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Global Challenges Research Seminar (10 CP)

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1. Content and Objectives

The seminar is linked to the activities of the Global Challenges Lab (<http://gclab.rwth-aachen.de>). Students are introduced to relevant topics of sustainable development in a global context (<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/>) and have the possibility to conduct independent and innovative research based on quantitative decision-making techniques.

Very strong analytical and methodological skills are a prerequisite for the successful completion of the seminar!

In the first part of the seminar, both lecturers will present their research fields and provide tutorials on academic writing and presentation skills. In the second part, teams of 2-3 students develop a topic and conduct research, typically centered around models of optimal decision-making from economics or prescriptive analytics. The teams are constantly supervised by the lecturers. Students will present their work (20 min. presentation + 10 min. discussion) and write a short paper in the style of a *Science* "Reports" article (<https://www.sciencemag.org/authors/science-information-authors>). Upon successful completion of the Research Seminar, students will have to opportunity to apply to the Honors Program of the GC Lab.

2. Seminar Specifics

- Eligibility: MA WiWi, MA BWL, MA WirtIng
- Language: English
- Maximum number of participants: 12

3. Seminar Schedule

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| 10.4., 8:30–12:00: | 1. Introduction to Global Challenges, 2. Presentations by the lecturers 3. Writing & presenting academic work (SE 108 (1580/108), Semi 90). |
| 10.4.–26.6.: | Students will be assigned a topic, conduct research and regularly consult with the lecturers |
| 26.6., 10:30–14:30: | Final presentations (AS lecture Hall) |
| After 26.6.: | Students work on their research paper |

4. Grade Requirements

- Presentation: time slot for each student: 30 minutes (50% of the final grade)
- Written research paper in the style of a *Science* “Reports” article, see <https://www.sciencemag.org/authors/science-information-authors> (50% of the final grade)

5. Attendance Requirements

There is compulsory attendance at all meetings.

6. Registration

The latest information on the registration process, including deadlines, is expected to be available from the beginning of March on the website:

<https://www.wiwi.rwth-aachen.de/cms/wirtschaftswissenschaften/studium/Im-Studium/Studienverlaufsplan/Module/~utiyw/Teilnehmerbeschaenkte-Module/>

7. Topics and Readings

<https://www.globalgoals.org>

8. Contact

Module content

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