

# Empirical Evaluation of Economic Policies

## Summer semester 2026

This course is about the evaluation of economic policies in different areas of economics – labour market policies, health and education policies. This course will comprise a lecture and an exercise. The lecture will cover empirical methods required for policy analysis (e. g. difference-in-differences methods, instrumental variable estimation). The lecture will be based upon several influential papers from the respective area.

In the exercise, students will then replicate papers from the literature using Stata. Students will be guided through the replication, and they will be provided with all or most of the Stata code.

### Topics:

- 1.0 Policy Evaluation in Economics
- 2.0 Rubin's Causal Model
- 3.0 Randomized Controlled Trials
- 4.0 Regression
- 5.0 Instrumental Variables
- 6.0 Regression Discontinuity
- 7.0 Difference in Differences and Fixed Effects

### Dates

#### Lectures:

- 6 July 2026: 09:30–12:30 (room 4030/31, Esplanade 36)
- 7 July 2026: 09:30–12:30 (room 4030/31, Esplanade 36)
- 8 July 2026: 09:30–12:30 (room 4030/31, Esplanade 36)
- 9 July 2026: 09:30–12:30 (room 4030/31, Esplanade 36)
- 10 July 2026: 09:30–12:30 (room 4030/31, Esplanade 36)

#### Exercises:

- 6 July 2026: 14:00–16:00 (room 4030/31, Esplanade 36)
- 7 July 2026: 14:00–16:00 (room 4029, Esplanade 36)
- 8 July 2026: 14:00–16:00 (room 4030/31, Esplanade 36)
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#### Evaluation:

Seminar paper (Hausarbeit)