

**„Aktuelle FF der Empirischen FiWi und Wipo / Aktuelle FF der Ökonometrie“
(„Topics in Empirical Public Economics / Applied Microeconometrics”)
WS 2018/19**

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Aim of the seminar

Each student is expected to write an empirical paper on empirical public economics/applied microeconometrics, broadly defined, and present it in the seminar. The paper may be a replication of an earlier study or an original study (more difficult). The replication study would also involve a critical assessment of the underlying assumptions, alternative specifications of regression equations, and alternative sample selections, and could also apply the methodology of a previous paper to another data set.

A brief introduction to the seminar and possible research topics (see list below) are presented by the organizers at the preliminary meeting (“Vorbereitung”). Own research topics may also be suggested by the student, if appropriate for the seminar.

Knowledge of microeconometrics at the level of the MSc Economics course “Applied Microeconometrics” is assumed.

Requirements

In addition to the preliminary meeting, there will be two meetings: In the first of these students will briefly present their research topic including a summary of previous research, the proposed methodology, data to be used, and perhaps already some preliminary descriptive analyses. In the second meeting the study will be presented and discussed. The final paper is due a couple of weeks after this second meeting. The paper and the presentation may be in English or German. The grade will be made up of the final paper (60 %), the presentation of the paper (25%), and active participation in the seminar (15 %). The paper should be about 15 pages including figures and tables, relevant supplementary material can be included in an Appendix.

Time table

- **Preliminary meeting:** Tuesday, 16 October, 16:00 – 17:30, Boltzmannstr. 20, HS 328
- **Second meeting:** End of November (exact date to be determined at the preliminary meeting)
- **Third meeting:** Mid-February (exact date to be determined at the preliminary meeting)

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