

Empirical Research in Public Economics using Stata

During the seminar, students will replicate empirical studies in the field of public economics, present their findings and write a seminar paper about their replication. At the start of the seminar each student will be assigned one specific paper by the chair. All papers use the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) dataset, which is one of the most important datasets for policy analysis in Germany and used worldwide. Following an introduction to empirical analysis of the SOEP using Stata, students will be given access to the data and statistical software either on campus or via remote access to independently replicate their assigned paper. During the latter half of the semester, students will present their preliminary findings, which also provides an opportunity to discuss the further course of action with their peers. The final seminar paper will be due on the 11th of July 2021.

The following papers will be included:

Bahrs, M., & Siedler, T. (2019). University Tuition Fees and High School Students' Educational Intentions. *Fiscal Studies*, 40(2), 117-147.

Doerrenberg, P., & Siegloch, S. (2014). Is soccer good for you? The motivational impact of big sporting events on the unemployed. *Economics Letters*, 123(1), 66-69.

Ferrer-i-Carbonell, A. (2005). Income and well-being: an empirical analysis of the comparison income effect. *Journal of public economics*, 89(5-6), 997-1019.

Grund, C., & Schmitt, A. (2011). Works councils, wages and job satisfaction. *Applied Economics*, 45(3), 299-310.

Kassenboehmer, S. C., & Haisken-DeNew, J. P. (2009). You're fired! The causal negative effect of entry unemployment on life satisfaction. *The Economic Journal*, 119(536), 448-462.

Knaus, M. C., & Otterbach, S. (2019). Work hour mismatch and job mobility: adjustment channels and resolution rates. *Economic Inquiry*, 57(1), 227-242.

Lersch, P. M. (2017). The marriage wealth premium revisited: Gender disparities and within-individual changes in personal wealth in Germany. *Demography*, 54(3), 961-983.

Nikolova, M., & Ayhan, S. H. (2019). Your spouse is fired! How much do you care?. *Journal of Population Economics*, 32(3), 799-844.

Petrunk, I., & Pfeifer, C. (2016). Life satisfaction in Germany after reunification: Additional insights on the pattern of convergence. *Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik*, 236(2), 217-239.

Rainer, H., & Siedler, T. (2008). Subjective income and employment expectations and preferences for redistribution. *Economics letters*, 99(3), 449-453.

Schwarze, J. (2003). Using panel data on income satisfaction to estimate equivalence scale elasticity. *Review of Income and Wealth*, 49(3), 359-372.

Welsch, H., & Biermann, P. (2019). Poverty is a Public Bad: Panel Evidence From Subjective Well-Being Data. *Review of Income and Wealth*, 65(1), 187-200.

Application Deadline

Please apply to participate in the seminar via Moodle by the official deadline on the **5th of March 2021**.

Grading

Grades will be based on the final seminar paper, a presentation and the active participation in the discussion during the seminar.