

**BSc Seminar: Digitization and Trade (03.184.4920)**  
**Kick-off, 29 April 2022, 2pm - 3.30pm, TBD**  
**Presentations, 9 June 2022, 10am - 3pm, provisional**

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**Prerequisites:** Students should be familiar with basic topics in international economics.

**Course Objectives:** International trade has rapidly embraced digitization, 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 conceptual problems involved, for example, with respect to different data protection legislation? Third, how can international economic policy approaches be designed and complement domestic policies? We review first contributions to these topics.

**Important Dates:**

Introductory meeting .....	April 29
Assignment of exposés .....	May 06
Submission of exposé .....	May 27
Presentation of exposé .....	June 09
Start of Bachelor thesis .....	June 15
Submission of Bachelor thesis .....	August 10

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

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