

Seminar – Workshop in Econometrics II

Instructor

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Course description

The aim of this seminar is to learn the steps and methodology in carrying out econometric research projects. This involves choosing a research question (suggestions are available but own proposals are welcome), writing a short paper, presenting the results in class and providing constructive feedback on classmates' research projects. The students can work alone or in teams of two.

Prerequisites and course material

The successful completion of Econometrics II is mandatory to participate in the workshop. You need to enroll at the end of the kickoff meeting. The resources required for the seminar are available online through ILIAS.

Grading

In order to obtain seminar credits you need to:

- Write a paper of about 15 pages (length is not important).
- Present the paper during 20 minutes in front of the instructor and the other students.
- Discuss *critically* the paper presented by one of the other students during 5 minutes.

Tentative calendar

A kick-off meeting will take place on the 19th of February from 8:30am to 10am in A222 UniS. After this briefing, each student is expected to meet at least three times individually with the instructor to discuss: (i) the choice of the topic, (ii) the data and the econometric model, (iii) the results. A preliminary version of the paper must be sent to the instructor and the discussant by the 15th of May. Depending on the number of presentations, the presentations will take place in the mornings of the 22nd and 23rd of May. The final version of the paper must be sent to the instructor by the 10th of June. Contact the instructor as quickly as possible if these times conflict with other courses that you are attending.

Useful readings

The following chapters and papers give useful information about writing nice empirical research papers:

- Chapter 19 in Wooldridge, J.M. (2013): *Introductory Econometrics: A Modern Approach*, 5e, Cengage Learning.
- Tips by Nikolov
- The content of this online course (inclusively examples of good papers): MIT 14.33.
- How to do empirical economics?