

# Preparatory Doctoral Seminar

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Wednesday, 4-6 pm, WiWi2 F2340

This seminar is a series of presentations given by PhD students and other researchers (e.g., Post-docs and “Habilitanden”) in business studies and economics from Bremen University. In addition, it provides a stage to discuss key research articles from various areas or disciplines. The seminar is open to anyone interested. A strong background in the subjects discussed or presented is not generally assumed – we deliberately seek to have an open and creative atmosphere. By reflecting the research interests of PhD students and other researchers in our department, the presentations will potentially stimulate interactions between researchers.

More specifically, the seminar’s aims are:

- Giving PhD students the opportunity to present, test, and discuss their ideas and receive valuable feedback and inspiration. This is inevitable to enable profound, focused, and original research and should be pursued especially at an early stage of a project.
- We would like to establish a vivid and exciting platform for scientific exchange that would profit everyone involved. A good seminar with motivated participants might, for example, foreclose criticism that would otherwise be raised by a journal’s referees later on during submission.
- Making people aware of what kind of research is done at the department. This may open up new opportunities for collaboration.
- Offering a stage for conference presentation rehearsals.
- Making ourselves familiar with important research contributions in subject areas in which dissertation research is pursued or in subject areas that are of general importance for economists and students of business administration.
- For candidates who would like to have Prof. Cordes as a second referee for their PhD thesis it is inevitable to present their ideas in this seminar at least three times.
- Each presenter will receive a certificate (“Schein”).

We suggest that each presenter has 20-30 minutes of time to give her views. English would be the preferred language, we may, however, also have presentations in German. To enable in depth discussion of contributions, we ask participants to submit a paper (not more than 15 pages) one week in advance to the presentation (for conference rehearsals we might go without the prior submission of a paper). The papers, materials, and the program will be available for download via Stud.IP.

Moreover, everyone may propose articles to be read and discussed by the group. These should be of extraordinary relevance or interest for a certain field of research.

If you are interested in giving a talk yourself or want to suggest an article to be discussed, please contact Lydia Krautwald at [ierp@uni-bremen.de](mailto:ierp@uni-bremen.de).