

MaCCI Law Summer School 2013

Introduction to Empirical Legal Studies (Applied Econometrics)

June, 3rd – June, 7th 2013

Empirical research is on the rise in legal scholarship, both in Germany and internationally. The MaCCI Law Summer School 2013 provides legal researchers (including doctoral students and advanced undergraduate students) the tools to understand and critically assess quantitative empirical studies. It also aims at stimulating and enabling lawyers to devise their own empirical research projects. The course is designed for legal researchers in fields where quantitative analysis is gaining importance and has strong policy implications such as: Did poor corporate governance cause the financial crisis? Does legal investor protection foster vibrant securities markets? How long should a patent last? Does civil or criminal liability deter crime? Should a merger be allowed under the antitrust laws? How large were the damages of predatory pricing or collusion?

Approaching such issues empirically requires basic methodological knowledge. The course will provide the fundamentals of probability theory and statistics needed to understand the meaning of a “regression” and the actual tools to critically assess the results of empirical papers. Besides acquiring basic knowledge, participants will be encouraged to come up with their own empirical research ideas and discuss them in class.

Lecturers: Patrick Andreoli-Versbach, MSc (London School of Economics),
Prof. Dr. Andreas Engert, LL.M. (Univ. Chicago)

Time & Location: June, 3rd – June, 7th 2013, 2 sessions per day (120 min. morning,
90 min. afternoon); University of Mannheim, Department of Law

The MaCCI Law Summer School 2013 is free of charge but class size is limited. Students will be selected on a first-come-first-serve basis. To attend please register by writing an e-mail to Ms. Khadija Schneider (schneider@jura.uni-mannheim.de).

More information including a syllabus can be found at
http://engert.uni-mannheim.de/macci_summer_school