# GradAB elective compulsory modules 2013

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| **Elective compulsory module I:**<br>*Methods of Policy Evaluation* | Prof. Johannes Schmieder (Boston University) | This course provides an overview over research methods for evaluating economic policies. The course will cover Difference in Difference, Randomized Experiments, Bunching estimators, Regression Discontinuity Designs and Regression Kink Designs. The focus will be on the practical aspects of these methods, their strength and weaknesses and how they can be used to inform policy makers. We will cover many current edge research papers, in particular drawing on examples from evaluating the effects of transfer programs, such as welfare benefits and earned income tax credits, and social insurance programs such as unemployment benefits. The emphasis will be on "reduced form estimators" based on natural experiments - as opposed to structural estimation of fully specified models. However we will show how these methods can be used in combination with theory to estimate parameters for evaluating the welfare effects of economic benefits along the lines of the sufficient statistics approach that has become popular in the applied public finance literature in recent years (See Chetty 2009). | 26 April, 2013<br><br>09:00-17:00<br><br>IAB, We 126a |

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| **Elective compulsory module II:** <br> *Welfare state and social policy* | Prof. Monika Jungbauer-Gans | The history of the modern welfare state can be traced back to the 19th century when industrialization, urbanization and population growth undercut traditional forms of welfare provision. After World War II the economic growth provided resources for an enormous welfare state expansion. Welfare state policies now face several challenges: European integration leading to 'semi-sovereign' welfare states, transition from industrial to service economies, changes in the labour markets (increasing participation of women, migration, decreasing demand for low-skilled labour), and the demographic development. These processes produce more social needs, new risk patterns and higher priority for education and service provision. A look at the policy outcomes raises the question of how greater social justice can be achieved. <br><br> **Contents:** <br> 1. Introduction: Historical development of welfare states <br> 2. Welfare state approaches: public or private? Families, state or market? <br> 3. Models of welfare state regimes in established and emerging welfare states <br> 4. Policies around the labour market: unemployment insurance, labour market activation, work accidents and sickness benefits <br> 5. Policies: Education, health and old-age pensions <br> 6. Policy outcomes: inequality and poverty | 13 May, 2013 <br><br> 09:00-17:00 <br><br> IAB, We 126a |
| **Elective compulsory module III:** <br> *Survey Methods* | Prof. Frauke Kreuter | | 9 July, 2013 <br><br> 09:00-17:00 <br><br> IAB, We 126a |

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| **Elective compulsory module IV:** <br> ***Quantile Regression*** <br> <span style="color:red">***Two-day module***</span> | Prof. Bernd Fitzenberger | Outline will follow shortly! | 26 September, 2013 <br> 09:00-17:00 <br> BA Zentrale Regensburger Str. 104, room Nb528 <br><br> 27 September, 2013 <br> 09:00-17:00 <br> BA Zentrale Regensburger Str. 104, room Eb558 |
| **Elective compulsory module V:** <br> ***Causes and Consequences of International Migration*** | Prof. Herbert Brücker | Outline and date will follow shortly! | Autumn 2013 |
| **Elective compulsory module VI:** | Prof. Joachim Möller/Prof. Uwe Blien | Outline and date will follow shortly! | Autumn 2013 |