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Evaluation of public intervention (EDEVM334)

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Credits: 5 ECTS

Calendar

Classes take place on Monday afternoon from 2 pm to 5 pm (room E33) on the following dates:

01/27, 02/03, 02/10, 02/17, 02/24, 04/28, 05/05, 05/12.

Due dates for the homeworks are 24/02 and 04/28.

Objective and content

This class introduces students to the concepts and methods of impact evaluation and cost-benefit analysis. We use real world example to discuss specific policies and their evaluation. Specifically we analyze public interventions in credit markets with a historical perspective and we discuss some problems related to cost-benefit analysis in the context of environmental interventions.

Lectures titles (duration are indicative):

General concepts and approaches to impact evaluation (2.5 lectures)

Public intervention in credit markets and their impact (2.5 lectures)

A methodological point: the analysis of variance (1 lecture)

An introduction to cost-benefit analysis (1 lecture)

Public interventions, poverty and the environment (1 lecture)

Evaluation



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The final grade is based on the results obtained in two homeworks and in-class participation. Therefore a student who makes an intervention in-class is systematically asked to provide his name.

Material

All teaching material will be posted on webcampus. Please register yourself as a “member of the class” rapidly. Access will be restricted starting on February 10th.