

The Economic Geography of the European Union
Tuesday, 12-13:30 Uhr Room 524 WiSo-Hochhaus

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The course discusses relevant political topics; still, the main perspective is inspired by Economic Geography, Human Geography and Regional Planning. Of course, the course cannot cover all countries of the EU, and it cannot touch all issues in the daily news. Thus, the course addresses particular problems of regions, cities and industries in the EU, also with regard to their role in the world.

The idea is that you identify the central question of your topic and discuss it on the background of the related theoretical articles and empirical papers, elaborate the argument (with the help of further literature in economic and human geography, especially in recent journals of economic and human geography), and find suitable regional examples for the theoretical issues which contribute to each session (with feedback from Prof. Fuchs in the consultation hour). Your assessment will be based on the logic and evidence of your argumentation and how you fulfill the formal requirements, and on your intellectual inputs. The language of the course is English. The oral presentation and discussion is in English, the research paper may be in English or in German. Foreign participants, who do not understand German, shall be supported by other participants in case of the (few existing) German references for examples of regions in Germany.

Your final mark will be derived from work that comprises:

1. Paper (60% of the mark),
2. Oral inputs: Presentation (40%)
and Discussant (excellent inputs as discussant improve your final rating)

No group work is allowed in the written part; each paper has to be rated individually.

The *presentation* is 15-20 minutes.

The *discussants* organize the discussion (15-30 minutes) with the class. The discussants contact the presenters before and prepare the discussion in the class. The discussants should know the answers to their own questions. You should not to raise too broad and general questions, and please avoid simple questions only aiming at others participants' opinions. Instead, be critical with the statements of the given *literature* (Are the statements evident? Is the argument of the author convincing? Do the findings fit to recent trends? ...).

If you use examples of North-Rhine Westphalia, please go to these places and do not only visit them via internet!

Paper: 8 pages. How do you write the paper? See <http://www.wigeo.uni-koeln.de/>

You will find the cited books in our library. As well there are folders with the cited articles in our library. Such contributions give you a first orientation.

For the paper, you *further* elaborate your research paper via search in the latest volumes (since 2008) in relevant economic geographical journals, with at least 12 references in the list of literature in the end (and related references in the text) of at least 8 of the following journals:

- Economic Geography
- Journal of Economic Geography
- Regional Studies
- Human Geography
- Environment and Planning A and D
- Geoforum
- Antipode
- TESS (Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie)
- European Planning Studies
- European Urban and Regional Studies
- Urban Studies
- Die Erde
- Zeitschrift für Wirtschaftsgeographie (mostly in German)
- Geographische Zeitschrift (mostly in German)

Start early with your search for relevant journal publications; maybe not every article is directly accessible and e.g. needs interlending (Fernleihe). After initial orientation and the lecture of the references below, please do not hesitate to contact Prof. Fuchs in her office hours (not via e-mail, please!)

- **Do not miss to register for the course**
- **Each person submits the paper in our secretary office latest until January 9th, 2018**

Do not send the paper as a digital version! Please tackle the paper with a simple clip or staple, because we collect the papers in a filing folder. Please, be aware of the office hours of our secretary office.