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 20 pages) and to give a 30 minute presentation (both in English). The seminar (with the presentations) will take place at the beginning of July (July 4 and July 11). 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 15, 2019. 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 two weeks to finish your essay which must be submitted electronically (in pdf-format) to the above email address not later than July 26, 2019.

Seminar Details:

- Please register for the seminar until April 15, 2019
  by sending an email to georg.wamser@uni-tuebingen.de
  with subject “E510B registration”
- Research papers are assigned on April 22, 2019.
- Essays are due on July 26, 2019.
- You can earn 9 ECTS-Credits.
- The seminar will take place in July.
  (July 4 and July 11; room “Gebhard-Müller-Saal”, Nauklerstr. 47)