**Seminar in International Commerce II**

**(Current Issues and Case Studies in Money and Finance)**

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**Class hours: Wednesday 14:30-17:30**

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**Course Description:**

This course aims to study current issues highlighted in the world economy and deepen the understanding as well as analytical skills through case studies of major international financial events. (This semester we will mainly focus on East Asian Monetary and Financial Cooperation) While studying current issues and practical cases, this course also aims to guide students in their undertaking academic research and writing a thesis.

Since this course is designed to address various advanced money and financial issues for 3rd semester or higher students embarking on thesis writing in the fields of international commerce, it is recommended that students are prepared with some preliminary classes on international financial matters.

**Course Format:**

This course will combine students’ presentations with a few regular and special lectures. Students are expected to make several presentations: one is on case studies, another on reading materials, and a third on current issues. The presentation on case studies and reading materials may be short and students are required only to submit the PPT files after presentation. The current issue presentation may be like an oral defence of a thesis. For the second presentation, students should provide research proposals (including topics, methodologies, outline, etc.) within four weeks and submit their papers after presentation by the end of the semester.

Each week students are required to submit one-page weekly report of progress, which may include a brief of reading materials related to their research, data collection and analysis, and a plan for the following week.

**Course Materials:**

There will be no designated textbook but some reading materials in this class. Students are advised to refer to articles related to their research topics as necessary on their own.

**Evaluation:**

* Class attendance and participation: 20%
* Weekly reports: 20%
* Presentations and term-papers: 60%

**Course Schedule:**

Week 1: Introduction

Week 2: Theory of regional monetary and financial integration

Week 3: Overview of monetary and financial cooperation in East Asia

Week 4: Further issues to be discussed

Week 5: Presentation of proposals

Week 6: Special lecture

Week 7: Presentation of case studies/reading materials

Week 8: Presentation of case studies/reading materials

Week 9: Presentation of case studies/reading materials

Week 10: Presentation of case studies/reading materials

Week 11: Presentation of case studies/reading materials

Week 12: Special lecture

Week 13: Presentation of papers

Week 14: Presentation of papers

Week 15: Presentation of papers