

Structural Transformation and Long-Run Growth

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LS (Seminar) Population Economics

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This course offers an introduction to the ongoing debates about the determinants of long run development, about the reasons for world inequality, and about the perspectives for growth in the future. The course will focus on recent debates in the literature, ranging from the reasons for productivity differences across the world to the debate about the primacy of institutions or human capital. The papers covered will be related to the dynamics of long-run growth from a theoretical and empirical perspective. The course will focus on recent contributions to unified theories of demographic, institutional, and economic dynamics well as empirical investigations of implications of these models. The aim is to provide students with a better understanding of mechanisms of growth, structural and demographic change, and productivity, with a focus on low- and middle-income countries.

Participants will gain a comprehensive overview of the topic, including theoretical and empirical aspects. The target groups are master and PhD students interested in long-run development. The ultimate goal is to discuss recent research papers, to expose students to influential contributions in the field, and to develop new research ideas.

Openness to new ideas and critical thinking are indispensable prerequisites.

Studiengang: <i>Program:</i>	MSc
Termin Vorbesprechung (tt.mm.jjjj): <i>Date of preliminary meeting (dd.mm.yyyy):</i>	20. 7.2026, 18:00 Zoom: Meeting-ID: 656 4051 7432 Code: 208246
*Bearbeitungszeitraum für die Hausarbeit: <i>*Working period for term paper:</i>	24.9.--22.10.2026
*Seminartermin: <i>*Seminar date:</i>	29./30.10.2026
Veranstaltungsort: <i>Venue:</i>	LMU Munich
falls außerhalb: Kostenschätzung: <i>if out of Munich: estimated costs:</i>	€
Sprache: <i>Language:</i>	English
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: <i>Recommended courses:</i>	Adv. Macro, Adv. Micro, Econometrics
Methodischer Schwerpunkt: <i>Methodological background:</i>	Macroeconomics
*Grundlagenliteratur: <i>*Basic references:</i>	will be provided in preliminary meeting
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