

# CSSR Research Proposal

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## 1 Introduction

In Western Europe alcohol is a commonly used drug for exhilaration. However, it is also known to be a (if not *the*) most harmful drug (Nutt, King, and Phillips 2010), be it by its toxic nature or the behaviour caused by it. As Stolle, Sack, and Thomasius (2009) have shown for Germany and Europe, especially young people are prone to the extensive (ab)use of alcoholic beverages, also referred to as binge drinking. Consequently, policy measures have been developed to tackle this problem. But to what success?

In this paper we want to investigate the impact of alcohol regulation on health and crime levels for young people. We will focus on Germany and a small subfield of alcohol policy: The ban of alcohol night sales and drinking in public. The two cases we are going to examine are [1] the ban on alcohol night sales introduced in 2010 in the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg and [2] the prohibition of alcohol consumption in public in the state of Berlin from 1999 to 2006. We will examine these measures for their effects on hospital health records and on criminal offenses. Our research health data on diagnosis in hospitals and the criminal statistics from 2000 to 2014. Our empirical strategy relies on the difference in difference approach where other regions of Germany will be used as control group.

## 2 Related literature

Our research proposal is inspired by the work of Marcus and Siedler (2015). We will try to replicate their work, but due to open data availability in less depth. The estimated the short-term impact of the night alcohol sale ban in Baden-Wuerttemberg on binge drinking. Their research found a decrease in ... percent for ..., but did not find any significant effect on ...

## 3 Background

The legal / policy background

## 4 Data

Some more detailed information on the data we are using

## 5 Empirical strategy

What we think we are doing empirically

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