

GradAB elective compulsory modules 2012

Title	Lecturer	Outline	Date
<p><u>Elective compulsory module I:</u> A Primer in Qualitative Research Methods</p>	<p>Prof. Dr. Markus Promberger (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)</p>	<p>The module is meant to give an introduction into theory, methodology and application of qualitative research methods for participants from all academic disciplines. The teaching course will mainly consist of lectures with discussion, but also include oral presentations by the participants. Participants are encouraged to contribute own interview texts from their research, if possible. If not, there will be examples from current IAB research on long-term unemployed persons in Germany and related research. There will be an additional facultative tutorial after the course for those interested in special questions, especially if related to doctoral theses.</p> <p>Participants are required to prepare short presentations (15 min) on agreed chapters of the introductory literature between session 1 and 2. Participants who need a certificate are required to put down a short paper (3 pages) on their presentation.</p>	<p>April 23/ April 30/ May 7/ May 14, 2012 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon IAB, Weddigenstr. 20-22, room We126a</p>

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<p><u>Elective compulsory module II:</u> Trade, Unemployment and Search and Matching</p>	<p>Prof. Mario Larch, Universität Bayreuth</p>	<p>In the couple of last years, renewed interest of the trade effects in settings with imperfect labor markets occurred. While Melitz (2003) introduced firm heterogeneity in models of international trade, he kept the assumption of perfect labor markets. However, in the course of liberalization, job losses and gains seem to be one of the main concerns. It is the aim of this course to discuss the recent contributions of trade models accounting for search and matching labor market frictions. The search-and matching setup has the advantage that it generates a rather parsimonious link between labor market institutions and the equilibrium rate of unemployment. Moreover, the simultaneous existence of unfilled vacancies and searching workers is one of the most pervasive and well documented features of modern labor markets.</p>	<p>April 20, 2012 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. IAB, Weddigenstr. 20-22, room We126a</p>
<p><u>Elective compulsory module III:</u> Time Series Analysis</p>	<p>Prof. Dr. Enzo Weber (IAB)</p>	<p>The course offers an introduction to time series econometrics for PhD students. It covers univariate techniques, cointegration and multi-equation models. Applications of these methods are presented in EViews.</p> <p>Contents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Univariate Time Series Models <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Time Series Dynamics b. Autoregression c. Moving Average d. ARMA and Dynamic Regression 2. Non-Stationarity <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Unit Roots b. Cointegration 3. Multiple Equation Models <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Vector Autoregression b. Impulse Responses and Variance Decomposition c. Multiple Cointegration 	<p>April 24, 2012 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. IAB, Weddigenstr. 20-22, room We126a</p>

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<p><u>Elective compulsory module IV:</u> Polarization and Rising Wage Inequality</p>	<p>Prof. Dr. Alexandra Spitz-Oener</p>	<p>This class discusses recent evolutions in the wage structure in the United States and Europe. We will explore the potential causes of growing wage inequality and discuss the consequences thereof. Topics to be dealt with will include technological change and changes in skill demand, international trade and immigration. Furthermore, the impact of labor market institutions on the wage structure and the consequences of wage inequality for people's lives and welfare will be analyzed. We will predominantly explore studies of an empirical nature. When discussing the readings, we will focus not only on the content, but also on the methodology.</p>	<p>June 11, 2012 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. IAB, Weddigenstr. 20-22, room We126a</p>
<p><u>Elective compulsory module V:</u> The German Establishments' Personnel Strategies during the Great Recession</p>	<p>Prof. Dr. Lutz Bellmann</p>	<p>The economic recession 2008/09 was associated with severe employment losses in many countries whereas Germany exhibits a strong resilience on the labor market. In contrast to other countries the effects of the crisis were largely restricted to export-oriented industries. Firms in those industries suffered from a shortage of skilled personnel before the crisis. Although studies indicate that the crisis was associated with declining wages, they appear not to have been the primary adjustment channel in establishments that could easily reduce labor costs by decreasing working hours (e.g., those operating working-time accounts) or had access to short-time allowance schemes or concluded company-level pacts for employment and competitiveness. These topics are discussed on the basis of recently published articles in the seminar. Last but not least the effects of the Great Recession on human capital formation at the establishment level are considered.</p>	<p>November 21, 2011 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. IAB, Weddigenstr. 20-22, room We126a</p>