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## Currency Unions in Historical Perspective

Winter Semester 2011/12

Tuesday 12-14 at SPA1, 125

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### Seminar Topics

Date	Topic 1	Topic 2
18 Oct 11	Intro 1: Motivation and Exchange Rate Theory (FT 15)	
25 Oct 11	Intro 2: Macroeconomics of Exchange Rate Regimes (FT 18)	
1 Nov 11	Theory of Optimum Currency Areas (Mundell I)	Theory of Optimum Currency Areas (Mundell II)
8 Nov 11	The Role for Fiscal Policy I (Uhlig 2002)	The Role for Fiscal Policy II (Rodden 2004)
15 Nov 11	The Road to the Euro: Survey (Capie 1998)	The Road to the Euro: German Unification and the Crisis of 1992
22 Nov 11	Was Europe ever an OCA? (Eichengreen 1991)	Was Europe ever an OCA? (...)
29 Nov 11	Are OCA Criteria Endogenous? EC vs Krugman (DG 2)	Are OCA Criteria Endogenous? Baldwin (2006) (DG 2)
6 Dec 11	ECB: monetary policy I	ECB: monetary policy II
13 Dec 11	Origins of the Recent Crisis I (Brunnermeier 2009)	Origins of the Recent Crisis II (Baldwin et al 2010)
20 Dec 11	No seminar	No seminar
27 Dec 11	No seminar	No seminar
3 Jan 12	End of Monetary Unions I : Three Generations of Currency Crises Models	End of Monetary Unions II: Empirical Evidence from the 1930s
10 Jan 12	Case Studies: US	Case Studies: US
17 Jan 12	Case Studies: Italy	Case Studies: Germany
24 Jan 12	Case Studies: Argentina	Case Studies: Brazil
31 Jan 12	Case Studies: Latin Union	Case Studies: Scandinavian Union
7 Feb 12	Beyond the Money I (Alesina/ Spolaore 1997)	Beyond the Money I (Rodden 2010)
14 Feb 12	Beyond the Money II (Prat and Strömberg 2010a)	Beyond the Money II (Prat and Strömberg 2010b)