

Is it the golden age of academia government partnerships?

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GOLDEN AGE

1

- Access to Data
 - Access to micro-data is widespread, even for PhD students
 - CCTs, Tax policies, Laptops, Hotspots

2

- Design interventions with/for GOVs
 - Plenty of interventions being implemented in tandem
 - Taxes, Energy/water, Incentives and hiring PE, Education reform

3

- Evaluations effect on policies
 - Some good examples
 - “Publication bias”; Political Economy; Policy vs political impact; Government switches

All that glitters is not gold

Selection Bias

- Access only to “good” policymakers
- Selection towards the best policies
- Policy areas that are incentive compatible

Risks

- Capture of evaluators
- Fallacy of knowledge
- Implementation failures