

**BSc Seminar: Digitalization and Trade (03.184.4920)**  
**Kick-off, 27 April 2020, 10am - noon, online**  
**Presentations, 3 July 2020, 9am - 2pm, Room 01 130 RW 6**

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**Prerequisites:** Students should be familiar with basic international trade theory.

**Course Objectives:** International trade has rapidly embraced digitalization, yet many aspects of digital trade entail fundamentally open questions. This seminar seeks to understand priority policy issues. Three topics are pertinent in particular. First, how can digital trade be measured and reflected in official statistics (e.g., GDP)? Second, what are the legal problems involved, for example, with respect to different data protection legislation? Third, how can multilateral economic policy approaches be designed and complement domestic policies? We review first contributions to these topics.

**Important Dates:**

Introductory meeting .....	April 27
Assignment of exposés .....	May 04
Submission of exposé .....	June 22
Presentation of exposé .....	July 03
Start of Bachelor thesis .....	July 10
Submission of Bachelor thesis .....	September 04

**Grading:** Each seminar participant will present their exposé. Attendance to the introductory session, all exposé presentations and active participation is expected from all participants. *I will upload all materials to Reader.*

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**Extra Help:** Please pass by my (virtual) office during office hours (by appointment) at least once to discuss your exposé and presentation.