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“How to write an empirical paper”

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Course Days

Day 1	Friday,	5. June	10.00-18.00	AWI 01.030
Day 2	Tuesday,	9. June	10.00-18.00	AWI 00.028

The block course is offered in English.

This Syllabus is preliminary and subject to change.

Registration

Please register **for this course** using this link: <https://forms.gle/j4vRnBjHujJX8Gws6> before **April 13, 2020**. To allow active participation the seminar will be limited to 20 students.

Course description

This course aims at all master students in economics who are writing a seminar paper or are currently planning and preparing a (quantitative) thesis. The focus is on

- finding a relevant topic,
- formulating a research question and planning a project,
- structuring of the topic,
- citation and quotation,
- finding appropriate literature and organizing it,
- finding applicable data and setting up the data.

You will profit most if you are currently writing a paper, but everybody is welcome to join.

Day 1 (10.00-18.00)

Main Focus:

- Session 1: A typical thesis timeline
- Session 2: How to find a research question?
- Session 3: How to find relevant data?
- Session 4: How to conduct a (empirical) literature review?
- Session 5: How to write a convincing research proposal?

In the afternoon we will have a session where we discuss example papers, identifying key features discussed in the sessions before such as research question and structure, literature, citation, positive and critical feedback.

Day 2 (10.00-18.00)

Main focus:

Interested students are invited to draft their own research proposal and appropriate literature (and identify relevant data sources). Ideally, this should feed into your actual thesis/seminar project. In the morning we will have presentations of proposals and open discussions.

- Session 6: Citation and quotation
- Session 7: Literature management and principles of scientific work
- Session 8: How to structure your thesis sections?
- Session 9: How to do the write-up?

Credit Points

No credit points are available for this seminar. A certificate of participation can be provided.