

Welfare Transfers and Poverty Alleviation - Effects and Design

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The seminar reviews classic and recent literature on welfare transfers and poverty alleviation. A focus is on the effects of transfer programs targeting the poor on individual behavior and labor market outcomes. A focus will be on self-selection and the (non-)takeup of transfers. We will also consider papers that study the optimal design of poverty alleviation programs.

Studiengang: <i>Program:</i>	MSc
Termin Vorbesprechung (tt.mm.jjjj): <i>Date of preliminary meeting (dd.mm.yyyy):</i>	17.07.2025, 14:00h
*Bearbeitungszeitraum für die Hausarbeit: <i>*Working period for term paper:</i>	September/October 2025
*Seminartermin: <i>*Seminar date:</i>	November 13-14 and 20-21
Veranstaltungsort: <i>Venue:</i>	University of Munich
falls außerhalb: Kostenschätzung: <i>if out of Munich: estimated costs:</i>	€
Sprache: <i>Language:</i>	English
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: <i>Recommended courses:</i>	Public Economics, Empirical Economics, Microeconomics
Methodischer Schwerpunkt: <i>Methodological background:</i>	Theory and Empirics
*Grundlagenliteratur: <i>*Basic references:</i>	- Nichols, A.L. & R.J. Zeckhauser (1982). "Targeting transfers through restrictions on recipients". American Economic Review 72 (2), 372–377. - Finkelstein, A. & M.J. Notowidigdo (2019). "Take-up and targeting: Experimental evidence from SNAP". Quarterly Journal of Economics 134 (3), 1505–1556. - Ko, W. & R.A. Moffitt (2024). "Take-Up of Social Benefits". NBER WP 30148.
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* Optional (falls schon bekannt) / optionally (if already known)