



Special Workshop on "Evaluation and Modelling of Rural Development Policies"

Recently, the importance of comprehensive policy evaluation has been increasingly recognized by international organizations, e.g. the World Bank, OECD, FAO and especially by the EU. Given that a comprehensive policy evaluation is a very complex methodological challenge it is nowadays still fair to conclude that the application of adequate evaluation tools continues to be rare in EU evaluation practice, e.g. presently applied techniques for the evaluation of EU rural development policies are clearly lagging behind the ambiguous evaluation targets set by the EU-Commission. This seminar has contributed to filling this knowledge gap by discussing quantitative policy evaluation methods.

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Objectives of the workshop

The workshop has brought together interdisciplinary scholars working in the field of quantitative policy evaluation at the micro or macro level. In order to facilitate discussion of the recently developed evaluation methodologies and their applicability in the context of EU programmes and evaluation structure (ex-ante, mid-term, ex-post, on-going), the presented evaluation techniques were further subdivided into the following three sections:

1. **Advanced micro-econometric evaluation techniques**

including the topics 'Propensity Score Match-

ing', 'Generalized Matching' as well as 'Parametric Econometric Approaches'.

2. **Advanced macro-econometric evaluation techniques**

including in particular work on evaluation of policy effects at the regional and national level applying non-parametric and parametric econometric estimation approaches.

3. **Micro-macro-modelling**

including linked general and partial equilibrium models, but also linked agent-based modelling and CGE approaches.



Program

Monday 13 July	
9:30-10:00	Registration & welcome, coffee
10:00-10:45	Christian Henning , University of Kiel Methodological options and challenges of the evaluation and modelling of rural development policies: An Introduction to the EU-project "Advanced-Eval"
10:45-11.00	Coffee break
11:00-13:00	Session 1: Quantitative approaches of policy evaluation Chair: Chrstian Henning, University of Kiel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - B. Essama-Nssah, The World Bank: "The Logic of Social Impact Analysis: Application to Policy Evaluation" - Jerzy Michalek, University of Kiel: "Application of the Rural Development Index to evaluation of the impact of SAPARD programme in Poland and Slovakia" - General Discussion
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awudu Abdulai, University of Kiel "Assessing the Impact of Nonfarm Employment on Household Income and Poverty in Rural Ghana" with Victor Owusu - General Discussion
15:00-15:15	Coffee break
15:15-17:15	Session 2: Modelling rural development policy with Micro-Macro-linked models: Part I Chair: Jerzy Michalek , University of Kiel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christian Henning, University of Kiel "Modelling rural migration policies in a micro-macro linked general equilibrium framework" with Nana Zanekow and Wolfgang Britz - Volker Saggau, University of Kiel "Networks, belief formation and diversification of the farm sector: A micro-macro linked ABM-CGE approach" with Christian Henning and Wolfgang Britz - General Discussion
17:15-17:45	Close of day one
19.30	Boattrip on the Baltic Sea and dinner at restaurant "Louf"



Tuesday 14 July	
9:00-11:00	<p>Session 3 : Policy Evaluation applying advanced matching techniques Chair: Volker Saggau, University of Kiel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marco Caliendo, IZA Bonn " Long-Term Effects of Start-Up Subsidies for the Unemployed" - Jerzy Michalek, University of Kiel "Non-intended selection to area-based programmes. Can a modified PSM methodology be useful in drawing conclusions about general equilibrium effects of EU RD measures" <p>General Discussion</p>
11:00-11:15	Coffee break
11:15-13:15	<p>Session 4: Modelling rural development policies with micro-macro-linked models: Part II Chair: Jerzy Michalek , University of Kiel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christian Henning, University of Kiel "Estimating the impact of social networks on transaction costs and economic performance" with Geraldine Henningsen and Wolfgang Britz - Wolfgang Britz, University of Bonn "Modelling the impact of rural infrastructure policy on transaction costs and economic performance at the micro and macro level" with Christian Henning and Thomas Heckelei <p>- General Discussion</p>
13:15-14:00	Lunch
14:00-16:00	<p>Round Table Discussion: "Evaluation and modelling of rural development policy: Future Options and Challenges" Chair: Christian Henning, University of Kiel</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A. Abdulai, University of Kiel - B. Essama-Nssah, The World Bank - Wolfgang Britz, University of Bonn - Marco Caliendo, IZA Bonn - Jerzy Michalek, University of Kiel
16:00	End of the workshop