

Seminar “Basic Income and Social Justice” (Summer Term 2018)

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SoCoLab seminar, winner of a University teaching award 2012, 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.

The overall grade is the weighted sum of all three elements of the seminar with the following weights: Team Experiment and Paper/Report on a Basic Income Experiment: 60%, Assignments: 20%, Class Participation: 20%. The teams will be built, at the latest, after the “Experimental Sessions for Participants”.

Students will receive **6 ECTS** 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**” or “**M.Sc. VWL**” program. Students from “**M.Sc. BWL**” or **from outside economics** can enroll if the course is accepted by their program.

Time schedule:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>
17.04.2018 HS 2330 10-12 h	Introductory Session
27.04.2018 HB 2330 09-16 h	3 Two Hour Sessions on Basic Income Issues and Theories
30.04.2018 HB 2330 09-16 h	3 Two Hour Sessions on Social Justice and Social Contracting with Respect to Basic Income and its Application in Experimental Logic and Design
07.05.2018 Room TBA 09-16 h	2 Three Hour Experimental Sessions for Participants
13.07.2018 HB 2330 09-13 h	2 Two Hour Sessions for Team Experiments

For registration, the registration period begins on **03.02.2018** and students are requested to send an e-mail to “**matthew.bonick@vwl.uni-freiburg.de**” up to the day of the introductory meeting, date **17.04.2018**. The latest date for registration is the “Introductory Session”. The seminar registration is on a first come first serve basis. In the email please send: surname, name, matriculation code, course of study and semester.

Further information on:

<http://www.wipo.uni-freiburg.de/Lehre/> →“Basic Income and Social Justice (Topics Course)”