

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:

- Labor Market Discrimination
- Education
- Development Economics
- Migration
- Default options and nudges

LECTURE

Time & Location:	- April 28 th ,	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm, room 2330
	- May 12 th ,	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm, room 2330
	- May 19 th ,	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm, room 2330
	- June 16 th ,	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm, room 2330
	- July 7 th ,	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm, room 2330
	- July 14 th ,	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm, room 2330

EXAMINATION MODALITIES

Credit points 4 ECTS

Examination: Final Exam

Area of Study

M.Sc. Economics:

E&P: Elective Courses

VWL-Master, PO 2011:

Wahlpflichtbereich: Volkswirtschaftspolitik / Makropolitik
Quantitative Methoden

VWL-Master, PO 2014:

Spezialisierungsbereich: Empirical Economics

Labor, Human Resource Management & Organization

LITERATURE

Main references:

Angrist, J. D., & Pischke, J. (2014). Mastering 'metrics: the path from cause to effect. Princeton University Press.

Boeri, T., & Van Ours, J. (2013). The economics of imperfect labor markets. 2nd edition. Princeton University Press.

Cahuc, P., Carcillo, S. & Zylberberg, A. (2014). Labor Economics. 2nd edition. MIT Press Books.

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

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

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

Volpe, G. (2002). Case studies, in P. Davies (ed.), "The Handbook for Economics Lecturers: Teaching", Bristol: Economics LTSN

<http://www.hbs.edu/mba/academic-experience/Pages/the-hbs-case-method.aspx>

http://www.ibscdc.org/macroeconomics_case_studies.asp

April 28th

Labor Market Discrimination (including Case Study)

Bertrand, M., & S. Mullainathan (2004). Are Emily and Greg more employable than Lakisha and Jamal? A field experiment on labor market discrimination, American Economic Review, 94, 991-1013.

Edelman, B., M. Luca & D. Svirsky (2017). Racial Discrimination in the Sharing Economy: Evidence from a Field Experiment. American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 9(2), 1-22.

May 12th

Education (including Case Study)

Chetty, R., Hendren, N., & Katz, L. F. (2016). The Effects of Exposure to Better Neighborhoods on Children: New Evidence from the Moving to Opportunity Experiment. The American Economic Review, 106(4), 855-902.

Levitt, S. D., List, J. A., Neckermann, S., & Sadoff, S. (2016). The behavioralist goes to school: Leveraging behavioral economics to improve educational performance. American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, 8(4), 183-219.

May 19th

Development Economics (including Case Study)

Banerjee, A., Duflo, E., Goldberg, N., Karlan, D., Osei, R., Parienté, W., Shapiro, J., Thuysbaert, B. & Udry, C. (2015). A multifaceted program causes lasting progress for the very poor: Evidence from six countries. Science, 348(6236), 1260799.

June 16th

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.

July 7th

Behavioral Economics – Nudges (including Case Study)

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

July 14th

Behavioral Economics – RCTs (including Case Study)

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