1. Content, purpose and examination of the seminar

- The seminar generally deals with current issues of economic policy relating to the labor market.
  This semester, the seminar will focus on the economics of structural change, in particular:
  - The labor market effects of automation and digitization
  - Labor market challenges of structural transformation
  - Effective labor market policy in times of structural change
- The purpose of the seminar is to understand and critically discuss the above-mentioned topics in labor economics.
- Examination:
  - Presentations of research paper (1/3): 10 minutes, in groups of two students
  - Podcast (1/3): 5 minutes, in groups of two students
  - Seminar-paper (1/3): 5-10 pages, individually. The seminar paper must be rated at least 4.0 to pass the course.

2. Participants and requirements

- The course addresses students at the bachelor level
- Basic knowledge of micro and macroeconomics is an advantage
- Max. 20 participants
- Language of instruction: English

3. Schedule

- Kick-off and topic assignment:
  - Tuesday, April 7th, 10:30-11:30 am, room 1810|202
- Presentations of research papers:
  - Friday, May 15th, 8:30 – 16:00, room will be announced
- Podcast session:
  - Thursday, June 25th, 12:30 – 14:00, room WiÜ
- Submission deadline seminar papers: August 31st, 2020, per email
4. Literature

- Each paper/podcast will be based on one to two current scientific articles that will be provided.
- Students are expected to conduct their own literature research and relate their articles to other scientific and non-scientific publications (blogs, popular press, etc.).
- Theoretical background on labor economics and structural change may be found in: "Labor Economics" by George Borjas or "Introduction to Modern Economic Growth" by Daron Acemoglu.