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**Welcome!**



Figure 1:

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See also: <http://www.zei.de/foederalismus/>

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## 1 research

My papers are listed at [IDEAS](#) and [EconPapers](#).

## 1.1 publications

### 1.1.1 journal articles

1. [Becker / Gundlach \(2007\)](#) *Notes on Factor Price Equality and Biased Technological Change in a Two-Cone Trade Model* (together with Erich Gundlach). [Review of Development Economics](#) 11:4 (November 2007), pp. 685-698.  
»» abstract and download: doi: [10.1111/j.1467-9361.2007.00421.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9361.2007.00421.x)  
»» The working paper-version is here: [1.2](#).

### 1.1.2 dissertation

[Becker \(2008a\)](#): *Interjurisdictional Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation - Theory and Empirics*. Faculty for Economic and Social Sciences, University of Rostock. December 2008 (magna cum laude).

For the “book”, see <http://nbn-resolving.de/urn:nbn:de:gbv:28-diss2009-0027-6>.

A short summary (in german) is [here \(PDF, 732 KB\)](#).

### 1.1.3 other writings

1. [Becker / Conrad \(2009\)](#): TYPO3 an der WSF: Anleitungen für Redakteure (Version 0.9, Januar 2009). Uni Rostock, Fakultät für Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften.
2. [Projektgruppe Studierbarkeit \(2007\)](#): *Studierbarkeit an der Humboldt-Universität. Ergebnisse der Umfrage aus dem Sommersemester 2006*. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
3. [Hübner / Petschow \(2001\)](#): *Spiel mit Grenzen: ökonomische Globalisierung und soziale Kohäsion*. Unter Mitarbeit von Daniel Becker und Sven Lakner. Berlin: Edition Sigma

## 1.2 working papers

12.2008: [Becker \(2008b\)](#) *The Efficiency of the Public Sector and the Intensity of Interjurisdictional Competition - an Empirical Investigation*, Thünen-Series of Applied Economic Theory no. 101, [abstract & download \(including dataset\)](#)

10.2007: [Becker \(2007\)](#) *A Technical Note on Comparative Dynamics in a Fiscal Competition Model*, Thünen-Series of Applied Economic Theory no. 83, [abstract & download](#)

3.2007: *Fiscal Competition in Space and Time: An Endogenous-Growth Approach*, (together with Michael Rauscher),

[Becker / Rauscher \(2007a\)](#) Thünen-Series of Applied Economic Theory no. 74, [abstract & download](#)

[Becker / Rauscher \(2007b\)](#), CESifo Working Paper No. 2048, [abstract & download](#)

6.2006: *Federal Transfers and Optimal Incentives for Local Modernization* (mit Martin Altemeyer-Bartscher)

11.2005: [Becker \(2005\)](#) *Dynamic Tax Competition and the Modernisation of the Public Sector*, Thünen-Series of Applied Economic Theory no. 56, [abstract & download](#) (revised April 2008, resubmitted)

### working papers I do not work on anymore:

5.2005: *Notes on Factor Price Equality and Biased Technological Change in a Two-Cone Trade Model*, (together with Erich Gundlach)

Thünen-Series of Applied Economic Theory no. 68, [abstract & download](#)

Kiel Working Papers no. 1300, [abstract & download](#).

For the published paper see here: [1](#)

5.2003: *Technical Change in a 3x2x2 Factor Endowment Model of Trade*, (together with Daniela Kunz) download, pdf 392 KB

12.2002: *Growth May Encourage Less Factor Price Diversity*, (together with Daniela Kunz), published by the Kiel Institute for World Economics as an 'ASP Working Paper No. 393'. download, pdf 428 KB

### 1.3 data

If you are interested in the Dataset used for [Becker \(2008b\)](#), please contact me. It will also appear here, sooner or later.

### 1.4 presentations

10.2009: *Interjurisdictional Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation - Theory and Empirics*, Final Conference of the Priority Programme *Institutional Design of Federal Systems* of the German Research Foundation (DFG), Heidelberg

9.2009: *Interjurisdictional Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation - Theory and Empirics*, [Verein für Socialpolitik, Magdeburg](#)

7.2009: *Interjurisdictional Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation - Theory and Empirics*, International Data Envelopment Analysis Society (iDEAs), Philadelphia, USA

6.2009: *Steuerwettbewerb als Differentialspiel*, Forschungskolloquium des Instituts für Volkswirtschaftslehre, Universität Rostock

4.2009: *Interjurisdictional Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation - Theory and Empirics*, European Public Choice Society Annual Conference, Athens, Greece

11.2008: *Interjurisdictional Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation - Theory and Empirics*, Promotionskolloquium, Uni Rostock

10.2008: *The Efficiency of the Public Sector and the Intensity of Interjurisdictional Competition - an Empirical Investigation*, Workshop on the Efficiency of the Public Sector, ZEW Mannheim

8.2008: *Fiscal Competition in Space and Time – an Endogenous Growth Approach*, International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Maastricht, Netherlands

6.2008: *The Efficiency of the Public Sector and the Intensity of Interjurisdictional Competition - an Empirical Investigation*, DFG-SPP 1422 Summerschool on Fiscal Federalism in Bonn

5.2008: *Dynamic Tax Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation*, TU Dresden, Mittwochsseminar

11.2007: *Fiscal Competition in Space and Time – an Endogenous Growth Approach*, Forschungskolloquium des Instituts für Volkswirtschaftslehre, Universität Rostock (with Michael Rauscher)

7.2007: *Fiscal Competition in Space and Time – an Endogenous Growth Approach*, Annual Meeting of the Association of Public Economic Theory (Nashville TN, USA)

6.2007: *Fiscal Competition in Space and Time – an Endogenous Growth Approach*, II. Workshop on Fiscal Federalism: Competition and Cooperation among Governments (Sevilla, Spain)

2.2007: *Fiscal Competition in Space and Time – an Endogenous Growth Approach*, DFG-SPP 1422 Summerschool on Fiscal Federalism in Bonn (Bad Godesberg)

11.2006: *Die Effizienz des öffentlichen Sektors: Ein internationaler Vergleich 1980-2000*, Forschungskolloquium des Instituts für Volkswirtschaftslehre, Universität Rostock

- 8.2006: *Dynamic Tax Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation*, International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Paphos, Cyprus
- 6.2006: *Tax Competition, Investment Cost, and Economic Growth*, Workshop of the Priority Programme *Institutional Design of Federal Systems* of the German Research Foundation (DFG), Bonn
- 6.2006: *Dynamic Tax Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation*, ZEW Summer Workshop 2006 on *EU-Countries in Fiscal Competition*, Mannheim
- 4.2006: *Dynamic Tax Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation*, European Public Choice Society Annual Conference, Turku, Finland
- 7.2005: *Tax Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation*, Conference on *Institutional Design of Federal Systems: Theory and Empirical Evidence*, Regensburg
- 11.2004: *Dynamic Tax Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation*, 3. Finanzwissenschaftliches Seminar, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin
- 11.2004: *Dynamic Tax Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation*, Forschungskolloquium des Instituts für Volkswirtschaftslehre, Universität Rostock
- 6.2004: *Endogenes Wachstum, Kapitalmobilität und die Modernisierung des öffentlichen Sektors*, DFG-SPP 1422 Summerschool on Fiscal Federalism in Bonn (Kloster Walberberg)
- 5.2004: *Endogenes Wachstum, Kapitalmobilität und die Modernisierung des öffentlichen Sektors*, Forschungskolloquium des Instituts für Volkswirtschaftslehre, Universität Rostock
- 3.2004: *Factor Prices and Biased Technical Change in a Two Cone Trade Model*, Göttinger Workshop Internationale Wirtschaftsbeziehungen

## 2 software

### 2.1 epspdfconversion

#### Becker (2009) epspdfconversion

A L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X-package that calls epspdf to convert eps-graphics to pdf. It provides a vehicle for passing conversion options (such as grayscale, prepress or pdfversion) to the epstopdf converter. It is located in /macros/latex/contrib/epspdfconversion at CTAN.

See [here for more information and a download-link](#).

The documentation is [here](#).

### 2.2 Applescripts for xls/csv files

#### 5.2008 - Applescripts to convert Excel-Datasets in .csv-files and to bring them in a form that is suitable for an import (insheet) in Stata

Here you can find several applescripts that might help you to work with data-files. They are tested on Mac OS X Leopard (10.5).

Open them in the Script-Editor and have a look at the code to understand in full detail what they do. Applescript can also be saved as an application such that a double-click is enough to run them. For sure you need to adjust the first few lines. They are written for a special problem I had with a dataset but for sure can be modified to be helpful in other situations.

You need the application "TextWrangler". It is available for free at <http://www.barebones.com/>. M\$ Excel is necessary for the first two scripts. Stata is necessary to run the do file.

**1\_countrycodes.scpt** Takes all files in a folder, opens them with M\$ Excel, and adds a column with the filename as an entry. The files are then saved in another folder. In the

example: The names of the original Excel-Files are based on the country-code of the country they contain the data for.

**2\_xlsTOcsv.scp** Takes all files in a folder, opens them with MS Excel, and saves them as .csv-text-files (comma separated values). The files are then saved in another folder.

**3\_SearchReplace.scp** Takes all files in a folder, opens them on TextWrangler and runs several search&replace procedures. Some of them use grep-expressions. The files are then saved in another folder.

This is the most useful script and also the one that need the most modifications when applied in other situations. Note that TextWrangler is very “applescriptable” and that you can use the “record”-functionality in the Apple-Script-Editor while working in TextWrangler.

**4\_merge-sort.scp** Puts the content of all files in a folder in one file, sorts all lines in this file alphabetically and then add a header in line 1 (containing the names of the columns).

**5\_split.scp** Takes the file from the last step and splits it in several single-files based on a list given in the script.

**X\_deleteCSVFiles.scp** Deletes all files with extension .csv in a folder selected by the user. (Not used in my example.)

**stata.do** A stata do-file that reads the .csv-files, converts them into single .dta-datasets and then merges them into one proper stata-dataset.

**Example-Dataset** contains all folders and source-files necessary. Unpack the zip-file and save the folder `example-data`, for example to the Desktop. Check carefully all scripts for line that contain the path to this folder and adjust them accordingly. Run the applescript from 1 to 5. Then run the do-file from within Stata.

[Download all scripts and a folder with an example dataset as .zip-file, 228 KB.](#)

## 2.3 Stata -> L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

semi-official manual: <http://www.ats.ucla.edu/stat/stata/latex/default.htm>

Important Stata-Commands for producing tables and the like: `tabstat`, `statsmat`, `tablemat`, `fsum`, `tabform`, `tabout`, `svytab`, `svytabform`, `mkcorr`, `corrtab`, `makematrix`, `eststo`, `esttab`, `outreg2` (findit commandname finds them)

### 2.3.1 Writing a codebook (compact) as a table that can be used in a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X-document

[Download .zip-file with everything necessary, 116 KB.](#)

Usage:

1. download the zip-file
2. open the do-file `codebook.do`. Read the comments. It is necessary that you adjust a few file-paths and that you use the resulting .tex-file properly.
3. `TeX/Example.tex` is a small .tex-file that demonstrates how the resulting file can be used.

Based on ideas from: [Gini / Pasquini \(2006\)](#).

### 2.3.2 Using the stata command `tabout` to write tables that can be used in a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X-document (TBD)

TBD - please ask if you need that

### 2.3.3 Writing a table containing notes from a stata-dataset that can be used in a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X-document (TBD)

TBD - please ask if you need that

### 2.3.4 Exporting stata-graphics for use in a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X-document, add annotation (TBD)

TBD - please ask if you need that. For the second part, see [2.4.2](#).

## 2.4 L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X & Co

### 2.4.1 epspdfconversion

Information about the package epspdfconversion can be found [at CTAN](#).

### 2.4.2 add pstricks/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X-code to an eps-graphic

Consider you have an eps-graphic file. It could be the result of an export from Stata, MATLAB, Maple or whatever. Sometimes it is necessary to add some notation or additional graphical elements like arrows or boxes.

One way to do that is to use pstricks and/or L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. This is how this can be done

1. Make your .eps-file part of an `\begin{pspicture} ... \end{pspicture}`-environment: Create a file `my-epsoverlay.tex` (or so) that looks like this:

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{graphicx}

\usepackage{pstricks}
\usepackage{pstricks-add}
\usepackage{pst-plot}
\usepackage{pst-text,pst-node,pst-tree}

\begin{document}
\pagestyle{empty}
\newsavebox{\Imagebox}
%%
%% HERE: Load the eps-file
%%
\savebox{\Imagebox}{\includegraphics{epsgraph.eps}}
\centering
%%
%% HERE: add LaTeX/pstricks
%%
\begin{pspicture}(\wd\Imagebox,\ht\Imagebox)%
\rput[lb](0,0){\usebox{\Imagebox}}
% grid to see coordinates, comment out when done
\psgrid[subgriddiv=0,griddots=1,gridlabels=7pt]%
(0,0)(\wd\Imagebox,\ht\Imagebox)
% Add labels etc here:
\rput{0}(5.9,3.9){$b = 1$}
```

```

\rput{0}(3.4,2.2){$b = 5 $ nicht verwendet}
\rput{0}(2.9,1.2){$b = 10 $}

\rput{0}(0.5,8.1){$k(t)$}
\rput{0}(6.7,0.4){$t$}
\end{pspicture}

\end{document}

```

2. Add code as in the `my-epsoverlay.tex`-file.
3. Then run `latex-dvips-ps2pdf13` on that file. In TeXShop, this can be done with an “engine” that looks like that:

```

#!/bin/tcsh

set path= ($path /usr/texbin /usr/local/bin)
set filename = "$1"
set dviname = "${filename:r}.dvi"
set psname = "${filename:r}.ps"
set pdfname = "${filename:r}.pdf"
set pdfnameebb = "${filename:r}-bb.pdf"
set epsnameebb = "${filename:r}.eps"
set auxname = "${filename:r}.aux"
set logname = "${filename:r}.log"

# run latex via ghostscript on the tex-file
latex --shell-escape "$1"
dvips -Ppdf -o "$psname" "$dviname"
ps2pdf13 -dAutoRotatePages=/None "$psname" "$pdfname"

# calculate bounding box
epspdf -bb "$pdfname" "$epsnameebb"
epspdf -bb "$pdfname" "$pdfnameebb"

# clean up
/bin/rm "$pdfname"
/bin/rm "$dviname"
/bin/rm "$auxname"
/bin/rm "$psname"
/bin/rm "$logname"

#rename pictures
mv "$pdfnameebb" "$pdfname"

```

The code above assumes that the commands `latex`, `dvips`, `ps2pdf13`, `/bin/rm`, `mv` and `epspdf` are available on your system. Especially `epspdf` is non-standard, you may need to install it separately from your L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X-installation. See the documentation of `epspdfconversion` (2.4.1). If you are using a recent TeXLive-Installation, `epspdf` is already part of it.

Other L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X-Editors/Frontends may provide other ways to apply the commands on your `my-epsoverlay.tex`-file.

4. Now you have two file `epsgraph.eps` and `epsgraph.pdf` that can be used in  $\LaTeX$  oder `pdf $\LaTeX$` .

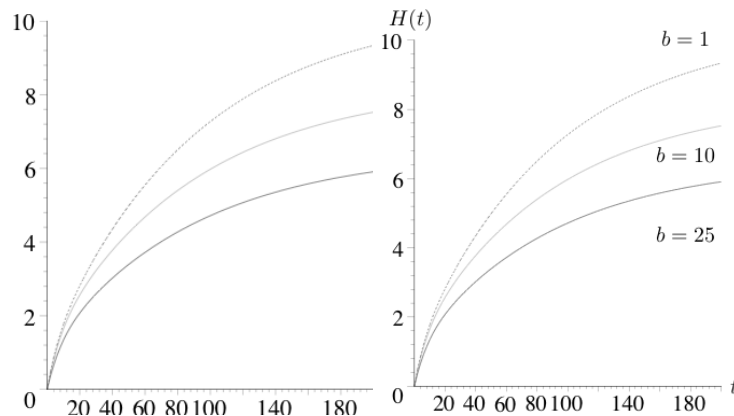


Figure 2: Left: an eps-graphic-file without additional `pstricks`/ $\LaTeX$ -code. Right: afterwards. Note that `epspdf` calculated a proper bounding box.

### 2.4.3 Links

- a tutorial about drawing pictures and diagrams with `pstricks` / `pdftricks`: <http://sarovar.org/projects/pstricks/> or <http://tug.org/PSTricks/main.cgi/>
- one of the best FAQ's on  $\LaTeX$ -Details, maintained by the UK TeX Users' Group: <http://www.tex.ac.uk/cgi-bin/texfaq2html?introduction=yes>
- more tutorials on more aspects of  $\LaTeX$ : <http://www.tug.org.in/tutorials.html>
- $\LaTeX$  and Macintosh computers, general: <http://www.esm.psu.edu/mac-tex/>
- TeX4ht is a way to produce html-code from a  $\LaTeX$ -file (this homepage is an example, albeit not the best): <http://www.tug.org/tex4ht/>.
- If you compile your references with `BIB $\TeX$` , you could have a look here to see a collection of pre-formatted styles: <http://jo.irisson.free.fr/bstdatabase/>
- As `BIB $\TeX$`  really is a pain when it comes to customization, the `bibtex-package` seems to be the way to go. It is meant as a replacement for `BIB $\TeX$` . There is a learning curve.
- What one should know before starting to use graphics in  $\LaTeX$ : <http://www.tug.org/pracjourn/2005-3/hoepfner/>
- What fonts are there to use in  $\LaTeX$ ? See the  [\$\LaTeX\$  Font Catalogue](#). Especially, look at the fonts of the  [\$\TeX\$  Gyre Project](#):
  - [Adventor](#) (similar to ITC Avant Garde Gothic) (TFM name: qag)
  - [Bonum](#) (similar to ITC Bookman) (qbk)
  - [Chorus](#) (similar to ITC Zapf Chancery) (qzc)
  - [Cursor](#) (similar to Courier) (qcr)
  - [Heros](#) (similar to Helvetica) (qhv)
  - [Pagella](#) (similar to Palatino) (qpl)
  - [Schola](#) (similar to New Century Schoolbook) (qtm)
  - [Termes](#) (similar to Times) (qtm)

There is also [this article](#) that explains the basics.

- A site full of examples, mainly with [TikZ- and PGF-code](#), both packages for “drawing” in  $\text{\LaTeX}$ : <http://www.texample.net/>
- If you are using pstricks for your “drawings”, this page with examples is a great help: <http://www.tug.org/PSTricks/main.cgi?file=examples>

## 2.5 software-misc

### 2.5.1 TYPO3

Links I find helpful when dealing with TYPO3:

realurl-configuration really explained:

[RealURL made easy: part 1 by Dmitry Dulepov](#)

[RealURL made easy: part 2 by Dmitry Dulepov](#)

On how to use the crawler-extension: [wiki.typo3.org](http://wiki.typo3.org) (2007) that I co-authored.....

german tutorial on the usage of TYPO3 at my university: [Becker / Conrad \(2009\)](#)

### 2.5.2 Datensicherheit im Alltag (dt)

Erstmal nur ein paar links und Hinweise.....

**links** Apple Mail und PGP - verschlüsseln, entschlüsseln und signieren (dt):

<http://blog.dirkeinecke.de/>

[Veranstaltungsreihe ich-hab-doch-nichts-zu-verbergen.de](#)

[TOR-Netzwerk](#)

[JonDonym](#)

### creating a zip-Archive with password-protection on Mac OS X (Leopard, 10.5):

1. CD to directory: macbook-daniel:Zeug daniel\$ cd /Users/daniel/Desktop/

2. create Archive of folder: (Note the options -r and -e)

```
macbook-daniel:Desktop daniel$ zip -e -r An_Archive.zip A_Folder/
```

```
Enter password:
```

```
Verify password:
```

```
adding: A_Folder/ (stored 0%)
```

```
adding: A_Folder/A_File.txt (stored 0%)
```

now you have an encrypted, password-protected Archive....

3. unzip an Archive

```
macbook-daniel:Desktop daniel$ unzip An_Archive.zip
```

```
Archive: An_Archive.zip
```

```
[An_Archive.zip] A_Folder/ password:
```

```
replace A_Folder/A_File.txt? [y]es, [n]o, [A]ll, [N]one, [r]ename: A
```

```
extracting: A_Folder/A_File.txt
```

4. Learn more about what you’ve done: macbook-daniel:Desktop daniel\$ man zip.

For example, you can read there:

-e Encrypt the contents of the zip archive using a password which is entered on the terminal in response to a prompt (this will not be echoed; if standard error is not a tty, zip will exit with an error). The password prompt is repeated to save the user from typing errors. Note that this encrypts with standard pkzip encryption which is considered weak.

To leave the man-pages, enter Q ....

## 3 Misc

### 3.1 Viadrina (IBA)

Here you can find material for “Applied Economics” that I teach in November 2009. Most downloads are password-protected.

#### 3.1.1 downloads

[course description \[287 KB\]](#)

[address list \[78 KB\]](#) (updated 22 Nov 09) You can also [download the list as a .vcf file](#) (for your own electronic address book)

**Slides / Worksheets** [Slides, Lecure 1 \(Housekeeping, How Economists Think\) \[225 KB\]](#)

[Slides, Lecure 2 \(Micro-Review\) \[225 KB\]](#)

[Slides, Lecure 3 \(tax competition\) \[479 KB\]](#)

[Slides, Lecure 4 \(child labor\) \[360 KB\]](#)

[Slides, Lecure 5 \(worksheet, info about bibliographic work\) \[393 KB\]](#)

[Worksheet no 1 \(without solutions\) \[266 KB\]](#)

[Worksheet no 1 \(with solutions\) \[426 KB\]](#)

[Slides, Lecure 6 \(Growth I - empirics\) \[5 MB\]](#)

[Slides, Lecure 7 \(Working with data, worksheet\) \[852 KB\]](#)

[zipped Excel-files for Lecture 7 \(if you want to try it by yourself\) \[684 KB\]](#)

[Slides, Lecure 8 \(Growth II - Theory\) \[729 KB\]](#)

[Lectures 9/10/11: presentations / worksheet no 2](#)

[Worksheet no 2 \(without solutions\) \[315 KB\]](#)

[Worksheet no 2 \(including solutions\) \[324 KB\]](#)

[Slides, Lecture 12 \(Growth III\) \[754 KB\]](#)

[Worksheet no 3 \(without solutions\) \[315 KB\]](#)

[Worksheet no 3 \(with solutions\) \[430 KB\]](#)

[Slides, Lecture 13 \(Financial Crisis\) \[979 KB\]](#)

[Worksheet no 4 \(without solutions\) \[844 KB\]](#)

[Worksheet no 4 \(with a few hints\) \[897 KB\]](#)

[Worksheet no 5 \(questions about essays / presentations\) \[106 KB\]](#)

**Papers & chapters to read** Acemoglu, Daron (2009). Introduction to Modern Economic Growth. Princeton University Press. (Chapter 1, Chapter 2 optional) Princeton UP [has a website where you get those chapters for free.](#)

[Basu, Kaushik and Van, Pham Hoang \(1998\): The Economics of Child Labor, American Economic Review 88:3, pp. 412-427, pp. 92-96](#)

[Brenke, Karl \(2008\). Migranten in Berlin. Schlechte Jobchancen, geringe Einkommen, hohe Transferabhängigkeit. Wochenbericht des DIW Berlin, \[2008\]\(35\): 496-507. Available from: \[http://www.diw.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=diw\\\_02.c.235062.de\]\(http://www.diw.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=diw\_02.c.235062.de\).](#)

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1. You have 10 Minutes to present your topic. Take this limit seriously. It goes without saying that you cannot explain everything in 10 Minutes!
2. preparation time should not exceed 10 hours (if you only need 4 hours, that's fine)
3. If you have slides, please send them to me the the evening (8pm) before your presentation is due. Format: PDF, OpenOffice Impress, Powerpoint (not the new version ppt not pptx). (Or bring your own laptop.)
4. Your presentations and essays will not be graded, but you will receive feedback.
5. essays (& Slides) will be available to all students (Password protected, without the name)
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### 3.1.3 useful links

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- <http://www.economist.com/> – The Economist
- <http://europe.wsj.com/> The Wall Street Journal (European Edition)
- <http://econacademics.org/> – The “Econ Academics Blog” collects several blogs about economics in one interface
- <http://krugman.blogs.nytimes.com/> – Paul Krugman’s blog
- <http://gregmankiw.blogspot.com/> – Gregory Mankiw’s blog
- <http://www-personal.umich.edu/~alandear/glossary/> A very useful glossary for students of International Economics
- <http://www.dictionaryofeconomics.com> The Palgrave Dictionary of Economics (Online Version)– can be used from a computer in Viadrina’s network until 20 Dec 09
- [http://www.ub.euw-frankfurt-o.de/de/externe\\_recherche/datenbanken/fachdatenbanken/wirtschaft/index.html](http://www.ub.euw-frankfurt-o.de/de/externe_recherche/datenbanken/fachdatenbanken/wirtschaft/index.html) Your library’s list of databases and online journals that are available for members of the Viadrina
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- <http://www.endnote.com/> - if you are using MS Word, Endnote is commercial product that is used by many researchers. I don’t know expensive it is....
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reference\\_management\\_software](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reference_management_software) and [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison\\_of\\_reference\\_management\\_software](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_reference_management_software) has a few more links. Important is to have a software that links your database with pdf’s and that is flexible when it comes to exporting/importing the data in the various formats.
- <http://www.citavi.com/> Citavi - an alternative to Endnote, they have a trial version limited to one hundred items
- OpenOffice - the free alternative to Word - has its own bibliography tool
- <http://jabref.sourceforge.net/> If you are using  $\text{\LaTeX}$  to write your essays and papers, and you are a Windows-User, this is the application to organize your bibliographies. If you are a Mac-user, I prefer BibDesk (<http://bibdesk.sourceforge.net/>). No costs. And if you are willing to learn  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , look at <http://tug.org/begin.html>.

### 3.2 Stralsund (dt.)

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### 3.3 Journalismus (dt.)

Artikel in der Wochenzeitung Jungle World

[Jungle-Homepage \(mit Archiv\)](#)

[50/03 Das Einrennen offener Türen](#) Zum Sturz von Eduard Schewardnadse in Georgien

12/02 [Stand up for Steel](#) Kommentar zu den Stahlsanktionen des George Bush jr. - Bush als Sicherheitsrisiko für die Weltwirtschaft.

47/01 [WTO in der Wüste](#) Über die Ministerkonferenz der WTO in Katar und die verpaßte Chance nicht-militärischer Terrorbekämpfung

13/01 [Saufen oder ab ins Bett](#) Hintergrundbericht über Georgien

34/00 [Enteignung durch die unsichtbare Hand](#) Die Versteigerung der UMTS-Lizenzen in Deutschland als "moderne Enteignung"

32/00 [Mobil nach Übersee](#) Übernahme von Voicestream durch die Deutsche Telekom

49/99 [Disko: Verhandeln statt Abstrafen](#) Warum eine Welthandelsrunde bei der WTO besser ist als keine

47/99 [Märkte und Menschenrechte](#) WTO-Beitritt Chinas nach der Einigung mit den USA

44/99 [Handel ist Politik](#) Vorbericht zur WTO-Ministerkonferenz in Seattle

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19/99 [Telecom nazionale](#) Widerstände in Italien gegen Deutsche Telekom

18/99 [Kritische Masse](#) Fusionspläne der Deutschen Telekom und Telecom Italia

16/99 [bananenurteil](#) Krumme Geschäfte

06/99 [TEP, Tac, Toe](#) Zu den Plänen für einen "New Transatlantic Marketplace"

03/99 [Bananen, Boeings, Handelskriege](#) Diverse Handelskonflikte EU-USA

03/99 [Euro auf Autopilot](#) Übersetzung eines Artikel von Paul Krugman (zur deutschen Ausrichtung der EZB)

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46/98 [Thema: Gemeinsam ratlos](#) Es gibt keine Konzepte für eine sozialdemokratische Wirtschaftspolitik à la Lafontaine in Europa

44/98 [Zeit für verrückte Sachen](#) Zu den Reformvorschlägen für das Weltfinanzsystem

43/98 [La Grande Nation d'Abord](#) Endgültiges Scheitern der MAI-Verhandlungen

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