

Seminar Labour Economics and Public Policy

Winter Term 2025/2026

I Description of the Seminar

The seminar is designed for Economics students, who are interested in the broader field of labor economics including migration economics, education economics and public policy. The seminar is conducted as a block seminar. In the introductory lecture on **Wednesday, October 29, 2025, from 12.00–2.00pm**, the seminar topics will be presented and we will provide a short introduction to scientific work. Access information to the accompanying Moodle course are handed out as well.

The seminar topics are assigned to the participants after the introductory lecture. In doing so, please send your 3 preferred topics until **Sunday, November 2, 11.59pm** by email to timo.rammert@rwi-essen.de. The chair will assign the topics according to students' preferences on Monday, November 3. Students need to confirm the acceptance of the assigned topic and thus the binding registration for the seminar by an email to the chair until **Wednesday, November 5, 3.00pm**. For any communication with the chair, please use only your official UDE email address.

II Topics

Are provided and introduced in the first class.

III Terms of Participation

Good knowledge of microeconomics and microeconometrics is recommended. The number of participants is limited to 15 students. If more students register for the seminar, a random selection of participants will be made.

Please note the following:

- *Dates:*

Midterm meeting:	Tuesday, December 9, 2025 , 3.00pm
Submission of the seminar paper:	Sunday, January 11, 2026 , 11.59pm
Submission of the presentation slides:	Tuesday, January 13, 2026 , 11.59pm
Block seminar:	Wednesday, January 14, 2026 , 10.00am

- *Grading:*

The grading of the seminar consists of the seminar paper (70% of the grade) and the presentation and discussion of the paper in the plenary session (30% of the grade). Both parts must be passed to pass the seminar.

- *Formalities for the term paper*

- For the preparation of the seminar paper the chair provides a guide to familiarize you with the formalities. These must be followed.
- The following book is recommended as supplementary literature to the introduction to scientific writing: Limburg, Anika and Sebastian Otten (2011), Writing in Economics, Stuttgart: UTB/Schöningh.
- The seminar paper should not be longer than 15 pages (without cover sheet, but including all figures and tables, references and annexes).
- Please submit your paper **as a PDF document** via the tool available in the Moodle course. Name the PDF as follows: Lastname_Firstname_WS25_26

- *Presentation:*

- Your presentation slot is 30 minutes, 20 minutes for your presentation and about 5–10 minutes for the discussion.
- The presentation should be supported by suitable slides.

IV Acquisition of Credits

Prerequisite for the acquisition of 6 credits is the submission of a written seminar paper and the participation in the block seminar. Both parts need to be successfully completed to pass the course.