Money, Credit, and Finance

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Structure

PI: Field Course

- 3 weekly hours/ 6 ECTS
- Covers major topics in monetary economics & the financial sector as well as selective current policy issues

The R&P Seminar is not offered in fall 2022!

Research & Policy Seminar

- 2 weekly hours/ 4 ECTS
- Focus on specific topic and student projects, lab
- ⇒ All students registering for the R&P Seminar get automatically registered also for the Lecture

Lecture

Monetary Policy and the Financial Sector

- Lectures, discussions and assignments based upon original research articles
- Theoretical and empirical analysis at advanced level
- Focus on microeconomic foundations and empirical microevidence against the macroeconomic backdrop
- Optimal monetary policy, quantitative easing, macroprudential policy, transmission channels, financial frictions and financial instability...

Current topics in monetary policy and financial regulation Past Examples:

- Quantitative Easing and the Covid-19 Pandemic
- World Financial Crisis,
- Crisis in the Eurozone,
- The Euro at 20…

Special event with international guest speaker on current policy issue

Previous guest speakers:

- Jürgen Stark, former Chief Economist, European Central Bank
- Michael Bordo, Board of Governors Professor of Economics and Distinguished Professor of Economics, Rutgers University
- Stefan Gerlach, former Vice Governor, Central Bank of Ireland
- Claudio Borio, Bank for International Settlements
- Hugh Pill, Chief Economist, Bank of England

Research and Policy Seminar

Focus on narrow set of topics

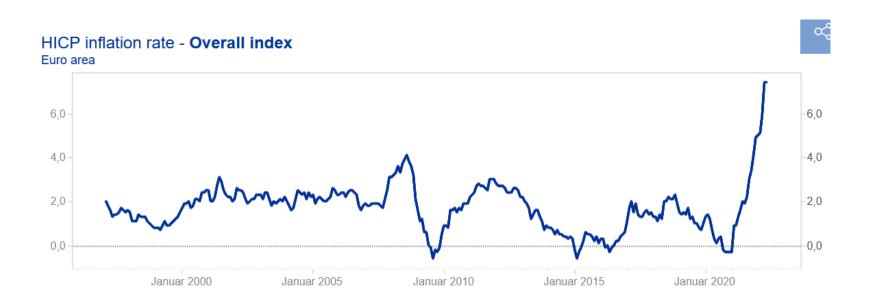
Lab for innovative approaches

- Mix of presentations by instructor and by students
- Close interaction with instructor, focus on student projects
- Option to turn interesting projects into a Master's Thesis

Discussion of results with experts in the field

Fall 2021: Unconventional Monetary Policy

The Challenge of Rising Inflation



Job prospects

About 20 percent of our graduates work in the financial sector!

Good preparation for jobs in central banks, regulatory agencies, finance ministries, banks, insurance companies, investment firms, financial consultancies, fintechs ...