

I Summer School in Public Economics: Evaluation of the effectiveness and efficiency of public policies
Evaluation of Public Policies (Barcelona, June 25-28, 2008)

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LOCATION: "SALA DE RECEPCIONS" - FACULTY OF ECONOMICS - UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA (Carrer Tinent Coronel Valenzuela, 1-11, Barcelona)

Timetable	Wednesday 25 th	Thursday 26 th	Friday 27 th	Saturday 28 th
08:45-9:00	OPENING ADDRESS BY ALBERT SOLÉ-OLLÉ			
09:00-11:00	LECTURE 1: "Introduction and experimental evaluation" <i>J. Smith</i>	LECTURE 3: "Matching Part II" <i>M. Lechner</i>	LECTURE 5: "Matching Part III" <i>M. Lechner</i>	LECTURE 7: "Panel data methods" <i>M. Lechner</i>
11:00-11:30	Coffee break			
11:30-13:30	LECTURE 2: "Bounds + Matching Part I" <i>M. Lechner</i>	LECTURE 4: "Instrumental variables" <i>J. Smith</i>	LECTURE 6: "Regression discontinuity" <i>J. Smith</i>	LECTURE 8: "Comparison of different estimators" <i>J. Smith</i>
13:30-15:00	WORKING Lunch (Location: "Escola Universitària d'Estudis Empresarials")			END OF THE COURSE
	<p align="center">SESSION 1</p> <p>Chair: Pilar Sorribas (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)</p> <p align="center">Labour</p> <p>"Sheltered employment centres and labour market integration of people with disabilities: A quasi-experimental evaluation using Spanish data" Vanesa Rodríguez (Universidad de Oviedo) Discussant: Eva Jozwiak</p> <p>15:00-17:40 (Sessions 1 & 3) "Do short-term training programmes activate means-tested unemployment benefit recipients in Germany?" Eva Jozwiak (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg) Discussant: Vanesa Rodríguez</p> <p align="center">Education</p> <p>"The Impact of High School Exit Exam on Student Dropouts: A Regression Discontinuity Analysis" Dongshu Ou (Teachers College Columbia University) Discussant: Marcello Sartarelli</p> <p>"How can I choose a college degree? A possible answer to individual and social choice problems" Marcello Sartarelli (European University Institute) Discussants: Dongshu Ou</p>	<p align="center">SESSION 2</p> <p>Chair: Albert Solé-Ollé (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)</p> <p align="center">Political Economy</p> <p>"Pocketbook voting: New evidence from child care reforms" Mikael Elinder (Uppsala University) Discussant: Pilar Sorribas</p> <p>"Is There an Incumbency Advantage or a Cost of Ruling in Proportional Election Systems?" Che-Yuan Liang (Uppsala University) Discussant: Paula Salinas (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)</p> <p>"Evaluation of the effects of decentralization on educational outcomes in Spain" Paula Salinas (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB) Discussant: Mikael Elinder</p>	<p align="center">SESSION 3</p> <p>Chair: Núria Bosch (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)</p> <p align="center">Welfare and Taxation</p> <p>"The Rise in Female Employment and the Role of Tax Incentives" Håkan Selin (Uppsala University) Discussant: Daniel Albalade (Universitat de Barcelona)</p> <p>"Substitution between Temporary Parental Leave and Sickness Absence -Effects of an Experiment with Increased Monitoring" Malin Persson (Uppsala University) Discussant: Stefan Kipar</p> <p align="center">Firm Subsidies</p> <p>"Parametric and Non-parametric Approach to Evaluate the Effectiveness of Fiscal Incentives for R&D in Spain" Beatriz Corchuelo (Universidad de Extremadura) Discussant: Pere Arqué (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)</p> <p>"The Extension of Clusters: Differences-in-Difference Evidence from the Bavarian State-Wide Cluster Policy " Stefan Kipar (University of Munich) Discussant: Jordi Jofre (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)</p>	