



Summer term 2025

Empirical Public Economics

Course Description

This course covers recent developments in empirical public economics. You will learn to assess critically the latest empirical papers in the area of public economics and you will familiarize yourself with modern microeconomic methods, which are common in empirical public economics. The overall topic of the course is on behavioral responses to taxation, with a focus on shifting and evasion responses. When discussing the relevant literature, you will become acquainted with, amongst others, the following empirical approaches: natural and randomized field experiments, difference-in-differences estimations, instrumental variables, panel data analysis, and synthetic control methods. The exercise class focusses on replication of studies using STATA as well as caveats that are present in everyday work with large data sets, picking up papers and topics discussed in lectures.

Requirements

Basic knowledge of microeconometrics and microeconomics

Lecturers

Prof. Dr. Nadja Dwenger
Tim Ruberg, M.Sc.

Class Meeting

Lecture	Wednesday, 08:30 – 10:00 am, HS 33 (start: April, 2 2025) No lecture on May 21. Instead, we meet on June 24 02:30-05:00 pm, HS 17
Exercise class	Wednesday, 04:00 – 05:30 pm, HS 21 (start: April 9, 2025)

Exam

Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 08:30 – 10:00 am, HS 33

Study week

Between May 12 and May 16. More info in first lecture.

Course on ILIAS

Further information is available on Ilias

https://ilias.uni-hohenheim.de/ilias.php?baseClass=ilrepositorygui&ref_id=1678737