



E510B Master's 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 in July (**July 11 and 12, 2024**). The primary goal of the seminar is to prepare students to write their master's thesis. Participants will also practice their presentation and communication skills. Essays are based on research papers from various fields in empirical public economics, the common theme being the role of economic policy in economic outcomes. The following list provides examples of topics we cover in the seminar:

1. Empirical evaluation of public policy
2. Economics of taxation
3. Taxes and multinational firms
4. Economics of crime
5. International tax enforcement
6. Empirical analysis of wealth taxes
7. The effects of cash transfers
8. Evaluation of environmental policy

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 no later than **April 15, 2024**. 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 to the research question. After the presentation (in July), you have some more time to finish your essay which must be submitted electronically (in pdf-format) to the above email address no later than **July 22, 2024**.

Seminar Details:

- Please register for the seminar until **April 15, 2024** by sending an email to georg.wamser@uni-tuebingen.de with subject “E510B registration”
- Research papers are assigned on April 19, 2024.
- Essays are due on **July 22, 2024**.
- You can earn 9 ECTS-Credits.
- The presentations will take place on **July 11 and July 12, 2024** (where will be announced as soon as possible).