

Economic Geography and Trade in the Long Run (1914-2010)

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General Literature:

- Masahisa Fujita, Paul Krugman, Anthony Venables (1999) [=FKV], *The Spatial Economy. Cities, Regions, and International Trade*, MIT Press
- Pierre-Philippe Combes, Thierry Mayer, Jacques-Francois Thisse (2008) [=CMT], *Economic Geography. The Integration of Regions and Nations*, Princeton University Press.

Organization: please choose a topic. In the seminar, students will provide a presentation (30 Min.) of the relevant paper in detail, followed by an in-depth discussion (60 min.). Each participant is expected to read every paper. At the end of the seminar, we will discuss short projects for seminar papers. Students will write a 20 page paper on their subject due on 1 Sept. 2011.

Reading: the key readings are available on moodle.hu-berlin.de. Please make an effort to get a copy of the two textbooks.

Date	Topic	Key Reading
12. April 2011, 14-16	Introduction: questions and methods	FKV (1999), Introduction
19. April	Spatial Economics I: Land Use	Beckmann (1972)
26. April	Spatial Economics II: Agglomeration	Krugman (1991), CMT , Chap. 6
3. Mai	Trade I: Comparative Advantage	Eaton and Kortum (2003)
10. Mai	Trade II: Heterogeneous Firms	Melitz and Ottaviano (2008), Redding (2010)
17. Mai	The Case of Germany I	Redding and Sturm (2008)
24. Mai	France and Germany	Grantham (1989), Kopsidis and Wolf (2011)
31. Mai	The Case of Japan	Bernhofen and Brown (2004)
7. Juni	The Case of India	Donaldson (2010)
14. Juni	Economics of Transport Costs I: Steam	Harley (1972)
21. Juni	Economics of Transport Costs II: Trains	Leunig (2006)
28. Juni	Zipf's Law	Ioannides and Gabaix (2003), FKV, Chap. 12
5. Juli	City Systems in History	Davis and Weinstein (2002), Nitsch (2003)
12. Juli	The Case of Germany II	Redding, Sturm, Wolf (2011)

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Eaton, Jonathan; Kortum, Samuel: Technology, Geography, and Trade, in: Econometrica, Vol. 70, No. 5 (2002), pp. 1741-1779.

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Gabaix, Xavier; Ioannides, Yannis M.: The Evolution of City Size Distributions 2003.

Kopsidis, Michael; Wolf, Nikolaus: Agricultural Productivity across Prussia during the Industrial Revolution: a Thuenen perspective, mimeo (2011).

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Samuelson, Paul A.: Thünen at Two Hundred. American Economic Association, in: Journal of Economic Literature, Vol. 21, No. 4 (1983), pp. 1468-1488.