

Case Studies

for Master Students

Case Studies in Labor Economics

CONTENT

The course will combine lecture style and case studies on various labor economics topics. The lectures will deliver input for the case studies to allow for a more qualified discussion in small and large groups.

- Topics covered are:
- Modern approach to Econometrics
 - Fundamental evaluation problem
 - Potential outcome approach
 - Methods: DiD, RDD, IV, RCT
 - Default options and nudges
 - Labor Market and Macroeconomics

LECTURE

Time & Location:	- 10 November 2017	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm, room 2330
	- 17 November 2017	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm, room 2330
	- 24 November 2017	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm, room 2330
	- 8 December 2017	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm, room 2330
	- 12 January 2018	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm, room 2330
	- 26 January 2018	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm, room 2330
	- 9 February 2018	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm, room 2330

EXAMINATION MODALITIES

Credit points	4 ECTS
Examination:	Final Exam
Area of Study	<u>M.Sc. Economics:</u>
	E&P: Elective Courses
	<u>VWL-Master, PO 2011:</u>
	Wahlpflichtbereich: Volkswirtschaftspolitik / Makropolitik Quantitative Methoden
	<u>VWL-Master, PO 2014:</u>
	Spezialisierungsbereich: Empirical Economics Labor, Human Resource Management & Organization

LITERATURE

Main references:

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- Cornelissen, T, Dustmann, C., Raute, A. & Schönberg, U. (2016). From LATE to MTE: Alternative methods for the evaluation of policy interventions, *Labour Economics*, 41, 47-60.
- Fuchs-Schündeln, N., & Hassan, T.A. (2016). Natural Experiments in Macroeconomics, Chap. 12, in: *Handbook of Macroeconomics*, Vol. 2, ed. By Taylor, J.B. & Uhlig, H., 923-1012. Elsevier.
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- The Core Project (2016). *The Economy*, Unit 13 "Unemployment and fiscal policy". E-book [www.core-econ.org/ebook].
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- Volpe, G. (2002). Case studies, in P. Davies (ed.), "The Handbook for Economics Lecturers: Teaching", Bristol: Economics LTSN

10 November 2017

Migration (including Case Study)

- Dustmann, C., Fasani, F., Frattini, T., Minale, L., & Schönberg, U. (2016). On the Economics and Politics of Refugee Migration. IZA Discussion Paper, No. 10234.

17 November 2017

Gender discrimination (including Case Study)

- Bohnet, I. (2016): *What works, Gender Equality by Design*, The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.

24 November 2017

Nudges and Default Options (including Case Study)

- Thaler, R. H. (2016). Behavioral Economics: Past, Present and Future. *The American Economic Review*, 106(7), 1577-1600.

8 December 2017

Economic Fluctuations and Unemployment (including Case Study)

- The Core Project (2016). *The Economy*, Unit 12 "Economic fluctuations and unemployment". E-book [www.core-econ.org/ebook].

12 January 2018

Unemployment and fiscal policy (including Case Study)

The Core Project (2016). The Economy, Unit 13 “Unemployment and fiscal policy”. E-book [www.core-econ.org/ebook].

26 January 2018

Inflation, monetary policy and the labor market (including Case Study)

The Core Project (2016). The Economy, Unit 14 “Inflation and monetary policy”. E-book [www.core-econ.org/ebook].

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Wrap-up and Exam Preparation