

## **CES MA Seminar 2016-2017 - ECONOMICS**

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MA Seminar runs throughout the academic year and it is designed to help students to write a dissertation. The MA seminar focuses on developing the dissertation topic, methodology and research. Students are expected to present parts of their ongoing work.

Possible areas of topics for dissertations which will be discussed during meetings:

- Economics, International Economics
- European integration and disintegration (Brexit, new FTA's emerging in Europe)
- The EU relations with third states or their groups (CIS, PCA, ENP, TTIP, CETA, ASEM, itp)
- Different areas of EU policies and external relations
- Economic security and political-military security (linkages with NATO)
- External (international) aspects of internal strategies applied in countries
- EU finances (EU general budget, EMU)
- Institutional structures in EU and law harmonization in the MS

Generally the seminar is in area of political economy, what does not mean that participation in it requires deep knowledge in economy (macro and micro) nor econometrics. Participation in the seminar followed by preparation of the master thesis requires use of simple statistics, which can illustrate the problem chosen as the topic of the thesis. Basic knowledge in economics needed for preparing the thesis is presented during the seminar and bilateral consultations (dependant on the chosen topics).

### **Participating in this student should**

1. Learn to find the sources to prepare the thesis. Evaluate how good and representative they are.
2. Learn to find an interesting topic of research, forming the questions and hypothesis, which will play the role of a guide through the whole paper
3. Learn to design a study, make comparisons of different approaches and different states' economies characteristics, same as companies or branches
4. Learn how to be critical and demanding as far as found information is concerned

### **Intended Learning Outcomes**

Students:

EK1: ability to synthesise and present thoughts on chosen subject (selecting questions and finding methods to answer them) (K\_W14++)

EK2: has extended familiarity with terminology pertaining to economics and the rules governing the functioning of the common market (K\_W13++)

EK3: has extended information in the field of international economic relations as well as the integration of European markets (K\_W14++)

EK4: has an ability to search, gather and interpret data and information based on relevant sources; has the ability to evaluate the importance of sources (K\_U01+++)

EK5: has the ability to gain knowledge and research skills independently following the instruction given by course tutors and supervisors (K\_U04+++)

EK6: has the ability to form opinions and judgements that include reflection on and respect for (contrary) points of view deriving from other research and participants in the discussion (K\_U06++)

EK7: has the ability to conceive, design, implement and undertake research using appropriate methodologies (K\_U19+++)

EK8: can precisely determine his or her own goals, giving them different priorities (K\_K03+++)

All learning outcomes will be assessed based on the MA dissertation.

**The final outcome of the seminar lasting one semester is:**

1. Preparing the suspended plan of the thesis with questions and hypothesis
2. Collecting preliminary materials, data, literature
3. Study of basic literature. Making notes and files of the obtained information. Evaluating it and using it to write reports.
4. Obtaining knowledge of other sources than literature and how to deal with them in stage of collecting information.