

Wirtschaftspolitisches Seminar / Economic Policy Seminar SS09

Thema: Empirische Wirtschaftsforschung und Wirtschaftspolitik / Empirical Economics and Economic Policy

Content / Summary:

The focus of the seminar is on the empirical evaluation of the effects of government policies. Topics covered are typically analyzed using micro data on households and firms using appropriate empirical methods. A list of selected research topics will be made available at the preliminary meeting (Vorbesprechung, see below).

Each student is expected to prepare and present a short paper (not more than 15 pages). The paper may either be a review of a couple of research papers on a specific topic or, preferably, an own original research paper. In the latter case, the student may also suggest a topic on her/his own, if suitable for the seminar. In either case, knowledge of econometrics at the level of, e.g., J. Wooldridge, *Introductory Econometrics*, will be assumed.

Both the required paper and the presentation may be in German or English, as preferred by the student.

Grading:

The grading will be made up of: paper (60 %), presentation of paper in seminar (20 %), and participation in seminar (20 %).

The seminar counts 4 BP (credit points) as “*Wahlpflichtveranstaltung*” for Economic Policy and as “*Wahlveranstaltung*” for Econometrics.

Organization:

Preliminary meeting (Vorbesprechung):

12th February, 2009, 11.00 – 12.00

DIW Berlin; Mohrenstr. 58, 10117 (see www.diw.de),
first floor, SR 1.2.026

Dates: weekly, each Thursday, 14.00 – 15.30

Starting date: 16th April, 2009

Venue: DIW Berlin, Mohrenstr. 58, 10117

Registration: at preliminary meeting (Vorbesprechung).