

Economic Implications of COVID-19

Bachelor Seminar, Winter 2020/2021

Basic Information

- Instructors: Sebastian Findeisen and teaching assistant.
- Time and location:
 - Introductory Session: Monday, November 16, 10:15, online
 - Block seminar: Friday, February 12 and Saturday, February 13, 2021, most likely online (unless public health situation allows for a in-person seminar!)
- Grading (planned, might change slightly): term paper (50%), presentation (30%), active participation in class (20%)

Course Outline

The emergence of COVID-19 has disrupted lives and societies everywhere. Economists and social scientists have been very active in research as new data arrived in real time on the economic and societal implications of the covid crisis. In the seminar, we will discuss the most important of these studies. We will also discuss papers, which are not explicitly about the covid crisis, but are still extremely relevant to understand the economic and societal impacts. Planned topics include:

- Labor market policies and unemployment
- How should allocate scarce resources to save lives and how much are lives worth?
- Lessons from containment

- Lessons from the 1918 flu
- The effects of Covid 19 on beliefs and business activity
- Covid-19 and vaccines
- Covid-19 and household spending
- What do we learn about Covid-19 using Diff-in-Diff?