E510B Master Seminar: Advanced Topics in Empirical Public Economics

Content & Objectives:

This seminar will deal with selected topics in empirical public economics. Students are expected to write an essay (about 15 pages) and to give a 30 minute presentation (both in English). The seminar (with the presentations) will take place at the beginning of July (more information on time and place will be announced as soon as possible). The primary goal of the seminar is to prepare students to write a master thesis. Participants will also practice their presentation and communication skills. Essays will be based on research papers from various fields in empirical public economics, the common theme being the role of economic policy in economic outcomes. The papers cover the following topics:

1. Empirical evaluation of public policy
2. Local labor markets and corporate taxes
3. Informality and income shifting
4. Evaluation of environmental policy
5. Taxes and migration
6. Trade shocks and local public goods
7. Local policy and commuting behavior

Participation:

If you are interested in participating, please sign up for the seminar by sending an email with subject “E510B registration” to georg.wamser@uni-tuebingen.de not later than April 20, 2018. Please attach a recent transcript to your email. I will then assign an academic paper to each participant from one of the topics from the list above. While you are expected to work thoroughly through the academic paper, you should also do some additional research on related articles relevant for the research question. After the presentation (in July), you have about one week to finish your essay which must be submitted electronically (in pdf-format) to the above email address not later than July 27, 2018.
Seminar Details:

- Please register for the seminar until April 20, 2018 by sending an email to georg.wamser@uni-tuebingen.de with subject “E510B registration”
- Research papers are assigned on April 23, 2018.
- Essays are due on July 27, 2018.
- You can earn 9 ECTS-Credits.
- The seminar will take place in July. When and where will be announced here.