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

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Part A: Block lecture

Monday, 19/10/2015, 8:30-11:30, K503
- Organization of the course
- How to write a referee report
- How to find/design a research project
- Introduction on regressions and (quasi-)experiments

Tuesday, 20/10/2015, 8:30-11:30, K503
- Instrumental variables

Wednesday, 21/10/2015, 8:30-11:30, K503
- Difference-in-differences

Wednesday, 21/10/2015, 15:30-18:30, K503
- Regression discontinuity design

Thursday, 22/10/2015, 08:30-11:30, K503
- Extensions: Regression kink design, difference-in-discontinuities, etc.

Part B: Presentation of research proposals

Wednesday, 16/12/2015, 15:15-18:15, E403
- Presentation and discussion of proposals, individual feedback

Thursday, 17/12/2015, 15:15-18:15, E403
- Presentation and discussion of proposals, individual feedback

Deadlines: Individual referee report due on Monday, 23/11/2015, noon
Individual research proposal due on Monday, 14/12/2015, noon

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

Main textbook
Additional literature