

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, Political Economy, 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 schmeisser@uni-potsdam.de by **October 20, 2023** 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.

Buzard, K., Gee, L.K., Stoddard, O. (2023): Who You Gonna Call? Gender Inequality in External Demands for Parental Involvement, *mimeo*, Link.

Bensnes, S., Huitfeldt, I., Leuven, E. (2023): Reconciling Estimates of the Long-Term Earnings Effect of Fertility, *IZA Discussion Paper No. 16174*, Link.

Dodini, S., Salvanes, K., Willén, A. (2022): The Dynamics of Power in Labor Markets: Monopolistic Unions versus Monopsonistic Employers, *IZA Discussion Paper No. 15635*, Link.

Fabel, M., Flückinger, M., Ludwig, M., Rainer, H., Waldinger, M., Wichert, S. (2023): The Power of Youth: Did the ‘Fridays for Future’ Climate Movement Trickle-Up to Influence Voters, Politicians, and the Media?, *CESifo Working Paper No. 9742*, Link.

Sabet, N., Liebold, M., Friebel, G. (2022), Terrorism and Voting: The Rise of Right-Wing Populism in Germany, *mimeo*, 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.

17.10.23, 4 - 6 pm	Room S13	Kick-off meeting
20.10.23, midnight		Deadline for registration via email
24.10.23, 4 - 7 pm	Room S13	Lecture and Q&A: How to write a referee report? How to give a research presentation?
31.10.23, midnight		Referee report 1 due
07.11.23, 4 - 7 pm	Room S13	Presentation and discussion 1
14.11.23, midnight		Referee report 2 due
21.11.23, 4 - 7 pm	Room S13	Presentation and discussion 2
28.11.23, 4 - 7 pm	Room S13	Lecture and Q&A: How to come up with a research idea? How to write a research proposal/paper?
12./13./14.12.23, tbd	Room tbd	First presentation of research idea
Optionally: January		Discussion of research ideas in additional session or individual office hours
23.01.24, 4 - 7 pm	Room S13	Final presentation of research idea
Deadline tba		Research proposal due