

**MA-FK-600 / MA-W-210 / MA-W-220:
Angewandte empirische Wirtschaftsforschung/Applied Econometrics**

Announcement of the Empirical Master Research Seminar

**"Seminar - Recent Topics in Labour Economics:
Immigrant-Native Gap"**

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General information:

The large inflow of migrants into Western European countries over the last few years has caused an active public and scientific discussion about micro- and macroeconomic effects of migration. In this seminar we will thus deal with the gap in characteristics, behavior and outcomes between immigrants and natives with a specific focus on Germany. We are especially interested in whether and how migrants and natives differ with respect to *unemployment incidence*, *self-employment activity*, *well-being* and *personality traits*.

The aim of the seminar is to make use of the provided 50%-sample of the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) and conduct a causal analysis in STATA, applying the methodology taught in the Master courses. Over the course of the seminar you will acquire an overview of the current state of literature on your selected topic and practice presenting your results in structured manner, both in a verbal and written form. This seminar constitutes a good preparation for a master thesis.

Registration:

If interested in participating, please register by sending an email to seminar@empwifo.uni-potsdam.de until **October 23, 2017** stating your name, matriculation number and a list of courses you have taken at the Chair of Empirical Economics. We recommend successful completion of the courses "MA: Microeconomics" as well as "MA: Public Policy Evaluation". The number of participants in the seminar is limited.

Schedule:

Note: All sessions start at the exact time as listed (s.t.). The missing start times and locations will be published shortly on Moodle2.UP.

- 23.10.17 Pre-registration for kick-off meeting
- 24.10.17 Kick-off meeting: 16:00 (room: 3.06.S19)
- 29.10.17 Official registration via e-mail with 3 ordered preferences of topics
- 01.11.17 Assignment of topics via e-mail
- 01.11.17 Introductory Lecture: Socio-Economic Panel: 10:00 (room: tba)
- 11.12.17 Interim presentation (room: tba)
- 16.01.18 Submission of seminar paper until 12:00 p.m.: 2x printed; electronic version via e-mail
- 18.01.18 Assignment of paper to be discussed via e-mail
- 24./25.01.18 Final presentation and discussion (room: tba)

What we expect from participants:

1. Attending **all** sessions listed in the schedule
2. Complying with all deadlines listed above
3. Writing a seminar paper (maximum of 25 pages)
4. Giving a talk on your results during the final presentation
5. Discussing another seminar paper during the final presentation

Introductory Literature - Immigrant-Natives:

Algan, Y., Dustmann, C., Glitz, A. and Manning, A. (2010): The Economic Situation of First and Second-Generation Immigrants in France, Germany and the United Kingdom. *The Economic Journal*, 120 (542), F4-F30.

Proposed topics:

1. Unemployment:

Frijters, P., Shields, M. A., and Price, S. W. (2005). Job Search Methods and their Success: A Comparison of Immigrants and Natives in the UK. *The Economic Journal*, 115 (507), F359-F376.

Hansen, J. and Lofstrom, M. (2011). Immigrant-Native Differences in Welfare Participation: The Role of Entry and Exit Rates. *Industrial Relations: A Journal of Economy and Society*, 50 (3), 412-442.

2. Entrepreneurship:

Levie, J.D. (2007). Immigration, in-migration, ethnicity and entrepreneurship in the United Kingdom. *Small Business Economics*, 28 (2-3), 143-169.

Constant, A. and Zimmermann, K.F. (2006). The Making of Entrepreneurs in Germany: Are Native Men and Immigrants Alike? *Small Business Economics* 26 (3), 279-300.

3. Well-Being:

Stillman, S., Gibson, J., McKenzie, D. and Rohorua, H. (2015). "Miserable migrants? Natural experiment evidence on international migration and objective and subjective well-being." *World Development*, 65, 79-93.

Bartram, D. (2011). "Economic migration and happiness: Comparing immigrants' and natives' happiness gains from income." *Social Indicators Research*, 103(1), 57-76.

4. Personality:

Cobb-Clark, D. (2015). Locus of Control and the Labor Market. *IZA Journal of Labor Economics*, 4 (3).

Constant, A., Krause, A., Rinne, U. and Zimmermann, K. (2011). Economic Preferences and Attitudes of the Unemployed: Are natives and second generation migrants alike? *International Journal of Manpower*, 32 (7), 825-851.