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Course

Schwerpunktseminar "Natural Experiments in German History"

Target audience

Students of the B.Sc. Economics program (also B.A. and Diploma students)

Meetings

The course will take place as a "blocked" event. Time and place to be announced.

Organizational meeting (attendance mandatory)

Thursday, 21. January 2016, 18:00 in the library of the Seminar for Economic History, Ludwigstr. 33, 4th Floor, Room 442.

Description

Germany has undergone many changes in its institutional and territorial setting over the course of history. These changes offer interesting *natural experiments* to study a wide range of important economic questions, for instance, related to the determinants of growth, labor, health and political economy. In the seminar we will look at recent papers that exploit particular natural experiments with a special focus on the identification (and threats to identification) of causal effects. The topics will cover events from Germany's diverse history ranging from the middle ages to the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Requirements

Core economics courses (Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and "Empirische Ökonomie 1"); attendance of at least one Economic History course, e.g. "Geographie und Technologie in der Wirtschaftsgeschichte" (winter semester) or "Culture and Institutions in Economic History" (summer semester). It is highly recommended that you have also attended the lecture series "Empirische Ökonomie 2".

Language

English