

Master Seminar “Current Topics in Public Economics: Long-Term Care”

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Outline

This seminar is about recent trends in long-term care from a scientific and from a policy perspective. Participants **either** discuss recent reforms and trends (policy paper) **or** present causal evidence from a recent empirical paper (research paper). Policy papers should include the political background, survey recent data and trends, and/or discuss the pros and cons of a long-term care reform in a European country. Research paper summarize the methods, core results and conclusions from a recent empirical paper. Papers should not exceed 8 to 10 pages (excluding appendices). Participants present their papers in a talk of about 20 minutes, followed by a short discussion of 5 to 10 minutes with all participants. Topic will be assigned at the kick-off meeting. You can already signal your interest in advance via e-mail (Felix Roesel, roesel@ifo.de).

Requirements

Interest in health economics and basic knowledge in macro- and microeconomics are recommended. Research papers require some solid knowledge in statistics or econometrics.

Credit points

Participants can earn 5 credit points.

Lecturers

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Language

English (German only on demand).

Schedule

29.10.2019, 13:00–14:30: Kick-off (assignment of topics)
(venue: ifo Institute, Einsteinstrasse 3, 01069 Dresden)

Participants are requested to join the presentation by the health economist Prof. Dr. Stefan Felder (University of Basel) in the Colloquium of the Faculty from 18.15 to 19.45 on 29.10.2019. Details follow at the kick-off.

17.01.2020, 09:00–16:00: Seminar (presentations and discussion)
(venue: ifo Institute, Einsteinstrasse 3, 01069 Dresden)

01.03.2020, 14:00: Deadline for the submission of term papers
(submission via E-Mail to both lecturers)

Topics

Every participant **either** selects a policy paper **or** a research paper from the following list. The maximum number of participants is 12. Team work is not possible but joint presentations within one topic.

1. Demography and labor shortage in long-term care

- a) *Policy paper*: Diverging demand and supply in long-term care
- b) *Research paper*: Dauth, C., Lang, J. (2019): Can the unemployed be trained to care for the elderly? The effects of subsidized training in elderly care, *Health Economics* 28, 543-555.

2. Cultural background of long-term care

- a) *Policy paper*: Cultural differences in long-term caregiving across Europe
- b) *Research paper*: Gentili, E., Masiero, G., Mazzonna, F. (2017): The role of culture in long-term care arrangement decisions, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 143, 186-200.

3. Home care vs nursing homes

- a) *Policy paper*: Costs and quality of home care and nursing homes
- b) *Research paper*: Guo, J., Konetzka, R., Manning, W. (2015): The causal effects of home care use on institutional long-term care utilization and expenditures, *Health Economics* 24, 4-17.

4. Informal caregivers

- a) *Policy paper*: Theory and reality of *Pflegegeld* in Germany
- b) *Research paper*: Geyer, J., Korfhage, T. (2018): Labor supply effects of long-term care reform in Germany, *Health Economics* 27, 1328-1339.

5. Minimum staffing regulation

- a) *Policy paper*: Minimum staffing limits in hospitals and nursing homes
- b) *Research paper*: Lin, H. (2014): Revisiting the relationship between nurse staffing and quality of care in nursing homes: An instrumental variables approach, *Journal of Health Economics* 37, 13-24.

6. Robot deployment and eHealth

- a) *Policy paper*: Digital technologies in long-term care
- b) *Research paper*: David, G., Smith-McLallen, A., Ukert, B. (2019): The effect of predictive analytics-driven interventions on healthcare utilization, *Journal of Health Economics* 64, 68-79.