

The Economics of Conflict

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ECTS: 4/6

Zielgruppe: MSc VWL/IMP(Econ.&Pol.)

Sprache: englisch

TeilnehmerInnen: max. 12

Based on critical discussion and replication of the existing literature on both determinants as well as consequences of conflict (ranging from civil war to social unrest) we will discuss questions like the connections between economic inequality, political repression, poverty or gender inequality and conflict. Each student will be working on a specific article allocated in the beginning. During the seminar, you will replicate and extend the article using the statistical program Stata. In the mandatory tutorial, Stata and the application of relevant methods for conflict studies will be introduced. In the block seminar, we will discuss everybody's results so that we get to learn about different perspectives, methods and questions related to conflict.

Requirements: Knowledge in statistics and econometrics

Dates:

- **Application** until September 24th, 2018 (with the application form and a transcript of records)
- **First meeting:** October 18th, 2018, 14-18 pm (introduction into the topic, allocation of seminar papers), R 204 (Breisacher Tor)
- Withdrawal after October 18th, 2018 is not possible
- **Stata tutorial** (in the PC pool, including breaks):
 - 1: Introduction: Data management, descriptive statistics (November 2, 10-18 h)
 - 2: Estimation techniques I: OLS, Logit/Probit, Panel data (November 9, 10-18 h)
 - 3: Estimation techniques II (November 16, 10-18 h)
 - 4: Supervised estimation (November 30, 10-18 h)
 - 5: Supervised estimation (December 6, 10-18 h)
- Individual meetings to discuss the structure and reasoning of seminar papers: December 18th, 2018
- **Block seminar:** January 17 and 18, 2019, 8-18 h
- Handing in presentations: 15th January, 2019
- Handing in the final paper: 1st of February, 2019

4 ECTS: Seminar participants have to write a seminar paper (3,000-3,500 words plus tables, graphs and references) and to do a short presentation (20 minutes). In the paper, we expect a replication with an extension of the allocated article plus a critical discussion touching on the most relevant literature related.

6 ECTS: Seminar participants have to write a seminar paper (4,500-5,000 words plus tables, graphs and references), and to do a short presentation (20 minutes). In the paper, we expect a replication with an extension of the allocated article plus a critical discussion of related literature.