MA-Seminar in Financial Economics

The seminar will cover a range of topics arranged around the overwhelming theme of network analysis of connections in the financial sphere and beyond (including current challenges to economic policy). Students register via the central seminar registration group on OLAT (“Seminar Registration MA-VWL”).

The submission deadline for the seminar paper is January 4th, 2021. A kick-off meeting will be held online at 08:30 a.m. on July 29th, 2020.

Students should contact Dr. Duc Thi Luu (d.t.luu@economics.uni-kiel.de) to receive information on how to join the online kick-off meeting.

Students are required to write a seminar paper (15 pages) and to present this paper, consisting of a 30 minutes oral presentation on their chosen topic and 5 minutes discussion of another topic, which will be randomly assigned. Successful participation is rewarded with 5 ECTS.

1. The Small World of Corporate Boards

2. Friendship Networks and Management Decisions

3. International Trade from a Network Perspective
4. **International Trade as a Multiplicity of Network Structures**


Maluck, J. and Donner, R. V., A Network of Networks Perspective on Global Trade. *PloS one* 10, 2015, e0133310

5. **International Finance and Contagion from a Network Perspective**


6. **Systemic Risk in the Banking Sector**


7. **Bank Balance Sheets and Financial Contagion**


8. **Systemic Risk and Network Characteristics in the Interbank Market**


9. Socio-Economic Responses to and Macroeconomic Consequences of the COVID Health Crisis


10. Socio-Economic Responses to COVID: The Role of Behavioral Changes and Networks


Eksin, C. et al., Systematic Biases in Disease Forecasting – the Role of Behavior Change. *Epidemics* 27, 2019, 96-105


Further information:

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**Introductory literature on networks:** Students who are new to network analysis are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the basic elements of network modelling using the following reference or related literature: