

# Empirical Methods for Policy Evaluation

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## Referee Report for Part 2

**Directions.** You have to work on your own for this assignment. Pick one of the papers in [this folder](#) and put your name beside the chosen paper in this google spreadsheet. The allocation of the papers across students is done on a first-come first-served basis. Send your report in a pdf file to [matteo.bobba@tse-fr.eu](mailto:matteo.bobba@tse-fr.eu) by **January 15, 2025**. Do not submit your work after the deadline.

The length of your report should be between 2 and 4 pages. The outline should be as follows

1. A short summary of the paper
2. Zoom into one or more econometric aspects of the research design (RCT, RDD, DID) – Link with the material covered in class !
3. Zoom into one or more specific aspects of the structural model – focus on identification and estimation.
4. Expand in greater details on the interconnections between the research design and the structural model. Try to bridge as much as possible with the material covered in class. How would the analysis/results have looked like without the research design? How would the analysis/results have looked like without the structural model?
5. At least one aspect (can be more than one) of the analysis/results that you have particularly appreciated. Try to go into the technical details as much as possible here.
6. At least one aspect of the analysis (can be more than one) that you found unsatisfactory and/or not convincing. Try to be constructive and original here.
7. What have you learned from this paper? Feel free to branch out to related literature and/or stuff that are related to your research agenda.