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**EVALUTATING PUBLIC POLICIES WITH COUNTERFACTUAL  
ECONOMETRIC METHODS**

Both demand and supply of evidence for public policies has increased in the recent years. On the demand side, binding public budget constraints and increased social demand have sharpened the attention on an efficient use of public resources. Evaluation has become crucial to understand which programs are working well, analyse aspects that can be improved, and identify inefficient policies. On the supply side, thanks to better quality data and developments in econometric methods, there has been an increase, though as yet short of the perceived demand, of high quality studies. These studies analyse the effects of public policies relying both on experimental and quasi-experimental methods (Randomized Controlled Trials, Regression Discontinuity Designs, Natural Experiments, Instrumental Variables and Difference-in-Differences strategies, Synthetic Control, Matching and Propensity Score Matching, etc.).

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