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## Foreword and introduction

This reader emerged from several years of teaching the course 'International Economics' in the Master 'General Management' at the University of Applied Sciences in Bielefeld and is based on and closely related to selected topics of the lecture book of Krugman et al. [2018]. All chapters of this reader refer to the theoretical base derived in that text book and closely connects to its concept. Here, with this reader all chapters may serve as a supportive summary of Krugman et al. [2018] provided to the students and also add some topicality and emphasis on certain aspects the students requested along the time while teaching. Additionally, over the years we came across so many interesting and varying topics related to 'International Economics', trade and current developments in the world, that these aspects are also discussed in the course of this reader as they had been approaching in class. All theoretical models and concepts are supported by current empirical evidence with relation to the local, German or European context whenever possible. Since the class is taught at a University of Applied Science certainly a strong focus is set on the applied aspects of International Economics, which is also reflected in this reader. Moreover, due to the geographical situation the perspective's emphasis is on the European context, surely, there is always tight relations and the international relations are always considered.

The idea of the reader and the class is to enable the students to understand and pervade central (selected) concepts of international economics and follow the current international developments related to economics, trade and socio-economics aspects with the skills acquired in class.

This learning unit is structured as follows...

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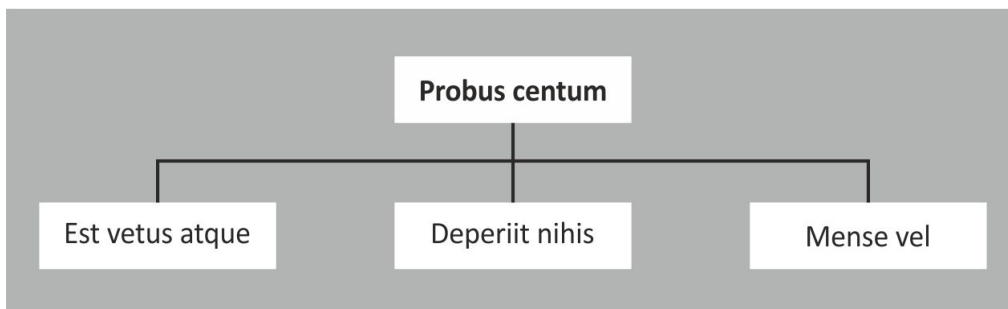
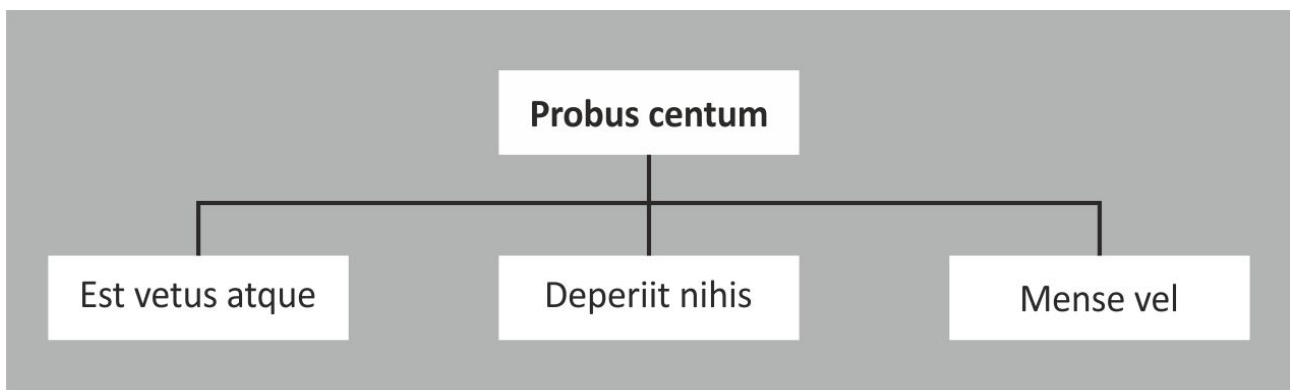
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