

DSEF 2.1. Doctoral Course on Topics in Labour Economics

1. Course details

Semester:	Semester 2 - 2018/9
Credit rating:	1 ECTS
Teaching units	15
Pre-requisite(s):	none
Lecturers:	Konstantinos Tatsiramos (University of Luxembourg and LISER)
Administrator:	Roswitha Glorieux
Tutors:	None
Seminar times and rooms:	please see Point 3
Tutorial times and rooms:	None
Communications	It is important that students should regularly read their University e-mails, as important information will normally be communicated this way.
Mode of assessment:	Short paper (10 pages) related to the topics studied in the course to be presented and discussed during the final meeting. Acceptable formats: survey papers, original research papers, replication papers or other types of papers to be agreed in advance with the lecturer.
Examination Periods:	June 2019
Course WebPage:	Moodle.uni.lu

2. Aims and objectives

This series of seminars will present topics in labour economics with a focus on job search and labour market institutions. The seminars will provide an overview of the main theoretical and empirical tools to analyse the role of labour market institutions and individual labour market decisions. The objective is to provide an overview of this active research area in labour economics, discuss theoretical foundations and present empirical strategies for the identification of the causal effect of labour market institutions on labour market outcomes.

3. Plan of semester

Dates 2019	Room	Time	Lecture	Topic (see part 4 below)
May 8	BC005	14:30-17:30	1	Topic 1
May 10	BC009	10:00-13:00	2	Topic 2
May 15	BC005	14:30-17:30	3	Topic 3
May 16	BC003	10:00-13:00	4	Topic 4
June 24	BC005	14:30-17:30	5	Discussion of short papers

4. Course details (by topics)

Topic 1 – Basic job search theory

Topic 2 – Review of program evaluation methods

Topic 3 – Practical guide to regression discontinuity designs

Topic 4 – Applications on job search and unemployment insurance

Literature

Topic 1:

Pierre Cahuc, Stephane Carcillo and Andre Zylberberg. 2014. *Labor Economics*. Cambridge: The MIT Press. (Chapter 5)

Topic 2:

Alberto Abadie and Matias D. Cattaneo. 2018. Econometric Methods for Program Evaluation. *Annual Review of Economics*, Vol. 10: 465-503.

Topic 3:

Cattaneo, Matias, D., Nicolás Idrobo and Rocío Titiunik. 2018. A Practical Introduction to Regression Discontinuity Designs: Volume 1.

Topic 4:

Caliendo, M., Tatsiramos, K. and Uhlendorff, A. (2013). Benefit duration, unemployment duration and job match quality: a regression-discontinuity approach. *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 28(4), pp. 604-627.

Lalive, R., Landais, C. and Zweimuller, J. (2015). Market externalities of large unemployment insurance extension programs. *American Economic Review*, 105(12), pp. 3564-3596.

Nekoi, A. and Weber, A. (2017). Does extending unemployment benefits improve job quality?
American Economic Review, 107(2), pp. 527-561.

5. Further information about assessment

Examination(s)

Weighting: 100%

Date: June 24, 2019

Length: Short paper + presentation/discussion during final meeting.

Structure: The course will be assessed based on a short paper (10 pages) and a short presentation. The topic of the paper is unrestricted, but it must be related to one of the topics presented during the course. Papers will be presented and discussed during the final meeting (time depending on class size). All papers must be sent to the lecturer at the latest two days before the final meeting. Acceptable formats: survey papers, original research papers, replication papers or other types of papers to be agreed in advance with the lecturer. Collaborative work is encouraged but it is not expected.