

The Rationality Assumption in Economics

Bachelor and Master Seminar (WS 2016/17)

In the winter term 2016/17 the chair of Economic Theory of Prof. Dr. Grimm offers a seminar on the role of rationality in economics. In this seminar we will aim at understanding the fundamental concept of rationality in 'classical' models, discuss the 'early' evidence of non-rational behavior, look at models of boundedly rational behavior, and discuss recent advances and controversies.

The seminar is intended for bachelor and master students in economics and is open to students of related fields (e.g. business studies, socioeconomics, business education, marketing, management, ...), as well as exchange students, that possess sufficient knowledge of microeconomics. All FAU bachelor students have to have passed the Microeconomics ("Mikroökonomik") class. A list with potential topics for the seminar paper will be provided on our homepage at the beginning of August. There will be an organizational meeting on October 19th (first week of lectures) at which the seminar topics can be chosen.

Organizational Meeting including topic selection:

October 19th in LG 5.430

Seminar participants have to write a seminar paper (Master: 20 pages / Bachelor: 15 pages). Bachelor students can decide whether they want to write their paper in German or English. Master students are expected to write their paper in English. All students will also present their paper in the seminar and discuss the paper of another student in class. The seminar will be a block seminar. Additional to the organizational meeting there will be a meeting on November 4th, at which some guidelines on how to write and organize a seminar paper will be discussed. The deadline for paper submission will be December 17th, while student presentations will take place in January 2017.

To register for the organizational meeting or if you have further questions please contact Timo Hoffmann (Timo.Hoffmann@fau.de) until **October 9th** via email including your name, student ID number and field of study (including Bachelor / Master).