

Spatial Economics

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Syllabus

- Lecturer: Dr. Andreas Mense [on behalf of Prof. Dr. Matthias Wrede]
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- Prerequisites: Microeconomics, Econometrics I
- Language: English
- Availability: annually (summer semester)
- Credible for MSc Economics (Public Economics & Labor Economics)
- Workload 150 h (including 60 contact hours) $\equiv$ 5 ECTS
- Lecture (2 h per week) + tutorial (2 h per week), online
- 60-minutes written examination (80%) + presentation (20%)
- Exam covers lecture + tutorial
- Voluntary presentation on a research paper to improve the grade by up to 0.7
- Access to online sessions, slides, papers, exercises, data etc. via StudON

Aim

- At the end of this course,
 - Students are able to describe and to internationally compare the regional patterns of major economic activities in terms of stylized facts.
 - Students are able to present, interpret, and discuss selected theories in regional and urban economics.
 - Students are able to assess empirical tests of selected hypotheses derived from theories in regional and urban economics to evaluate and critically examine their informative value.
 - Students are able to discuss and critically examine economic policy implications of selected theories in regional and urban economics.
 - Students will assess, evaluate and discuss selected recent research papers in English.

Contents

- Part I: Foundations
- Part II: Fundamentals of empirical spatial economics
- Part III: Fundamentals of theoretical spatial economics
- Part IV: Selected studies

Papers designated for voluntary presentation

- Becker, S.O., Egger, P.H. & von Ehrlich, M. (2010). Going NUTS: The Effect of EU Structural Funds on Regional Performance. *Journal of Public Economics* 94. 578-590.
- Busso, M., Gregory, J. & Kline, P. (2013). Assessing the Incidence and Efficiency of a Prominent Place Based Policy. *American Economic Review* 103. 897-947.
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- Duranton G. & Turner M.A. (2011). The Fundamental Law of Road Congestion: Evidence from U.S. Cities. *American Economic Review* 101(6). 2616-2652.

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- Ehrlich, M. v. & Seidel, T. (2018). The Persistent Effects of Place-Based Policy: Evidence from the West-German Zonenrandgebiet. *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 10(4). 344-374.
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- Albouy, D. & Bert Lue, B: (2015). Driving to Opportunity: Local Rents, Wages, Commuting, and Sub-metropolitan Quality of Life. *Journal of Urban Economics* 89. 74-92.
- Pflüger, M. & Südekum, J. (2008). Integration, Agglomeration and Welfare. *Journal of Urban Economics* 63. 544-566.
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Textbooks

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Some sources/organizations

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- Bundesinstitut für Bevölkerungsforschung (BIB) [Federal Institute for Population Research]: www.bib-demografie.de
- Deutsches Institut für Urbanistik (DIFU) [German Institute of Urban Affairs]: www.difu.de
- Bayerisches Landesamt für Statistik und Datenverarbeitung:
www.statistik.bayern.de/regionalstatistik/
- Regionaldatenbank Deutschland der Statistischen Ämter des Bundes und der Länder (Statistical Offices of the Federation and the Länder): www.regionalstatistik.de
- EU Commission - Regional Policy: ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/

Academic field journals

- Spatial economics:
 - Journal of Urban Economics
 - Journal of Economic Geography
 - Regional Science and Urban Economics
 - Journal of Regional Science
 - Land Economics
 - Urban Studies
 - Annals of Regional Science
 - Papers in Regional Science
- Related fields:
 - Journal of Public Economics
 - Transportation Research Part B: Methodological

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