



**Law and Economics of the Arab Region
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Seminar 1: Introduction to Law and Economics

AUGUST 4, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Prof. Dr. Thomas Eger, Institute of Law and Economics, Faculty of Law, University of Hamburg

This Seminar offers a first insight into the economic analysis of the most important branches of private law (property, tort and contract). The main purpose of this course is to equip students with a set of conceptual tools of economics, which can be applied to different legal, contractual and regulatory problems.

Thomas Eger is the Vice-Dean for Research and International Affairs and professor at the faculty of law of the University of Hamburg. His main fields of interest, on which he has written several books and articles, are the economic analysis of civil law with a focus on intellectual property law, the law and economics of European integration and the transformation of Eastern and Central European economic systems. Special mention should be made of his book on the economic analysis of long-term contracts (1995) and his book on the Law and Economics of European Integration (together with Wagener, third edition, 2014).

Course 1: Economics of the Arab Region

AUGUST 5-8, 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM

Prof. Dr. Ahmed Ghoneim, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University
Course Assistant: Asmaa Ezzat, M.Sc

The main objective of this course is to introduce the students to the major features of Arab economies while identifying the similarities and differences between them, and pinpointing the main developmental challenges facing them. The course deals with many aspects of the Arab economies including trade, migration, demography, institutional, and governance aspects. It also deals with the 2008 financial crisis and how it affected the Arab economies, as well as the impact of the Arab springs and their impacts on the economies.

The following topics are to be tackled:

1. Overview of Arab economies and the main challenges facing them
2. Demographic changes in Arab region
3. Job creation and labor markets in the Arab region
4. Migration in Arab countries
5. Trade policy and practices in Arab countries
6. Regional Integration agreements in Arab countries
7. Trade in services in Arab countries and the way forward

8. Political Economy of Industrial Policy in Arab countries
9. Institutions and Governance and Growth perspectives
10. Impact of the 2008 Financial Crisis on Arab countries
11. Impact of the current flux in the region on Arab economies
12. The Arab Spring

Ahmed Farouk Ghoneim is currently Professor of Economics at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University. He is a research fellow at the Economic Research Forum for Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey (ERF), Cairo, Egypt as well as at the Center for Social and Economic Research (CASE) in Poland. He works as a consultant to several international and national organizations including the World Bank, WTO, UNCTAD, UNDP, WFP, and the WIPO. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics and his special interests in research include mainly trade policy, trade in services, regional trade integration, the multilateral trading system, the World Trade Organization, competition, and the economics of Intellectual Property Rights, in which he has published widely. He has also undertaken several studies associated with political economy and economic development issues. He held different policy oriented positions, among which was an advisor on foreign trade issues to the Minister of Foreign Trade and advisor to the Minister of Industry on foreign trade issues and international agreements. He advised several governments on different trade policy issues, and helped in capacity building programs in a number of countries.

Seminar 2: Economics of Corruption

AUGUST 11, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Jerg Gutmann, Institute of Law and Economics, Faculty of Law, University of Hamburg

This Seminar offers insights about the economics of corruption. Discussing recent economic research in this field, students will learn about potential determinants and consequences of corruption as well as challenges in its measurement.

Jerg Gutmann is a research fellow at the Institute of Law and Economics, University of Hamburg. His research focuses on cross-country studies in constitutional choice and institutional quality. He has worked on a broad range of subjects, including the consequences of natural disasters, the effects of competition laws, the consequences of judicial organization and the measurement of corruption.

Course 2: Public Choice

AUGUST 12 - 15, 2:00 PM to 6 PM

Prof. Dr Stefan Voigt, Institute of Law and Economics, Faculty of Law, University of Hamburg

Course Assistant: Matthias Dauner, Diplom Volkswirt

This course focuses on a specific aspect of public choice, such as the theory of bureaucracy, the theory of federalism and constitutional political economy.

The following topics are to be tackled:

1. Basic Concepts
2. Origins of the state
3. The paradox of voting
4. Rent seeking
5. Models of political behavior



6. Popularity functions and political business cycles
7. Constitutional Economics
8. Public Choice and the Media

Stefan Voigt is director at the Institute of Law & Economics at Hamburg University. He is a fellow with CESifo (Munich) and has been affiliated with the International Centre for Economic Research (ICER) in Torino, Italy. Previous positions include chairs at the Universities of Marburg, Kassel, Ruhr-University Bochum, a fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Study in Berlin, and a research fellow position with the Max-Planck-Institute for Research into Economic Systems. His research focuses on the economic effects of constitutions. More specifically, current research focuses on the economic effects of the judiciary. Voigt is one of the editors of the Review of Law & Economics and a member of various boards including those of Public Choice and Constitutional Political Economy. Voigt has consulting experience with both the public and the private sector. He has worked with the World Bank, the European Commission and the OECD but also with the European Round Table of Industrialists (ERT). The German newspaper Handelsblatt ranks Voigt among the Top-100 German speaking economists according to quality-weighted research output.

Course 3: Institutions, Religion and the Rule of Law

AUGUST 18, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and August, 19-20, 10:00AM to 3:00 PM

Dr. Moamen Gouda, Philipps University Marburg, Germany

Using premises of New Institutional Economics, this course sheds light on the relation between religion and economics. We will understand the reasons behind economists' interest in studying religion. We will investigate the theoretical and empirical methods used by economists to understand the relation between religion and economic development. We will then delve into the law and economics of religion. Through reviewing recent economic research in this field, we will analyze how religion and religiosity affect various criminal activities, such as bribery, stealing and intellectual property piracy. Finally, we will focus on the law and economics of Islam and will try to see if Islam had a negative impact on economic development in Islamic countries.

Moamen Gouda is a research fellow at Marburg Center for Institutional Economics at Philipps University Marburg. Starting September 2014, he will be an assistant professor of Middle East economics at the Graduate School of International and Area Studies at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Seoul, South Korea. Moamen Gouda received his Ph.D. in economics from Philipps-Universität Marburg, where he was a Yousef Jameel scholar. His research focuses on Economics of Religion, Law and Economics of Islam, Constitutional Economics, and Economic History. Dr. Gouda has contributed to several collective volumes and reports. His articles are published and forthcoming in the Journal of Economics and Statistics, Constitutional Political Economy, and Journal of World Intellectual Property. His paper "Islamic Constitutionalism and Rule of Law: A Constitutional Economics Perspective" received the 2013 Ibn Khaldun prize for best paper from the Middle East Economic Association.

Course 4: Economics of Organized Crime

AUGUST 25, 2:00PM to 6:00PM, August 26-27, 10:00 AM to 3:00PM

Jun. Prof. Dr. Seo-Yeung Cho, Chair of Empirical Institutional Economics, Faculty of Business and Economics, Philipps University of Marburg

Crime is an important phenomenon in economics, not only because it undermines legitimate economic activities and property rights, but it also creates negative socio-economic consequences such as weakening security and institutions and increasing societal and fiscal burdens for such services as victim protection and law enforcement. This course focuses on the economic analysis of organized crime and illegal markets. We will study the causes and consequences of various forms of organized crime. This includes the illicit flow of humans (human trafficking and smuggling), finance (shadow economy), and goods (drugs), as well as transnational crime that are important in the period of globalization. Furthermore, this course covers topics on the structures of criminal networks and behaviors of criminal gangs based on a cost and benefit analysis. In doing so, we will read, review and discuss major research work in the field of the economics of organized crime – with an empirical focus. By doing so, students will be able to prepare ideas and study methods which can be helpful in preparing for their own research projects.

Seo-Young Cho is junior professor of Empirical Institutional Economics at the University of Marburg in Germany. Her research fields include the economics of crime and gender economics with a particular focus on human trafficking, prostitution, organized crimes, gender-based violence, gender equality and migration. In doing so, she employs various empirical methods, including integrating macro- and micro-analysis and quantitative and qualitative data, to address methodological challenges in conducting research on 'clandestine' activities. She received her doctorate in Economics from the University of Goettingen in Germany and a master's degree in Public Affairs from Columbia University in the U.S.

Seminar 3: Economics of Terrorism

AUGUST 28, 10 AM to 3 PM

Prof. Dr. Tim Krieger, Chair for Constitutional Political Economy and Competition Policy, Albert-Ludwig-University Freiburg

Fighting terrorism is one of the major issues on the political agenda of many countries. However, it is a difficult task to come up with convincing explanations what exactly terrorism is, why it emerges and how it can be stopped. In this course, we will explain terrorism by using the instruments typically employed by economists. In particular, the rational-choice (RC) model of terrorist behavior will be introduced. It derives terrorist behavior from the individual cost-benefit considerations of potential perpetrators, given external influences and constraints. We will then discuss suicide terrorism as a particular challenge to the rationality assumption underlying the RC model. Finally, we will consider an empirical application of the RC model and apply it to the terrorism-education nexus. Several politicians and scholars have suggested to improve educational attainment to end terrorism in institutionally weak source countries of terrorism. But does education really work as a successful counterterrorism strategy?

Tim Krieger is professor of economics at the University of Freiburg. Among other things, he has specialized on the economic analysis of illegality, violence and conflicts. He has published in leading economics and political science journals (Public Choice, Economics Letters, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Defence and Peace Economics) on different aspects of terrorism.