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Kurs: e-eco
Thema: Englisch "The Global Economy"

Inhalte:

English is not just the international language of politics, media and science, but also of international communication and business. So why not join this course, in which you will be able a) to use and improve your English skills, and b) to explore fascinating aspects of the 21st century global economy?

In this course you will be asked to choose one topic which you – maybe together with another student - will introduce in a short presentation. Typically we will have a look at video clips from English-speaking media platforms to provide further information. To practise everybody's reading skills handouts will be provided by me for each topic. And, hopefully, there will be lively discussions.

Some possible topics will focus on the current situation in Germany: the pros and cons of **offshoring** production to other countries, reasons for the reduction of **unemployment** in recent years, the relevance which the **Euro** currency has had, or the economic development of **Berlin**. There may be a critical look at inequalities on the labour market - e.g. the **gender pay gap** or the situation of newbies on the job market. As we turn our attention towards global aspects we may deal with some of our European neighbours. What has gone so badly wrong in Greece? Which effects will **Brexit** have on the EU and on Britain? And, in a global perspective, we can look at recent winners of **globalisation**, like India and China, and at economic losers, like Africa. There is also the chance to examine developments on particular markets, which have had dramatic effects worldwide. Some industries have been turned upside down in recent years, like the music industry. Can **green industries** be a job engine of the future? Will there be **de-globalisation** after Covid-19? We will try to find out!

As you can see, this course is not about economic theories developed in the past. It's about today's economy, as it happens, as it affects our lives. And it all happens in a language which will carry on gaining importance in our globalised world: This course is not just about reading or listening to words in a foreign language. It is about understanding the economy and about actively using English while doing so. It is about developing a variety of relevant skills - no matter if you get trained as a management assistant in industrial production, in IT, or in media.

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