1111/j.1468-2354.2008.00527.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-2354.2008.00527.x)
- "Trade and Inequality: from Theory to Estimation" by Elhanan Helpman, Oleg Itskhoki, Marc-Andreas Muendler, Stephen J. Redding
  - DOI: [10.1093/restud/rdz017](https://doi.org/10.1093/restud/rdz017)
- "Globalization And Labor Market Outcomes: Wage Bargaining, Search Frictions, and Firm Heterogeneity" by Gaebriel Felbermayr, Julien Prat, Hans-Joerg Schmerer
  - DOI: [10.1086/709874](https://doi.org/10.1086/709874)

### Macro Labour:

- "Labor Market Power" by David Berger, Kyle Herkenhoff, Simon Mongey
  - DOI: [10.1257/aer.20191521](https://doi.org/10.1257/aer.20191521)
- "Labor Market Concentration" by José Azar, Ioana Marinescu and Marshall Steinbaum
  - DOI: [10.3368/jhr.57.S167](https://doi.org/10.3368/jhr.57.S167)
- "Germany's Capacity to Work From Home" by Jean-Victor Alipour, Oliver Falck and Simone Schueller
  - DOI: [10.1016/j.jhealeco.2020.102344](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhealeco.2020.102344)
- "A Macroeconomic Approach to Optimal Unemployment Insurance: Theory" by Camille Landais, Pascal Michaillat, Emmanuel Saez
  - DOI: [10.1257/pol.20150088](https://doi.org/10.1257/pol.20150088)

### Micro Labour:

- "Working from Home: Characteristics and Outcomes of Telework" by Audronė Nakrošienė, Ilona Bučiūnienė, Bernadeta Goštautaitė
  - DOI: [10.1108/LJM-07-2017-0172](https://doi.org/10.1108/LJM-07-2017-0172)
- "Gender Differences in Job Search: Trading off Commute against Wage" by Thomas Le Barbanchon, Roland Rathelot, Alexandra Roulet
  - DOI: [10.1093/qje/qjaa005](https://doi.org/10.1093/qje/qjaa005)
- "Towards a Micro-Founded Theory of Aggregate Labour Supply" by Andrés Erosa, Luisa Fuster, Gueorgui Kambourov
  - DOI: [10.1093/restud/rdw032](https://doi.org/10.1093/restud/rdw032)
- "Hours, Occupations, and Gender Differences in Labor Market Outcomes" by Ross Finnie, Ian Irvine, Diane Skene
  - DOI: [10.1257/mac.20200318](https://doi.org/10.1257/mac.20200318)
- "Wage Flexibility under Sectoral Bargaining" by David Card, Ana Rute Cardoso
  - DOI: [10.1093/jeea/jvab086](https://doi.org/10.1093/jeea/jvab086)