Welcome to the Newsletter for PEF students at the University of St. Gallen.

Twice a year we inform you about News, Events, Lectures, Seminars, Alumni.

PEF@HSG
The Ph.D. Programme in Economics and Finance (PEF) trains students to achieve academic excellence in the areas of Economics, Econometrics and Finance.

NEW PEF students in HS19

Economics: Céline Diebold
Econometrics: Jonathan Chassot, Alfred Sutter
Finance: Donglin He, Cédric Müller, Jun Wu

We wish them a good start!

PEF Welcome Apéro

18th September at 10:30-11:30 room 01-112

Sign-up by 10th September pef@unisg.ch

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome a new SEPS faculty member as of the Autumn Semester 2019: Mariana Lopes da Fonseca as an Assistant Professor based at the SIAW.

Previous events

PEF/PIF PhD Poster Seminar 13th May 2019

The attendance at the second PEF/PIF Poster PhD Seminar was very impressive. This was highly appreciated by our PhD students.
PEF PhD Courses Autumn Semester HS19

**Econometrics**
- **Causal Inference**, Prof. Michael Lechner*
- **Econometrics of Big Data**, Prof. Martin Spindler*

**Economics**
- **Topics in Economics**, Prof. Reto Föllmi and Winfried Koeniger
- **Political Economics of Development**, Prof. Roland Hodler

**Finance**
- **Empirical Asset Pricing**, Prof. Paul Soderlind
- **Time Series Methods in Financial Econometrics**, Prof. Patrick Gagliardini
- **Market Microstructure**, Prof. Angelo Rnalado

* joint PEF / GSERM

**PhD Seminar**
R. Föllmi & M. Lechner

**Schedule and more information**

**PhD seminar regulations**
The students choose together with their supervisors a date for their presentation. Two weeks before the first seminar students apply to the

**Literature Seminar**
P. Bonev & M. Fengler & C. Keuschnigg

**Schedule and more information**

Starting with the spring semester 2019 Literature Seminars are organized like **reading groups**.
You may find the lectures schedule and course descriptions on the PEF.
Executive Director for slots and hand in the presentation slides/papers.

Students who present a paper must also discuss a paper. Guidelines will be provided and the professors responsible for the PhD seminar will assign students to discuss the presented papers.

Students' mandatory attendance is set to 75% for the PhD seminar. The Executive Director will have detailed information on students' explanations for not attending the seminars and inform the Programme Committee accordingly.

**Data consulting**

The data consulting team provides advice for HSG students and faculty who analyze data as part of their research projects. The consulting focuses on research design and research methods, including general advice on data bases and research software. Our philosophy is to provide “help to help yourself”. Thus, we support you in the initial design of a study and/or in case of specific methodological questions at later stages. The new homepage [www.unisg.ch/data-consulting](http://www.unisg.ch/data-consulting) provides further information about the consulting process and the consultants.

**Seminars offered by the Department of Economics**

To receive the weekly Seminars Newsletter email seps@unisg.ch

- [Research Seminar Economics](#)
- [Brown Bag Seminar Economics](#)

**GSERM**

The GSERM Global School in Empirical Research Methods at the University of St.Gallen is a 3.5 week integrated programme teaching research methodology.

GSERM took place in St. Gallen from 3 - 21 June 2019.

PEF students may attend summer school courses. You may ask for more information on registration, courses and crediting at pef@unisg.ch
Publications

We are happy to inform you that an essay from Anna Brüderle's thesis has now been published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS, impact factor 9.5). Anna Brüderle is a PEF graduate (2018).

Prizes

SEPS Excellence in Teaching Award: Ulrich Matter, Assistant Professor SEPS

Latsis Prize 2019: Beatrix Eugster, Assistant Professor SEPS. The Fondation Latsis Internationale, Geneva, annually awards a generous prize at selected universities for the purpose of promoting young researchers.

HSG Impact Award 2019: “Impact of oils spills in Nigeria on neonatal deaths”, Prof. Dr. Roland Hodler and Dr. Mirjam Anna Brüderle (PEF graduate, 2018). The award was conferred on the occasion of the public Dies Academicus on 25 May 2019.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Public defences held in FS19:

Adrian Jäggi (Supervisor: R. Föllmi)
Growth Differences across Countries: Inequality, Values, and the Diffusion of Technology

Andrin Pelican (Supervisor: E. De Giorgi)
Essays in Game Theory and Network Economics

Philemon Krähenmann (Supervisor: S. Bühler)
Essays in Industrial Organization

Our public defences are open to the public and everybody is welcome!

PEF Alumni

Thomas Spycher (2019) is partner at Novalytica & Co-founder of DataCareer.
Anastasija Tetereva (2018) is Assistant Professor at the Erasmus University Rotterdam.