

Syllabus

Structure and content

Empirical methods are the core of public policy making. Writing an empirical paper requires creativity, but also strong econometric skills. The aim of the course is to familiarize students how to structure the different steps required to write an empirical paper and provide them with the essential skills to conduct their own empirical study. At the end of the course, students should be able to formulate a clear research question, identify the contribution to the existing literature and structure the necessary steps to answer the research question empirically. This can be the first step towards an empirical bachelor thesis in public economics.

Objective

Participants should acquire the skills to set up an empirical study to analyze a public policy question.

Literature

Angrist, J. and Pischke, S. (2015). "Mastering Metrics The Path from Cause to Effect". Princeton University Press

Examination

Written homework

Prerequisites

Basic knowledge in microeconomics and econometrics (taught in the lecture "Public Policy").

Dates

A first meeting to discuss the procedure of the seminar will take place on Monday 6, May 2019 at 10:30 in room 298. Presentation of the outline of the seminar paper is scheduled for June 26, 2019. The deadline to hand in the seminar paper is August 31, 2019.