

Wirtschaftspolitisches Seminar / Economic Policy Seminar SS08: Empirische Wirtschaftspolitik / Empirical Economic Policy

- Content / Summary:** The focus of the seminar is on topics in **economic policy evaluation**. Topics covered are typically analyzed using **micro data** and appropriate **microeconomic methods**. Each student is expected to prepare and present a short **research paper** (not more than 15 pages) based on original empirical analysis on some topic in economic policy applying appropriate econometric methods. Both the required research paper and the presentation may be in German or English, as preferred by the student.
- A list of **selected research topics** will be made available at the first meeting (see below), but the student may also suggest a topic on her/his own, if suitable for the course.
- There will be a **weekly seminar** during the term where reference papers covering selected applications will be presented (by both the students and me) and students will present their own research. Each student is expected to present either her/his own research or one of the reference papers and participate regularly in the discussion.
- Requirements and Grading:** Basic knowledge of **microeconometrics** (→ see course “Einführung in die Empirische Wirtschaftsforschung”, or “Microeconometrics”, both offered by the chair).
- The **grading** will be made up of: research 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.
- Organization:** **Dates:** weekly, each Thursday, 14.00 – 16.00
Starting date: 17th April
- Venue:** DIW Berlin, Mohrenstr. 58, 10117 (see www.diw.de), first floor, SR 1.2.026 (*first meeting*)
- Registration** for the seminar: Please register via **Blackboard** until **12th April**. (All further information concerning this course will only be available via Blackboard – course “Empirische Wirtschaftspolitik / Empirical Economic Policy”).