



Topics in Economic Policy

Winter semester 2019/20

Economics of Health and Development

Outline

This course investigates relationships between health policies, health outcomes, and economic development in both developed and developing countries. Course participants discuss the assumptions, mechanisms, and implications of theoretical models and examine the validity of hypotheses based on empirical studies.

Schedule

Introductory session: October 22, 2019, 11.10 a.m. – 12.40 p.m.,
room: SCH/B37.

Seminar presentations: January 24 and February 7, 2020
8.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m., room: t.b.a.

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Requirements

Basic knowledge in microeconomics and macroeconomics.

Modules

MA-WW-VWL-2704a, D-WW-WIWI-2704a: Topics in Economic Policy

MA-IB-GPOE-WP-IW-01: Economic Policy and Globalization

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Application

Application is possible during October 7 – October 20, 2019 by email to wipo.office@tu-dresden.de. The application must include name, matriculation number, degree program, and up to three proposals of topics ordered according to preferences. The list of available topics is shown below. Students are expected to have made themselves familiar with the papers prior to application. Topics will be allocated in the introductory session according to the participants' preferences.

Exam

Seminar paper (weight: 2/3)

The seminar paper has to provide an informative summary and a critical review of the basic article. The seminar paper should not exceed 20 pages in 12pt font and 1.5 line spacing (15 pages only for module MA-IB-WP-GPOE-IW).

The seminar paper has to be submitted by January 13, 2020 as a hardcopy to the secretary of the Chair (Sabine Wagner, HÜL 303, office hours: 11.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.) and as pdf to martin.roessler@tu-dresden.de.

Presentation and Discussion (weight: 1/3):

The presentation should provide a summary of the seminar paper. It should not exceed 30 minutes (excluding interposed questions), followed by discussion of about 30 minutes. Being familiar with the topics and the literature, all participants are expected to contribute constructively to the discussion of each presentation. All presentations have to be submitted by January 23, 2020 to martin.roessler@tu-dresden.de.

Both examinations are taken in English.

Topics

1. Health and economic growth: Theory

Chakraborty, S. (2004): Endogenous lifetime and economic growth. *Journal of Economic Theory* 116(1): 119-137.

2. Health and economic growth: Evidence

Acemoglu, D. & Johnson, S. (2007): Disease and Development: The Effect of Life Expectancy on Economic Growth. *Journal of Political Economy* 115(6): 925-985.

3. Competition in healthcare markets

Gaynor, M.; Haas-Wilson, D. & Vogt, W.B. (2000): Are Invisible Hands Good Hands? Moral Hazard, Competition, and the Second-Best in Health Care Markets. *Journal of Political Economy* 108(5): 992-1005.

4. Impacts of pay-for-performance in healthcare

Sherry, T.B. (2016): A note on the comparative statics of pay-for-performance in health care. *Health Economics* 25(5):637-644.

5. Health system efficiency

Hadad, S.; Hadad, Y. & Simon-Tuval, T. (2013): Determinants of healthcare system's efficiency in OECD countries. *European Journal of Health Economics* 14(2): 253-265.

6. Health outcomes and corruption

Factor, R. & Kang, M. (2015): Corruption and population health outcomes: an analysis of data from 133 countries using structural equation modeling. *International Journal of Public Health* 60(6): 633-641.

7. Micro health insurance and poverty

Hamid, S.Y.; Roberts, J. & Mosley, P. (2011): Can micro health insurance reduce poverty? Evidence from Bangladesh. *The Journal of Risk and Insurance* 78(1): 57-82.

8. Health and microcredits

Islam, A. & Maitra, P. (2012): Health shocks and consumption smoothing in rural households: Does microcredit have a role to play? *Journal of Development Economics* 97(2): 232-243.

9. Effects of migration on population health in sending countries

Chauvet, L.; Gubert, F. & Mesplé-Somps, S. (2013): Aid, Remittances, Medical Brain Drain and Child Mortality: Evidence Using Inter and Intra-Country Data. *The Journal of Development Studies* 49(6): 801-818.

10. Does health aid improve health outcomes?

Van de Sijpe, N. (2013): The Fungibility of Health Aid Reconsidered. *The Journal of Development Studies* 49(12): 1746-1754.