Course description

This course serves as a preparatory step for writing a bachelor’s thesis in the field of public economics. This semester, the seminar will deal with selected topics regarding taxation in developing and newly industrialized countries. Although basic tax concepts might be comparable in developing and developed countries, there exist important features of the fiscal systems and economies of developing countries which require particular attention. These include, for example, the role of the shadow economy, low administrative capacities and corruption. The main objective of this seminar is to prepare students to write a successful bachelor’s thesis. The ability and willingness to read scientific papers are essential. Important: this is not a seminar for writing a bachelor thesis. The module is designed as a preparatory seminar module.

Structure of this course

The seminar has three consecutive parts. In the first part, the students get acquainted to the topic by reading three scientific papers which will be discussed in class. There will also be an introductory session where students learn about the principles of scientific work. In the second part, students will have to write a seminar thesis on their own. Finally, the students will have to present their work in short presentations of 20 minutes (beginning of July).

Prerequisites and requirements

Interest in public economics.
Intermediate knowledge in microeconometrics.

Organizational issues in Summer 2019

- ECTS-Credits: 6
- Language: English
- Number of participants: 12 at maximum
- Course work and grading
  - Participation in the paper/presentation discussions (20%)
  - Seminar thesis, 8-10 pages (60%)
  - Oral presentation, 20 minutes (20%)

Be ready, Summer 2019
## Schedule Summer 2019

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## Registration

- Registration deadline: 15th March 2019
- Registration via email to k.strohmaier@uni-tuebingen.de
- Email with subject “Registration for Be Ready” should contain all relevant personal information (name, semester, subject of study, matriculation number).
- Please also attach a current transcript of records to your email.
- If the demand for the course exceeds 12 participants, half of the students will be selected based on their achievement in previous public economics and (micro)econometrics classes. The remaining six places will be drawn by lot.

## Contact

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