

Syllabus for the Master Seminar

“Do-it-yourself (DIY): Research Idea Development”

MA-E-210 / MA-E-230 / MA-M-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”.

Readings

Below you find a list of examples of papers that you can expect to read, present, and discuss in the seminar. The final list of required readings will be provided after the kick-off meeting and depends on enrollment.

Abeliansky, A., Beulmann, M. (2021): Are they coming for us? Industrial Robots and the Mental Health of Workers, *Cege Discussion Paper* No. 379, [Link](#).

Andersson, H., Dehdari, S. (forthcoming): Workplace Contact and Support for Anti-Immigration Parties, *American Political Science Review*, [Link](#).

Genz, S., Gregory, T., Janser, M., Lehmer, F., Matthes, B. (2021): How do worker adjust when firms adopt new technologies?, *IZA Discussion Paper* No. 14626, [Link](#).

Huitfeldt, I., Kostøl, A. R., Nimczik, J., Weber, A. (2021): Internal Labor Markets: A Worker Flow Approach, *IZA Discussion Paper* No. 14637, [Link](#).

Illing, H., Schmieder, J. F., Trenkle, S. (2021): The Gender Gap in Earnings Losses After Job Displacement, *NBER Working Paper* No. 29251, [Link](#).

Steinmayr, A. (2021): Contact versus exposure: Refugee presence and voting for the far-right, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 103(2): 310-327, [Link](#).

Examination

The final grade will be awarded based on the performance in the following components:

- 2 referee reports (25%)
- 1-2 presentations/discussions (25%)
- Research proposal (50%)

Schedule

Note: Tentative schedule. Final schedule depends on enrollment.

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 S17	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
24.11.21, midnight		Referee report 2 due
01.12.21, 14 - 18	Room S15	Presentation and discussion Topic 2
17.12.21, 10 - 14	Room S17	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 S17	Final presentation of research idea
Deadline tba		Research proposal due