



**Fakultät für Wirtschaftswissenschaften**  
**Facoltà di Economia**  
**Faculty of Economics and Management**

**Research Focus:**  
**“Economic Policy Analysis”**

Research in economic policy analysis combines concepts and models derived from economic theory with cutting-edge empirical methodology. It requires the ability to use theoretical and empirical tools, conduct positive and normative analysis of policy and, thus, contribute to policy formulation and debate.

Professors and researchers at the Faculty of Economics and Management of the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano are actively conducting research in a variety of policy-related fields, with both a macroeconomic and a microeconomic approach.

Macroeconomic topics include business cycle analysis, in particular estimating the business cycle and understanding shocks driving it, as well as the analysis of policies that stimulate economic growth and of the effects of fiscal and other policies in open economies.

Microeconomics topics span a wide variety of fields. A prominent one is Labor and Population Economics, where researchers at the Faculty explore issues like gender differences in wages and productivity, the impacts of minimum wage policy on youth labor markets, the impact of migration on immigrants, extended families and receiving countries, the impact of wage on the selection of vocational workers like politicians or nurses, the impact of language of instruction on students' performance.

There is also a lot of interest in topics related to Public and Political Economics, including the determinants of charitable donations, the long term impact of property rights on entrepreneurship and social capital, the impact of citizens' understanding of the basic principles in economics on public opinion formation, and, in turn, on politicians' incentives to undertake economic reforms, the effect of internet on political polarization.

Researchers at the Faculty actively conduct research in a number of other fields, including Agricultural Economics (how are physical protection measures affecting the demand for crop insurance; how are organizational differences affecting the performance of wine cooperatives), Health Economics (the impacts of doctor's fees on usage and health outcomes; stress, pregnancy and child outcomes), Development Economics (parental skills and early childhood education; civil conflict and the child quality-quantity trade-off), Industrial Organization (market design and market organization for autonomous, i.e. self-driving, vehicles; impact of product market competition on access to credit and credit conditions for firms; impact of carbon mitigation schemes on electricity prices and welfare), as well as Econometrics of large database, with applications for forecasting, decision theory and policy analysis.

***For further information:***

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