



Seminar

Empirical Labor Economics

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The seminar is jointly organized by Prof. Nagler, Labor and Innovation Economics, Prof. Oberfichtner, Employment Research, Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, and Prof. Jahn, Labour Economics, University of Bayreuth.

Course Description

During the seminar, participants will discuss a broad range of topics in labor economics and economics of imperfect labor markets. The list of topics below provides references.

The seminar consists of two consecutive parts. **In the first part, students write a thesis (15 pages)** under the guidance of their advisor. In an introductory session, students learn the principles of scientific work and the expected scope of analysis. The thesis is a literature review (see the list of topics for the main article(s) to be covered). Students are expected to search for additional literature and then work independently on their topic. Advisors will guide this process. **The second part consists of a blocked seminar (January 16-17, 2025) of student presentations.**

The seminar **will take place at Vierzehnheiligen (Bad Staffelstein)** together with students from the University of Nuremberg who work on the same topics in parallel. The presentation **will be given together** with the corresponding student from the University of Nuremberg. Before preparing the presentations, supervisors will provide students with feedback on their work.

Organizational details and grading

- Students who want to participate should submit a participation form (available on e-learning for the course Empirical Labour Economics) indicating their preferred topics to Elke.Jahn@uni-bayreuth.de until **October 6th, 2024**.
- Assignment of topics starts **October 6th, 2024**, not before 9:00 am, please send me the participation form with the topics you will be interested in. I will allocate the topics according to the timing of your e-mail and availability. In case your preferred topic is already given away, I will take the second preference etc ... There are max 2 students per topic allowed. In case all of your preferred topics are already allocated to other students I will randomly select one topic for you.
- I will allocate topics according to the timing when I receive your e-mail. If you send me your preferences before October 6th, 2024, 9:00 am you will end up at the end of the list according to which I assign the topic. Please note that the maximum number of participants is 10 students. Once the course is full, no more students will be accepted.
- Topics will be assigned to students by **October 14th, 2024**. After being assigned to a specific topic, students can withdraw their participation within a week. After that deadline has passed, participation in the seminar is mandatory. Students not handing



in a term paper in time will fail the seminar. **Registration** in CampusOnline **starts October, 14, 2024.**

- To earn credits for the course, you need to hand in a term paper. Additionally, you need to register via **CampusOnline by October, 23, 2024.** If you do not register in time you cannot participate in the seminar.
- Additional information on how to write a seminar paper, how to search for literature, etc. will be provided in an introductory session on **October 16th, 2024, at 10.30 am st.** The room will be announced shortly before the session via e-learning.
- The deadline for submitting the thesis is **December 1st, 2024.**
- Accommodation expenses will be **fully covered**, travel expenses to **2/3**, cost for food must be **covered by the students** (rule of the University)
- Grading: The overall grade will reflect the quality of the thesis (50%), the joint presentation in the seminar (30%), and the student's contributions to the discussion following each of the presentations (20%). To pass the seminar, students must obtain at least a grade of 4.0 in each of the parts.
- You have to work on your term paper yourself. The term paper has to be turned in individually.
- Presentations should last 30 minutes if held jointly and 25 minutes if held individually.



List of Topics

Session 1: Labor supply elasticities

Topic 1: Bassier, Ihsaan, Arindrajit Dube, and Suresh Naidu (2022) "Monopsony in Movers: The Elasticity of Labor Supply to Firm Wage Policies." *Journal of Human Resources* 57, Supplement 2022, pp. S50-S86

Topic 2: Hirsch, Boris, Elke J. Jahn, Alan Manning, and Michael Oberfichtner (2022): „The Wage Elasticity of Recruitment.“ IZA Discussion Paper No. 15675

Session 2: Sources of firm labor market power

Topic 3: Prager, Elena and Matt Schmitt (2021): "Employer Consolidation and Wages: Evidence from Hospitals." *American Economic Review*, 111 (2): 397-427.

Topic 4: Johnson, Matthew S., Lavetti, Kurt J., & Lipsitz, Michael (2023). "The labor market effects of legal restrictions on worker mobility." National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper 31929.

Session 3: Worker behavior

Topic 5: Cortés, Patricia, Pan, Jessica, Pilossoph, Laura, Reuben, Ernesto, & Zafar, Basit (2023). "Gender differences in job search and the earnings gap: Evidence from the field and lab." *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 138(4), 2069-2126.

Topic 6: Jaeger, Simon, Christopher Roth, Nina Roussille, and Benjamin Schoefer. (2023): „Worker Beliefs About Outside Options.“ *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, conditionally accepted.

Session 4: Working conditions

Topic 7: Maestas, Nicole, Kathleen J. Mullen, David Powell, Till von Wachter, and Jeffrey B. Wenger (2023). "The Value of Working Conditions in the United States and the Implications for the Structure of Wages." *American Economic Review*, 113 (7): 2007-47.

Topic 8: Adams-Prassl, Abi, Balgova, Maria, Qian, Matthias, & Waters, Tom (2023). "Firm concentration & job design: the case of schedule flexible work arrangements."

Session 5: Minimum wages

Topic 9: Azar, Jose, Emiliano Huet-Vaughn, Ioana Marinescu, Bledi Taska, and Till von Wachter. 2023. "Minimum Wage Employment Effects and Labor Market Concentration." *Review of Economic Studies*, accepted.

Topic 10: Dustmann, Christian, Lindner, Attila, Schönberg, Uta, Umkehrer, Matthias, & Vom Berge, Phillipp (2022). „Reallocation effects of the minimum wage.“ *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 137(1), 267-328.