

Economics of Aging

Syllabus

Course Tutor

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Description

The seminar "Economics of Aging" will cover several economic sociological and aspects of demographic change. A special focus will be given to the analysis of: 1) the consequences of aging for the sustainability of the social security systems; 2) the interactions between economic decisions and health outcomes and 3) the consequences of aging on labor, capital and goods markets.

The course is largely organized as research seminar with input from researchers from the Munich Center for the Economics of Aging (MEA), invited speakers and doctoral students.

Level

PhD

Prerequisites

Basic knowledge of the empirical research methods is essential. The successful completion of courses like "Empirical Research Methods", "Angewandte Statistik", "Empirische Wirtschaftsforschung", "Consumer Behavior Research Methods" is highly recommended.

Language

English

Student assessment

Assessment of students will be based on class participation (1/3) and presenting an extended research abstract (2/3). The extended abstract will be a description of your (planned) research project, either an individual research project as part of a cumulative PhD dissertation or the description of the entire dissertation project. The description should motivate the (planned) research project. It should outline and justify the methodological approach, list the (expected findings) and discuss their implications. The abstract should be provided in written form no later than a week before the presentation, not exceeding 1,000 words. Alternatively, annotated presentation slides can be handed in.

Missing one class will not affect your grade. Missing class twice unexcused will lead to an automatic downgrading. If you miss class three times, you fail automatically.

Application

Email to kneip@mea.mpisoc.mpg.de (until October 1, 2018) stating your name, PhD topic, and supervisor.