Seminar „Topics in Labor Economics“

**Preliminary Outline:**

19.10.2010  Introduction, Short Presentation of the Papers, Presentation of the GSOEP Data
20.10.2010  Economic background to papers 1 to 3: Returns to Human Capital
26.10.2010  Allocation of the Papers, Returns to Human Capital (continued)
27.10.2010  Methods in Labor Economics: Instrumental Variables Estimation, Discussion of Paper 1
02.11.2010  SOEPinfo and Empirical Work with Stata (PC Pool)
03.11.2010  Empirical Work with Stata (PC Pool)
09.11.2010  Discussion of Paper 2, Discussion of Paper 3
10.11.2010  Economic Background to papers 4 and 5: Wage Differentials by Gender and Origin
16.11.2010  Methods in Labor Economics: Oaxaca Decomposition, Discussion of Paper 4
17.11.2010  Applying Methods used in Labor Economics (PC Pool)
23.11.2010  Discussion of Paper 5, Economic background to paper 6: Investment into On-the-Job Training

Bloc Seminar Presentation, Presentation of Discussant, General Discussion of each Seminar Paper

**Articles to be Replicated with German Data:**


**Grading:**

Homework on article: not graded, due: 09.11.10

Empirical Homework: 20%, due: 22.11.2010 (10:00)

Seminar Paper: 40%, due: one week before start of bloc seminar

Presentation: 20%

Discussion: 20%:

**Recommended Textbooks:**

Borjas, G. J.: Labor Economics

Cahuc, P. and A. Zylberberg : Labor Economics

Franz, W.: Arbeitsmarktökonomik

Angrist, J.D. and J.-S. Pischke: Mostly Harmless Econometrics

Cameron, A.C. and P.K. Trivedi: Microeconometrics – Methods and Applications

Wooldridge, J.M.: Introductory Econometrics

Wooldridge, J.M.: Econometric Analysis of Cross Section and Panel Data

(Further references will be given in class).