

# **404050 VU Empirical Economics: Impact Evaluation**

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## Who we are

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## How to contact us

- Please email me or Sebastian Kupek to schedule an appointment.
- In between the sessions, you can also use the OLAT forum to ask questions. The questions will be public so that others can benefit from the answers as well.

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## Timetable

- Wed. 04.10. - 07.12. – *Lectures*
  - Wed. 13.12. – *Exam*
- December - January – *Work on empirical projects*
- Wed. 26.01. – *Seminar day*

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## Material

- All material will be uploaded or linked to OLAT
  - Lecture slides
  - Textbooks (if pdf available)
  - Research articles
  - Data for empirical projects

# Textbooks

- **Central textbook:**

- Gertler, P. J. et al. (2016). *Impact Evaluation in Practice*. 2nd Edition, World Bank Publications. [www.worldbank.org/ieinpractice](http://www.worldbank.org/ieinpractice)
- Cunningham, S. (2021). *Causal Inference: The Mixtape*. New Haven: Yale University Press. <https://mixtape.scunning.com/>

- **Supplementary econometrics textbooks:**

- Angrist J. and J-S Pischke (2014), *Mastering Metrics*, Princeton University Press.
- Angrist J. and J-S Pischke (2009), *Mostly Harmless Econometrics*, Princeton University Press.

- In addition, we will discuss some research articles that I will make available to you.

# Examination

- Own empirical project (in groups of 2 to 3 students) (50%)
  - Presentation during seminar day
  - Report
  - More details on the empirical project in the coming weeks
- Final exam (40%)
- Participation in class (10%)

# What is expected of you

- Active participation throughout the course
- Read the respective sections of the textbook & assigned research papers before class
- Theoretical and practical knowledge of econometric methods
  - This is not an introductory econometrics class
- Apply the knowledge you gain in this course