Syllabus: “Research Designs for Causal Inference in Public Economics”

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Part A: lectures

Tuesday, 24/10/2017, 10:00-11:30 (F428) // 13:30-15:00 (M 801)
- Organization of the course
- How to write a referee report
- How to find/design a research project
- Introduction on regressions and (quasi-)experiments

Tuesday, 07/11/2017, 10:00-11:30 (P601) // 13:30-15:00 (M 801)
- Instrumental variables

Tuesday, 21/11/2017, 10:00-11:30 (C358) // 13:30-15:00 (M 801)
- Difference-in-differences

Tuesday, 05/12/2017, 10:00-11:30 (C358) // 13:30-15:00 (M 801)
- Regression discontinuity design

Tuesday, 19/12/2017, 10:00-11:30 (C358) // 13:30-15:00 (M 801)
- Extensions: Regression kink design, difference-in-discontinuities, etc.

Part B: Presentation of research proposals

Tuesday, 16/01/2018, 10:00-11:30 (C358) // 13:30-15:00 (M 801)
- Presentation and discussion of proposals, individual feedback

Tuesday, 30/01/2018, 10:00-11:30 (C358) // 13:30-15:00 (M 801)
- Presentation and discussion of proposals, individual feedback

Deadlines:
- Individual referee report due on Friday, 22/12/2017, noon
- Individual research proposal due on Friday, 05/01/2018, noon

Grading:
25% referee report + 60% proposal + 15% presentation of proposal

Main textbook
Additional literature