

Chair of Economics and Social Policy
Prof. Dr. Matthias Wrede
Bachelor Thesis Topics for Winter Semester 2026/27

Empirical Analyses (with Stata or R)

The prerequisite for working on an **empirical** topic is proof of adequate prior knowledge (e.g., good experience with Stata/R and multivariate regression analysis). Students who are interested in one of the following empirical topics should **directly contact the topic supervisor via email** to request an appointment for a short conversation, **prior to** submitting the application form to our administrative office. The conversation with the supervisor is meant to clarify the student's existing knowledge and interest, and to possibly reserve the empirical topic for the student. **When requesting an appointment, the following information should also be included in the email to the topic supervisor:**

- current FAU grade transcript (PDF)
- type and scope of existing software knowledge regarding R, Stata, Python, etc., as well as more detailed information on further experiences with data analysis and program application.

The Bachelor thesis can be written in German or in English. Individual proposed topics in the areas of housing policy, cooperatives, urban and regional economics, old-age security, and political economy can also be discussed.

Additional information about completing a Bachelor thesis at our chair, including the application form, can be found on our homepage:

in English: www.sozialpolitik.rw.fau.eu/studium-lehre/bachelorarbeiten/

in German: www.sozialpolitik.rw.fau.de/studium-lehre/bachelorarbeiten/

BA-Thesis Topics for Winter Semester 2026/27 (Empirical Analysis)

- **Auswirkungen von Gemeindezusammenschlüssen auf Wahlverhalten** (Supervisor: Ramona Müller, ramona.v.mueller@fau.de)
 - Einführend: Blesse, S., & Roesel, F. (2019). Merging County Administrations – Cross-national Evidence of Fiscal and Political Effects. *Local Government Studies*, 45(5), 611-631.
 - Datenbasis: Statistische Ämter des Bundes und der Länder
- **Einfluss der Arbeitslosenquote auf kommunale Wahlergebnisse** (Supervisor: Ramona Müller, ramona.v.mueller@fau.de)
 - Einführend: Algan, Y., Guriev, S., Papaioannou, E., & Passari, E. (2017). The European Trust Crisis and the Rise of Populism. *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, 309–382.
 - Datenbasis: Inkar, Statistische Ämter des Bundes und der Länder

- **PKV oder freiwillige GKV? Eine empirische Analyse der Wechselentscheidung nach Überschreiten der Jahresarbeitsentgeltgrenze** (Supervisor: Michael Göschl, michael.goeschl@fau.de)
 - Einführend: Bünnings, C., & Tauchmann, H. (2015). Who Opt's out of the Statutory Health Insurance? A Discrete Time Hazard Model for Germany. *Health Economics*, 24(10), 1331–1347.
 - Datenbasis: SOEP
- **Einfluss des Pendelns auf das subjektive Wohlbefinden** (Supervisor: Michael Göschl, michael.goeschl@fau.de)
 - Einführend: Lorenz, O. (2018). Does commuting matter to subjective well-being?. *Journal of Transport Geography*, 66, 180-199.
 - Datenbasis: SOEP
- **Einfluss der internen und internationalen Migration auf Mieten und Immobilienpreise** (Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Matthias Wrede, matthias.wrede@fau.de)
 - Einführend: Unal, U., Hayo, B. & Erol, I. (2024). The Effect of Immigration on Housing Prices: Evidence from 382 German Districts. *Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics*, 1-39. 10.1007/s11146-024-09988-x.
 - Datenbasis: RWI-GEO-RED und Regionalstatistik
- **Wohnungsangebot privatwirtschaftlicher Unternehmen in Deutschland** (Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Matthias Wrede, matthias.wrede@fau.de)
 - Einführend: Krapp, M.-C., Cischinsky, H., Daub, N., Einfeld, R., Lohmann, G., Nuss, G., Schäfer, H., & Deschermeier, P., Vaché, M. (2025). Privatwirtschaftliche Unternehmen und ihre Wohnungsbestände in Deutschland. Hrsg: Bundesinstitut für Bau-, Stadt-, und Raumforschung (BBSR). BBSR-Online-Publikation 30/2025. Bonn. <https://doi.org/10.58007/0epc-4258>
 - Datenbasis: Zensus 2022, 2011
- **Housing tenure and financial fragility among young adults in the US** (Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Matthias Wrede, matthias.wrede@fau.de)
 - Einführend: Filandri, M., Pasqua, S. & Tucci, V. (2026). Housing Tenure and Subjective Poverty Among Young European Adults: The Role of Rent Regulation. *Journal of European Social Policy*, 2025. 10.1177/09589287241313430
 - Datenbasis: SHED (Survey of Household Economics and Decisionmaking)

Application deadline for the WS 2026/27:

Friday, September 11, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Contact person for questions:

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