

Module W2 03	Pluralist Economics				
	<i>Plurale Ökonomik</i>				
	Module type		Elective		
	Module ID number		-		
	Credit points (LP)		5 LP		
	Semester hours per week (SWS)		2 SWS		
	Semester	3rd/5th semester	Workload (total)		150 h
	Term	Every fall semester (fall term)	of which	Classroom hours	30 h
	Duration	1 semester		Self-study	120 h
Qualification objective:		<p>Students know basic concepts of the philosophy of science, especially the deductive-nomological model and its critique, the most important theories of paradigms and research programs, as well as central theories on the function and relevance of scientific models for gaining knowledge; students can explain these theories and explain their relevance for practical research.</p> <p>Students will also be able to explain what is meant by 'pluralism' and 'plurality' and what the advantages and disadvantages of a plural research approach are. They will also be familiar with current research results in the sociology of science on the status of plurality in economics.</p> <p>Students will be familiar with key economic paradigms and will be able to distinguish their central theoretical categories and methodological approaches and explain how these lead to different problem diagnoses and policy proposals.</p>			
Expertise:		<p>The students know basic concepts of the philosophy of science. They can apply basic concepts of logic and recognize logical fallacies in scientific and political argumentation. Students can explain different types of scientific plurality and critically question their possible justifications. They will be able to assess scientific-theoretical statements with recourse to results from the sociology of science, especially in the context of the debate on plurality in economics.</p> <p>Students will also be able to distinguish economic paradigms with respect to their ontological, epistemological and methodological orientation and assess potentials for a possible pluralistic triangulation.</p>			
Methodological competence:		<p>Students will be able to apply scientific theoretical concepts such as the deductive-nomological model and critically examine statements with regard to their logical consistency. They can assign scientific argumentation patterns to corresponding paradigms and identify and critically evaluate the underlying meta-theoretical assumptions. Students will be able to consider questions in economics from the perspective of different paradigms and to independently assess the potential of triangulation and justify their assessment.</p>			

Continuation of module Module BIM W2 03:

Social and personal skills:	Students are able to develop logically consistent argumentation strategies for basic questions in economics. They will be able to classify common economic positions paradigmatically and identify the underlying meta-theoretical assumptions. They will also be able to explain the potentials and challenges of an integrative plural approach in the relevant contexts. In this way, they also learn to explicate and critically question their own paradigmatic orientation.
Course and study formats:	Seminar; Group work, poster presentation and co-presentations.
Module coordinator:	Prof. Dr. Claudius Gräbner-Radkowsch
Prerequisites:	Successful completion of Economics I and Economics II modules is recommended.
Applicable degree program:	B.A. International Management – BWL
Language of instruction:	English
Comments / Other:	Part of elective 2.

W2 03: Submodule 1	Pluralist Economics			
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	Submodule number	-	Study format	Seminar
	Semester hours per week (SWS)	2 SWS	Workload (submodule)	150 h
	Module Type	Required	of which	Classroom hours
	Planned Participants	27		Self-Study
	Preliminary examinations	Two essays (each max. 1000 words)		
W2 03: Module exam	Exam			
	<i>Modulprüfung</i>			
	Exam number	-	Scope of the exam	See comments
	Form of examination	paper or A0-poster with hand-out or portfolio	Exam preparation	0 h (see comments)
	Graded exam?	Yes		
	Comments regarding the module exam	30,000 characters, excl. bibliography (term paper), A0 poster and 2 pages handout (poster), 18,000 characters, excl. material and bibliography (portfolio). Two ungraded preliminary examination (passed/failed) Exam preparation takes place during self-study for sub-module 1.		
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