

Suggestions for BSc and MSc Theses as well as Seminar Papers:

- The topic of your seminar paper BSc or MSc Thesis should be closely related to the fields of work at our department so we can provide appropriate supervision of your work.
- Below we provide some suggestions for the topic of your thesis/paper. The topics need further refinement in consultation with your supervisor. In addition you have the possibility to propose a topic by yourself.
- **The US and EU agricultural trade policy (von Witzke)**
 1. The Production Effect of Direct Payments to Farmers: The US and the EU Experience
 2. Perspectives for the 2007 US Farm Bill
- **Foreign direct investments (von Witzke)**
 1. The Economics of Foreign Direct Investment in Food and Agriculture in Developing Countries
- **Nutrition and food security (von Witzke)**
 1. Nutrition and Productivity: An Economic Analysis of 'Golden Rice'
 2. Macroeconomics and Health: Implications for Development
 3. The Economic Costs of Foodborne Diseases in Developing Countries
 1. The Food Gap in Developing Countries: An Economic Analysis of Alternative Strategies for Food Security
 2. International Agricultural Trade and Public Health: The Role of the WTO
 3. Escape the Malthusian Trap: Development of a Food Security Simulation Model for an MSc-level Course
- **International product flows (von Witzke)**
 1. China's Wheat Market and International Trade.
 2. India's Wheat Market and International Trade.
- **Effects of climate change on international agricultural trade and development (von Witzke)**

- **Food safety and quality standards (Chemnitz)**
 1. Industrialized Countries' Food Safety and Quality Standards: Implications for Developing Countries' Agricultural Exports
 2. The Impact of Private Standards on Fruit/Vegetable Markets in Developing Countries
 3. Food Safety and Environmental Standards and International Competitiveness of EU Agriculture.

- **Trade liberalisation and the WTO (Grethe/Kleinwechter/Nolte)**
 1. The Perspective of Agricultural Negotiations in the WTO Doha Round
 2. The Impacts of Agricultural Trade Liberalization on Rural Poverty and Inequality in Developing Countries
 3. Economic Assessment of Proposals for a WTO "Development Box"
 4. Computable General Equilibrium Models at Village Level – Can Results be Generalized?

Please contact the respective supervisors (von Witke, Chemnitz, Grethe) for agreement on a topic.

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