



Announcement: MIEPP Research Module “Measuring Trade in Services” Winter semester 2013/14

The **Deutsche Bundesbank** is currently reviewing its method of measuring international services-trade flows to and from Germany, and they would like to involve us in this process. This joint project will be the subject of a “**research module**”/seminar in the **winter semester 2013/14**. Participating students will be assigned individual work packages and will contribute to the overall goal of developing methods (e.g. a firm-level questionnaire) that help the Bundesbank to gather reliable information. During the winter semester, we will **close-ly cooperate** with the balance-of-payments team at the Bundesbank’s regional office in Mainz, and assess our progress in various meetings. The **kick-off workshop**, which will also involve members of the **WTO**, will take place on October 25-26, 2013.

To successfully participate, students need a good knowledge of **balance-of-payments rules and definitions**, experience in analyzing **trade in services**, a fair background in **econometrics**, and – first and foremost – a lot of creativity, institutional and anecdotal knowledge, as well as a **keen interest in real-world data**. If all goes well, participants will be rewarded by collaborating in a project of high practical relevance, and by cooperating with one of Germany’s most important policy institutions.

Admission to the seminar is selective and based on the result of a short **take-home exam** that tests the above-mentioned qualifications. Students who are interested in participating should send an email to LsHarms@uni-mainz.de by **June 7, 2013**. We will then send out the exam in the second week of June. The **deadline** for submitting the solution will be June 28, 2013. **Admissions and rejections** will be sent out soon afterward.