Seminar Labour Economics (HS 11/12) 
"Empirical Analyses of Wage Formation":

After an introductory meeting at the beginning of the semester (9th September 2011, 13.45 in L9, 1-2, 002) the seminar takes place as a block seminar on 11th and 12th November, 2011, at ZEW (Raum Hamburg). Students can enrol for the seminar by **8th September, 2011**. Please send an email to Nicole Guertzgen including your matrikel number and 2-3 topics of your choice.

Contact person: PD Dr. Nicole Gürtzgen, phone: 0621/1235-155, ZEW, L 7, 1, email: Guertzgen-at-zew.de Prerequisites: Advanced Econometrics I. Examination: Seminar paper (max. 20 pages), presentation, discussion of another paper. Seminar papers have to be submitted to Nicole Gürtzgen until **4th November, 2011**.

Topics and Selected Literature:

The references merely serve as an introduction into the literature, it is by no means sufficient to read only these selected references. Please note that the seminar paper should contain an own critical review of the relevant literature (not a simple summary of the reviewed papers’ content!).

1. **The evolution of the German wage structure**


   Kohn, K. (2006), Rising Wage Dispersion, After All! The German wage structure at the turn of the century, IZA DP 2098.
2. The impact of unions on the level and structure of wages


Fitzenberger, B. K. Kohn und A.C. Lembcke (2008), Union density and varieties of coverage: The anatomy of union wage effects in Germany, ZEW Discussion Paper No. 08-012, Mannheim.


3. Employment effects of minimum wages - theory and empirical evidence


4. The cyclicalality of wages


Grant, D. (2003), The effect of implicit contracts on the movement of wages over the business cycle: evidence from the national longitudinal surveys, Industrial and Labor Relations Review 56, 393-408.

5. **Wages and risk-sharing contracts**


Gürtzgen, N. (2009), Wage insurance within German firms: Do institutions matter?, ZEW Diskussionspapier 09-043, Mannheim.


6. **Efficiency wages - theory and empirical evidence**


7. **Seniority wages**

Dustmann, C. and S. Pereira (2008), Wage growth and job mobility in the UK and in Germany, Industrial and Labor Relations Review 61, 374-393.


8. **Earnings losses after job displacement**


9. Wage effects of career interruptions


10. Compensating wage differentials - theory and empirical evidence


Rosen, S. (1986), The theory of equalizing differences, in: Ashenfelter,


11. Wage growth implications of fixed-term contracts


12. Estimating the part-time wage penalty


