

BA-S-600: Statistik und Ökonometrie

Seminarankündigung

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- **Teilnahmevoraussetzungen:** BA-600: Teil I (Statistik) und Teil II (Ökonometrie)
- **Zu erbringende Leistung:** Seminararbeit (ca. 15 Seiten)/ Teilnahme am Kolloquium/ Kolloquiumsvortrag/ Diskussion eines Vortrags
- **Seminarbesprechung:** 25.04.2012, 16 Uhr
- **Abgabetermin:** 18.06.2012, 10 Uhr
- **Kolloquium:** nach Vereinbarung (voraussichtlich 28.06 - 29.06)

- **Inhalt:** Anhand von Fallbeispielen aus Fachbeiträgen werden verschiedene ökonomische Fragestellungen (z.B. aus den Bereichen Labor, Public Policy oder Entrepreneurship) empirisch nachvollzogen. Es werden sowohl theoretische als auch empirische Arbeiten vergeben. Ausgewählte Gebiete in Theorie und Anwendung:
 1. Empirical Economics
 2. Public Policy Evaluation
 3. Entrepreneurship Dynamics
 4. Personality Traits, Preferences and Economic Outcomes
 5. Job Search and Unemployment Dynamics

- **Potenzielle Themen:**
 1. Estimation of Treatment Effects with Matching Estimators
Literature:
 - Caliendo, M. and Kopeinig, S. (2008): Some Practical Guidance for the Implementation of Propensity Score Matching, *Journal of Economic Surveys*, 22 (1), 31-72
 - Imbens, G. W. and Wooldridge, J. M. (2009): Recent Developments in the Econometrics of Program Evaluation, *Journal of Economic Literature*, 47 (1), 1-81
 2. Entrepreneurship - Entrepreneurial Development and Personal Characteristics
Literature:
 - Caliendo, M.; Fossen, F. and Kritikos, A. S. (2011): Personality Characteristics and the Decision to Become and Stay Self-Employed, IZA Discussion Paper No. 5566, Bonn
 - Caliendo, M.; Fossen, F. and Kritikos, A. S. (2010): The Impact of Risk Attitudes on Entrepreneurial Survival, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 76 (1), 45-63
 3. Entrepreneurship in Developed and Development Countries - A Comparison
Literature:
 - Ardagna, S. and Lusardi, A. (2010): Explaining International Differences in Entrepreneurship: The Role of Individual Characteristics and Regulatory Constraints, in *International Differences in Entrepreneurship*, Lerner and Schoar, eds., University of Chicago Press
 - Woodruff C. (2012): The Other Half: What do we know - and need to learn - about self employment in LICs?
online accessible under: http://www.iza.org/conference_files/IZA_DFID_2012/woodruff_c2748.pdf

4. The Effect of Start Up Subsidies and Coaching Programs

Literature:

- Caliendo, M. and Künn, S. (2011): Start-Up Subsidies for the Unemployed: Long-Term Evidence and Effect Heterogeneity, *Journal of Public Economics*, 95 (3-4), 311-331
- Fairlie, R. W. and Holleran, W. (2011): Entrepreneurship training, risk aversion and other personality traits: Evidence from a random experiment, *Journal of Economic Psychology* online accessible under <http://linkinghub.elsevier.com/retrieve/pii/S016748701100016X>

5. The Effect of Coaching Programs on Young Enterprises - An Overview of the Existing Literature

Literature:

- Fairlie, R. W.; Karlan, D. and Zinman, J. (2011): GATE Opens, GATE Shuts: Short- and Long-Term Effects of Entrepreneurship Training in a Randomized Evaluation
- Benus, J. and Michaelides, M. (2010): Are Self-Employment Training Programs Effective? Evidence from Project GATE, MPRA Paper No. 20880, München
online accessible under: <http://mpa.ub.uni-muenchen.de/20880/>

6. Gazelles as Job Creators: Fast growing Businesses in the Entrepreneurial World.

Literature:

- Acs, Z. J. and Müller, P. (2008): Employment Effects of Business Dynamics: Mice, Gazelles and Elephants, *Small Business Economics*, 30 (1), 85-100
- Henrekson, M. and Johansson, D. (2010): Gazelles as job creators: a survey and interpretation of the evidence, *Small Business Economics*, 35 (2), 227-244

7. Replicating an Empirical Study

Literature:

- Card, D. (1993): Using Geographic Variation in College Proximity to Estimate the Return to Schooling, NBER Working Paper No. 4483, Cambridge
or
- Card, D. and Krueger, A. B. (1994): Minimum Wages and Employment: A Case Study of the Fast-Food Industry in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, *The American Economic Review*, 84 (4), 772-793

8. The Rise of the IV Estimator and the Never Ending Search for a Valid Instrument

Literature:

- Angrist J. D. (1990): Lifetime Earnings and the Vietnam Era Draft Lottery: Evidence from Social Security Administrative Records, *American Economic Review*, 80 (3), 313-336
- Angrist, J. D. and Evans, W. N. (1998): Children and Their Parents' Labor Supply: Evidence from Exogenous Variation in Family Size, *The American Economic Review*, 88 (3), 450-477

9. Satisfaction of Self-Employed - An Empirical Approach using Data of the GSOEP

Literature:

- Fuchs-Schündeln, N. (2009): On preferences for being self-employed, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 71 (2), 162-171
- Andersson, P. (2008): Happiness and health: Well-being among the self-employed, *Journal of Socio-Economics*, 37 (1), 213-236

10. Cognitive and Noncognitive Skills: Influence on Income and Happiness using Data of the GSOEP

Literature:

- Heckman, J.J.; Stixrud, J.; and Urzua, S. (2006): The Effects of Cognitive and Noncognitive Abilities on Labor Market Outcomes and Social Behavior, *Journal of Labor Economics*, 24 (3), 411-482

11. Job Search and Unemployed Dynamics - The Influence of Personality and Policy?

Literature:

- Uysal, S. D., and Pohlmeier, W. (2011): Unemployment duration and personality, *Journal of Economic Psychology*, 32(6), 980-992
- Caliendo, M., and Uhlendorff, A. (2010): Determinanten des Suchverhaltens von Arbeitslosen: Ausgewählte Erkenntnisse basierend auf dem IZA Evaluationsdatensatz, IZA Discussion Paper 5379, Bonn