

Syllabus for the Master Seminar

“Do-it-yourself: Research Idea Development”

MA-E-210 / MA-E-230 / MA-W-410 / MA-W-220 / MA-W-210

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Course content and structure

This do-it-yourself (DIY) research seminar has two learning goals: In the first part, you will learn some essential skills for research in Economics, such as refereeing and discussing a paper, how to come up with own research ideas and how to write a research outline. We will provide you with an introduction into these skills. For two sessions a list of required readings is provided, you have to write a referee report on one of the papers and for each paper there will be one presentation and one discussion given by the students.

The second part of the course is for you to develop and work on your own research idea. At the end of the semester, you have to submit a research proposal. All ideas in the field of Labor Economics, Policy Evaluation, Population Economics, or related areas are welcome. We will support you with the development of ideas and also in case you want to request access to survey data (e.g. SOEP, BIBB BAuA) or admin data (e.g. IAB FDZ data).

Registration

If interested in participating, please register by sending an email to huber@empwifo.uni-potsdam.de by **October 29, 2021** stating your name, matriculation number and a list of courses you have taken at the Chair of Empirical Economics including the grade you achieved. We recommend successful completion of the courses “MA: Microeconometrics” as well as “MA: Policy Evaluation”.

Schedule

Note: Tentative schedule. Final schedule depends on enrollment.

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| 25.10.21, 16 - 18 | Room S12 | Kick-off meeting |
| 29.10.21, midnight | | Deadline for registration via email |
| 05.11.21, 10 - 14 | Room tba | Lecture and Q&A: How to write a referee report? How to give a research presentation? |
| 12.11.21, midnight | | Referee report 1 due |
| 17.11.20, 14 - 18 | Room S15 | Presentation and Discussion Topic 1: Automation and Labor Markets |
| 24.11.21, midnight | | Referee report 2 due |
| 01.12.21, 14 - 18 | Room S15 | Presentation and Discussion Topic 2: Migration and the Contact Hypothesis |
| 17.12.21, 10 - 14 | Room tba | Lecture and Q&A: How to come up with a research idea? How to write a research proposal/paper? |
| 12.01.22, 14 - 18 | Room S15 | First presentation of research idea |
| Optionally: January | | Discussion of research ideas in additional session or individual office hours |
| 11.02.22, 10 - 14 | Room tba | Final presentation of research idea |
| Deadline tba | | Research proposal due |

Examination

The final grade will be awarded based on the performance in the 2 referee reports, in 1-2 presentations/discussions, and the research proposal.