MPOLEI Research Seminar Winter 2026/27 Prof. Sigrid Betzelt

Thursday, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., room C 1.84 (called C 0.84 in the building) **Schedule**

BBB Link for exceptional **online participation**, only for urgent reasons and after permission beforehand by Prof. Betzelt: https://meet.hwr-berlin.de/rooms/bet-zya-pea/join - the virtual room is normally not opened during sessions!

Introduction: **Oct. 22nd , 6:00 pm**

Introduction of the course and the Thesis topics of students, assignment of commentators to the topics.

Workshop 29.10.

Topic	First superv.	Second superv.	Time
Converging on Central Bank Money? Tokenised Assets and Settlement Money in selected countries	Metzger	Herr	6:00 – 6:45
Rights and Dependency of Third-Country Workers in Germany and Sweden	Betzelt	Akcay	6:45 – 7:30
Investing in Whom? The Expansion of Early Childhood Education and Care in Germany and the Blind Spots of the Social Investment Turn	Betzelt	Akcay	7:30 – 8:15
Care Migration and Regional Inequality: The Impact of SGB XI Welfare Arrangements on the Placement of Triple Win Nurses in Rural and Urban Germany	Betzelt	Marpe	8:15 – 9:00

Workshop 5.11. starting at 6:30! (due to the IPE PEF from 4:30-6:30 pm)

Topic	1st	2nd	Time
Digitalisation, Algorithmic Management and Labour Rights: Trade Union Responses to the Implementation of Digital Technologies in the Workplace	Sproll	Betzelt	6:30 – 7:15
Care by Default: Welfare, Gender and Informal Care in Contemporary Bulgaria	Sproll	Betzelt	7:15 – 8:00
Protection Without Status? Climate Related Displacement, Structural Responsibility and the European Union	Sproll	Wissen	8:00 – 8:45

Workshop 12.11.

Topic	1st	2nd	Time
The Impact of the Recovery and Resilience Facility on Public Expenditure Composition and Investment Additionality: A comparative analysis of Italy and Germany	Hein	Dabrowski	6:00 – 6:45
An Analysis of EU Labor Governance and Productivity Growth, in Seven Eurozone Economies, 2001–2020	Hein	Blees	6:45 – 7:30
The Role of Economic Nationalism and Structural Power in the Geoeconomic Rivalry between the United States and China	Akcay	Magone	7:30 – 8:15
EU Sustainability Regulation and Global Value Chain Governance: EUDR Traceability and Smallholder Inclusion in Indonesia's Palm Oil Sector, 2023 to 2025	Akcay	Pédussel Wu	8:15 – 9:00

Workshop 19.11.

Topic	1st	2nd	Time
EU Due Diligence Regulation and Power Relations in Global Value Chains: The Özak Tekstil Case in Türkiye	Akcay	Betzelt	6:00 – 6:45
From Global Value Chain Participation to Economic Upgrading: The Role of Developmental States in Global Value Chains	Akcay	Herr	6:45 – 7:30
Exposure and Divergence: National Interests and the EU's Countervailing Tariffs on Chinese Electric Vehicles	Akcay	Herr	7:30 – 8:15
Gender and Retention in Competitive Chess: Female Representation and Persistence in FIDE-Rated Competition	Betzelt	Akcay	8:15 – 9:00

Workshop 26.11.

Topic	1st	2nd	Time
Solidarity and Division in the Extractivist Industry: Labour and Community Protest in the Georgian Mining Sector	Wissen	Betzelt	6:00 – 6:45
Intemalizing the Metabolic Rift: State Theory, the EU Critical Raw Materials Act, and Socio-Ecological Changes in the Salar de Atacama	Wissen	Magone	6:45 – 7:30
Just Transition: Alternative Livelihood for Small- Scale Miners in Ashanti Region, Ghana	Magone	Herr	7:30 – 8:15
The Russia-Ukraine War and Russian Diaspora in Indonesia, Bali	Magone	Herr	8:15 – 9:00

Research Seminar of M.A. International Economics (see schedule of IPE Research Seminar)

The Socioeconomic Dimensions of Electric Vehicle Adoption	Marpe	Hein	**MIE RS 02.12.**

Workshop 3.12.

Topic	1st	2nd	Time
Evolution of the EU's Energy Diplomacy in a changing world	Magone	Herr	6:00 – 6:45
Differentiated Integration as a Response to Political Polarization: European Integration and the Impact of Populist and Right-Wing Political Parties	Magone	Herr	6:45 – 7:30
Thailand-EU FTA: Food Sovereignty and Intellectual Property	Magone	Herr	7:30 – 8:15
Decolonizing University Curricula	Barry	Betzelt	8:15 – 9:00

Workshop 10.12.

Topic	1st	2nd	Time
Relevanz von zivilgesellschaftlichen KI-Bias-Audits aus feminist. Perspektive	Wiesner	Waltl	6:00 – 6:45
Assessing the Implementation and achievements of the Recovery and Resilience Facility in Italy and Spain: A Comparative Analysis	Magone	Herr	6:45 – 7:30
Hungary’s hedging strategy in a ferry country role in the European enlargement towards the Ukraine	Magone	Herr	7:30 – 8:15