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Vorschläge für Masterarbeiten/*Master thesis proposals*

Students who wish to write their master thesis at the Chair for Agricultural and Food Policy need a solid understanding of the fundamentals in agricultural economics and on how to conduct empirical analysis.

For this, I expect, that as a minimum, you have passed the following modules:

- "Microeconomics" (or "Economics and Environmental Policy" if you are not an AgEcon Student)
- **"Agricultural and Food Policy"**
- "Applied Econometrics" or "Quantitative Methods in Economics" (or another Master-level statistics module)
- "Agricultural Economics Seminar" (to learn how to write a scientific paper)

For students of the Master study program "Agribusiness" or "Agricultural sciences", this can be discussed on a case by case basis.

It is desirable that you also participate in "Advanced Policy Modeling Analysis", another class offered by our institute.

Once accepted, I expect you to **participate in the research seminar of the chair**, taking place Wednesday afternoons (3-5pm). More information here: <https://i420.uni-hohenheim.de/>

Language of the thesis may be English or German.

How to apply?

Please send email with short explanation of your interest and transcript of record to contact person mentioned below the topics.

Further question: please come to my (online) open office hours Wednesday 10-12. All information here: <https://apo.uni-hohenheim.de/>



Topic proposals

1. Ackerbau und Landnutzung in Schutzgebieten in Baden-Württemberg – Eine Bestandsaufnahme

2. Vergleich des Biodiversitätsstärkungsgesetzes in Baden-Württemberg mit dem Niedersächsischen Weg

3. Comparison of 3-5 countries using the Food Sovereignty Framework.

Following closely the framework developed by Ruiz Almeida and Rivera Ferrez, the idea is to comparatively analyse for 3-5 countries their status of food sovereignty. Two of the 3-5 five countries should be Namibia and South Africa, the rest is adjustable.

Paper: Internationally-based indicators to measure Agri-food systems sustainability using food sovereignty as a conceptual framework (2016). Food Security.

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12571-019-00964-5>

4. Typology of border posts for a selected stretch of an African border

Cross-country border crossing posts may have very different looks: from formal crossing with border posts to informal market places different types of border posts can be found in practice. This master thesis shall contribute to shed light into the different type of border posts, survey and categorize some of them along a stretch of an African border using satellite images and propose a categorisation.

5. Longitudinal data: globalization, farm income

Did the globalisation lead to more farm income for farmers? Literature research and statistical evidence.

6. Topics around labor rights and due diligence obligations of German and EU companies

7. Antimikrobielle Wirkstoffe/Antimicrobials

Eine vergleichende Analyse von EU-Politik, nationaler Politik in Deutschland und privatwirtschaftlichen Initiativen (z.B. Lebensmitteleinzelhandel, Verarbeitungsindustrie).
A comparative analysis of EU policies, national policies in Germany, and German private initiatives (e.g., retailers, processing industry).

8. Tierschutz von Katzen und Hunden/Animal welfare of cats and dogs

Analyse der Politischen Ökonomie auf EU-Ebene (möglich: zusätzlich Vergleich mit Tierschutz in der Landwirtschaft).

An analysis of the political economy at the EU level (possible: in addition, comparison with farm animals).