

## Research Project 2017/18

The research project is a course offered by Prof. Uwe Jirjahn and Cornelia Strüwing where students get to conduct their own academic research.

This year's main topic is: **Gender, Personality and Life**

Differences between men and women are a key topic in labor economics. Recent research stresses that both personality and society play an important role in explaining these differences. The research project aims at analyzing the gender differences in more detail.

Possible topics are:

- Do men and women really have different personalities?
- What factors influence the career of women (e.g., women in leadership positions)?
- Is there a wage gap between men and women?
- Why do men work and women stay at home?
- Does labor force participation of women influence satisfaction with family life and happiness?

We encourage students to develop their own research question.

In the course we provide you with data (household data by the German Socio-economic Panel). You then get to choose your own research question, run your data analysis in Stata (apply econometric methods), and write a term paper. In the research project you either work in groups or by yourself, depending on the class size. During the course students will regularly present their work and intensively discuss their findings with class mates and the supervisors. You will receive 10 credit points after successfully passing the course.

Please send an e-mail to [struewing@uni-trier.de](mailto:struewing@uni-trier.de), if you are interested in participating in the research project.