

Wirtschaftspolitisches Seminar/Economic Policy Seminar WS08/09:

General Topic: Empirical Economic Policy Evaluation

Content / Summary:

The focus of the seminar is on topics in **empirical economic policy evaluation**. Topics covered are typically analyzed using **micro data** and appropriate **econometric methods**. A list of selected research topics will be made available at the preliminary meeting (Vorbereitung, 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 from a specific topic in empirical public economics or 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, basic knowledge of microeconomics is essential.

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

Requirements and Grading:

Basic knowledge of **microeconomics**
(→ see course “Einführung in die Empirische Wirtschaftsforschung”, or “Microeconomics”, both offered by the chair).

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.

Organization:

Preliminary meeting (Vorbereitung):

17th July, 2008, 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 October, 2008

Venue: DIW Berlin, Mohrenstr. 58, 10117

Registration: at preliminary meeting (Vorbereitung).