Seminar Labour Economics (HS 12/13) "Empirical Analyses of Wage Formation":

After an introductory meeting at the beginning of the semester (5. September 2013, 12 -1 p.m., room t.b.a.) the seminar takes place as a block seminar on 28th and 29th November, 2013, at ZEW (Room 310). Students can enrol for the seminar by 5th September, 2013. Please send an email to Nicole Gürtzgen 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 18th November, 2013.

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 a 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


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


4. The cyclicality 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


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**

Schönberg, U. und J. Ludsteck (2012), "Expansions in maternity leave coverage and mothers' labor market outcomes after childbirth".


10. **Compensating wage differentials - theory and empirical evidence**


11. **Wage growth implications of fixed-term contracts**


12. **Estimating the part-time wage penalty**


