



Conflict and Economic Development

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Term Paper Guidelines

- The language of the term paper and presentation is English.
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- Use 1.3 line-spacing and 12pt font and leave standard margins (2.5 cm for all margins).
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 1. Cover sheet: with the name of the seminar and the lecturer, title of the paper, name of the author, abstract (maximum of 150 words) and date of the last version.
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