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**READING SEMINARS**  
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**Early Life Conditions and Later Life Health and Socio-economic Outcomes**  
10-12 April 2024

By now, it is known that later life health and socio-economic outcomes are determined very early in life, even in utero. This short PhD course gives an introduction to the literature and discusses most important empirical issues that arise when assessing causal effects using observational data in part I. Part II is concerned with the underlying mechanisms and economic models explaining the empirical findings. Students have to write referee reports on journal submissions and present these and the recommendations to the editor in front of the class.

Programme:

- **Wednesday April 10:** 10h30-12h00 – Lecture in meeting room 2
  - [Early life conditions and later life health and socio-economic status: part I](#) (Empirical approaches in assessing causal effects)
  - Slides and introductory reading (D.Almond and J.Currie '[Killing me softly](#)')
  
- **Thursday April 11:** 10h30-12h00 – Lecture in meeting room 2
  - [Early life conditions and later life health and socio-economic status: part II](#) (Mechanisms and theoretical models)
  - Slides and introductory reading (D.Almond, J.Currie and V.Duque '[Childhood circumstances ad adult outcomes act II](#)')
  
- **Friday April 12:** 10h30-12h00 - Lecture in meeting room 2
  - Students present assignments and in class discussions
  
- **Wednesday April 10:** 15h00-17h00 - meeting on publication processes/editors – Sala Partesotti