

Social Security and Taxation II

– Empirical Studies –

Master, Summer 2025

Course description

This course deals with the expenditure side of government, offering an in-depth analysis of both allocative and distributive justifications for state-led redistribution and the government's role in regulating private insurance sectors. The curriculum encompasses a variety of topics, including the economics of education, labor market policies, and pension systems. A significant portion of the course is dedicated to equipping students with a comprehensive understanding of the contemporary tools and techniques employed in empirical public economics. This course is ideally suited for those seeking a nuanced understanding of government spending and its broader impact on society and the economy.

Please note that this module will be fully taught in the first half of the semester!

Prerequisites and requirements

Basic knowledge of public economics and microeconometrics.
Willingness to read, discuss and present scientific articles.

Organization of this course

- ECTS-Credits: 6
- Lecture / tutorial: Tuesdays, 10.00-16.00 (room R12 R05 A52, start April 8)
- Students' presentations: Monday May 19 and May 26, 14.00-18.00
- Grading
 - 70% Exam (60 minutes)
 - 30% Presentation (30 minutes + discussion)

Literature and course materials

Detailed lecture slides and additional references to the literature will be uploaded via Moodle. No password is needed to enroll in Moodle.

Lecturers and contact

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