

Bachelor Thesis Topics - Summer Semester 2025

Empirical Analyses (with Stata oder R)

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. Students who are interested in one of the following **empirical** topics should **directly contact the topic supervisor** for a short conversation **before submitting** their application to our administrative office. The conversation is meant to clarify the student's existing knowledge and interest, and to possibly reserve the empirical topic for the student.

Individual proposed topics in the areas of housing policy, cooperatives, urban economics, retirement pensions, and political economy can also be discussed.

Additional information and the application form can be found on our homepage:

<https://www.sozialpolitik.rw.fau.eu/studium-lehre/bachelorarbeiten/>

The Effect of Human Capital on Income Inequality? (Betreuerin: Elisa Poletto)

- Einführend: Andersen, M. T., (2015). Human Capital, Inequality and Growth. European Economy - Discussion Papers, 7, Directorate General Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN), European Commission.
Lee, J. W., & Lee, H. (2018). Human capital and income inequality. *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy* 23(4). 554–583.
- Datenbasis: Penn World Table

Does Human Capital have an Effect on Employment Growth? (Betreuerin: Elisa Poletto)

- 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? (Betreuerin: Ramona Müller)

- 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? (Betreuerin: Ramona Müller)

- 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)

Die Wohnungssituation von Menschen unterschiedlicher Herkunft in Deutschland (Betreuer: Prof. Dr. Matthias Wrede)

- 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: Sozio-ökonomisches Panel (SOEP)