

Advanced Seminar in Public Economics

Course 9.131050, Winter 2022/23

General Information:

(1) *Objective of the seminar:* The seminar is designed for Master students in Economics and Business Science (BWL). They learn to comprehend and assess current research papers in Public Economics. They also learn to communicate with scientific peers by writing a seminar paper and by giving a seminar presentation.

(2) *Early Registration:* Registration for the seminar starts at **September 30, 2022**. To that end, please register to the course in StudIP and send an Email to sekretariat.fwi@uni-osnabrueck.de indicating in which seminar topic(s) you are most interested in (please list up to three topics). We will confirm your registration and inform you about the topic assigned to you within three working days.

(3) *Seminar information session:* Students and advisors meet on **Tuesday, October 25, 14:15-15:45** in room **22/104** for discussing open questions. Students who have not registered for the seminar before October 25, can do so during that session.

(4) *Course requirements:* Seminar paper (13–15 pages, 60 % of the final grade) and seminar presentation (30-45 minutes, 40 % of the final grade).

(5) *Deadline for submitting the seminar paper:* The seminar paper must be submitted in PDF-format to sekretariat.fwi@uni-osnabrueck.de. The submission deadline is **Wednesday, November 30, 12:00** (noon!).

(6) *Date of seminar presentations:* All seminar sessions will take place **between Monday, December 12 and Friday, December 16**. Presentation slides must be submitted before the respective presentation. Students are expected to attend all sessions.

(7) *Advice:* All students are required to contact their advisor at least once before submitting their paper. After submission, students are invited to a feedback meeting in which additional advice is given for preparing the seminar presentation.

(8) *Further Questions:* For organizational questions, please contact Tugce Akdeniz under sekretariat.fwi@uni-osnabrueck.de. For questions concerning the content of specific seminar topics, please contact the respective advisor.

List of Seminar Topics:

- 1. Does a redistributive tax reduce economic activity? – Experimental evidence (TG)**
Lit.: Chugunova, M., Nicklisch, A. and K.-U. Schnapp (2022) : Redistribution and Production with a Subsistence Income Constraint: A Real-effort Experiment, FinanzArchiv 78, 208-238.
- 2. Are people aware of their income tax rate? (TG)**
Lit.: Blaufus, K., Bob, J., Hundsdoerfer, J., Sielaff, C., Kiesewetter, D. and J. Weimann (2015) Perception of income tax rates: evidence from Germany, European Journal of Law and Economics 40, 457-478.
- 3. How large is the revenue-maximizing top income tax rate for Germany? (TG)**
Lit.: Bach, S., Corneo, G. and V. Steiner (2012) Optimal Top Marginal Tax Rates under Income Splitting for Couples, European Economic Review 56, 1055-1069.
- 4. Do import tariffs have the same economic effects as export taxes? (TG)**
Lit.: Costinot, A. and I. Werning (2019): Lerner Symmetry: A Modern Treatment, American Economic Review: Insights 1, No. 1, 13-26.
- 5. Tax competition and formula apportionment (NP)**
Lit.: Nielsen, S.B., Raimondos-Moller, P. and G. Schjelderup (2003) Formula Apportionment and Transfer Pricing under Monopolistic Competition, Journal of Public Economic Theory 5, 419-437.
- 6. Centralized vs. decentralized environmental policies (NP)**
Lit.: Eichner, T. and M. Runkel (2012) Interjurisdictional Spillovers, Decentralized Policymaking, and the Elasticity of Capital Supply, American Economic Review 102, 2349-2357.
- 7. Environmental policy in open economies (NP)**
Lit.: Eichner, T. and M. Runkel (2014) Subsidizing renewable energy under capital mobility, Journal of Public Economics 117, 50-59.

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