**Data Assignment**

* Replication files for “The Effect of Newspaper Entry and Exit on Electoral Politics” by Matthew Gentzkow, Jesse M. Shapiro, and Michael Sinkinson (AER 2011) is available here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/0yda3nowiww1pp3/Gentsho_Shapiro_Sinkinson_AER2011.zip?dl=0>
* The paper uses a DID set up for identification. Considering all the recent extensions in DID that we have discussed in class, this assignment aims at checking the robustness of main results in the paper to new DID estimators.

1. Identify main results in paper and replicate them with the data provided
2. Discuss the main potential limitations of identification method used in the paper considering the recent literature on DID that we have discussed. Steps you may follow:
   1. Implement the alternative DID estimators on this data. This may include
      1. Robustness to functional forms, CIC estimator, Quantile DID
      2. Fuzzy DID, fuzzy CIC: All the Wald estimators
      3. DID with variation in treatment timing

**NB: Not all estimators listed above are necessarily relevant for this application. It is up to you to identify the relevant limitations in the paper’s DID, justify why this may be a concern and implement the alternative estimators**

* 1. Provide a discussion for choosing the best estimates (discussion of assumptions behind the estimators in this application)
* Submit a pdf file that presents the main results of this assignment (5 pages max). Provide a folder with codes and files that replicate your results.
* Assignment can be done in groups of two (there will be one group of 3). Each group should send me an email with group composition **before Friday 19 November, 7pm**. **People that are reviewing same paper for the first appointment cannot be in same team.** You can email me before if you have difficulty finding a team.