

Empirical Bachelor Thesis Topics for Winter Semester 2024/25

Chair of Economics and Social Policy

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The prerequisite for working on an **empirical** topic is proof of appropriate prior knowledge (e.g., good experience with Stata or R and multivariate regression analysis). The thesis can be written in either German or English.

Before submitting the application form to our administrative office, students who are interested in one of the following empirical topics should **directly contact the topic supervisor** for an initial conversation. The conversation is meant to clarify existing knowledge and interest as well as possibly reserve the topic for the student.

Welche Effekte hatte die Finanzkrise 2007-2008 auf Beschäftigung? (Contact: Elisa Poletto, M.A., elisa.poletto@fau.de)

- Einführend: Verick, S. (2011). The Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on Labour Markets in OECD Countries: Why Youth and Other Vulnerable Groups Have Been Hit Hard. In: Islam, I., Verick, S. (eds) From the Great Recession to Labour Market Recovery. Palgrave Macmillan, London.
- Datenbasis: Penn World Table

Does Human Capital have an Effect on Employment Growth? (Contact: Elisa Poletto, M.A., elisa.poletto@fau.de)

- Einführend: Poelhekke, S. (2013). Human Capital and Employment Growth in German Metropolitan Areas: New Evidence. *Regional Studies*, 47 (2), 245-263.
- Datenbasis: Penn World Table

Beeinflusst die Wahrnehmung der nationalen und individuellen wirtschaftlichen Lage das Vertrauen in den Bundestag? (Contact: Ramona Müller, M.Sc., ramona.v.mueller@fau.de)

- Einführend: Medve-Bálint, G., & Boda, Z. (2014). The Poorer You Are, the More You Trust? The Effect of Inequality and Income on Institutional Trust in East-Central Europe. *Sociologický Časopis / Czech Sociological Review*, 50(3), 419–453.
- Datenbasis: Allgemeine Bevölkerungsumfrage der Sozialwissenschaften (Allbus)

Beeinflusst die kulturelle Herkunft Umverteilungspräferenzen? (Contact: Ramona Müller, M.Sc., ramona.v.mueller@fau.de)

- Einführend: Luttmer, Erzo F. P., and Monica Singhal (2011). Culture, Context, and the Taste for Redistribution. *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 3 (1): 157-79.
- Datenbasis: European Social Survey (ESS)

Welche sozialen- und gesundheitlichen Kosten sind mit Pendeln verbunden? (Contact: Sebastian Ach, M.Sc., sebastian.ach@fau.de)

- Einführend: Chatterjee, K., Chng, S., Clark, B., Davis, A., De Vos, J., Ettema, D., Handy, S., Martin, A. & Reardon, L. (2020). Commuting and wellbeing: a critical overview of the literature with implications for policy and future research. *Transport Reviews*, 40(1), 5-34.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01441647.2019.1649317>
- Datenbasis: Sozio-ökonomisches Panel (SOEP)

Die Wohnungssituation von Menschen unterschiedlicher Herkunft in Deutschland (Contact: Prof. Dr. Matthias Wrede, matthias.wrede@fau.de)

- Einführend: Drever, A.I. & Clark, W.A.V. (2002). Gaining Access to Housing in Germany: The Foreign-minority Experience. Urban Studies 39. 2439-2453.
- Datenbasis: SOEP

Please see our website for more information, including the application form:

www.sozialpolitik.rw.fau.eu/studium-lehre/bachelorarbeiten/