E312: Bachelor Thesis Seminar on Empirical Public Economics

Content & Objectives:

The seminar will deal with selected topics in public economics. Students are expected to write a 20-page essay (bachelor thesis) and to present their work in class (both in English). Essays and presentations are based on journal articles. Having some basic knowledge in empirical economics and microeconomic theory is very helpful, as the articles usually apply microeconometric techniques as well as micro theory models.

Participation & Topics:

Students who have been assigned to this seminar should send an email to georg.wamser@uni-tuebingen.de (subject: “E312 registration”) not later than April 12, 2019. Note that you should attach a recent transcript to this email and indicate your preference about which topic you want to write your thesis. You can rank three of the following topics from 1 (highest) to 3 (third-best).

- Behavioral responses to taxes
- Empirical analysis of tax incidence
- The effects of place-based policies
- Theoretical analysis of cash-flow taxes in an international setting
- Tax evasion and inequality
- Empirical analysis of environmental policy measures
- What drives wage inequality?
- The effects of globalization on the distribution of the effective labor tax burden
- The effect of neighborhood on intergenerational mobility

Our first meeting will take place on April 26, 2019, 8.30am (room: “Gebhard-Müller-Saal”, Nauklerstr. 47). Topics and Papers will be assigned after the first meeting.

Prerequisites:

Note that for all students participating in the course “A toolkit for writing your Bachelor’s Thesis (E376)” is mandatory. This course is provided by the chair of international economics and requires registration as well (more detailed information on E376 can be found online).
Seminar Details:

**First meeting:** Friday, April 26, 2019, 8:30am (GMS, Nauklerstr. 47).

**Registration:** Write an email until Monday, April 12, 2019 (subject: “E312 registration”).

**Prerequisite:** Participating in the course “A toolkit for writing your Bachelor’s Thesis (E376)” is mandatory (for this course, registration is required as well).