

Public Economics Group

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Public Economics (course announcement)

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Time & Place: Tuesday, 16-18; Am Plan 1, starts October 17
Tutor: Cat Lam Pham (phamc@staff.uni-marburg.de)
Tutorial: Wednesday, 14-16; Room 209 Universitätsstr. 24; starts October 18
Bonus: There will be an ILIAS test (December 13) in which you can earn up to 12 bonus points for the exam (conditional on passing). The test covers the material from the lecture and tutorial on the topics Public Policy Objectives, Competitive equilibrium, Public goods, and Externalities.
Grading: Exam at the end of the term (120 minutes).

Description:

Public Economics deals with the activity of the state. The state raises funds and spends it on different activities. This course will address some basic aspects of Public Economics.

Contents:

1. Introduction
2. Public Policy Objectives
3. Competitive equilibrium
4. Public goods
5. Externalities
6. Asymmetric information
7. Taxation

Materials:

Materials will be provided in ILIAS.

References:

The course will heavily rely on:

Hindriks, J. and G. Myles, 2013. Intermediate Public Economics. 2nd edition. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

Other useful books include:

Gruber, J., 2019. Public Finance and Public Policy. 6th edition. New York: Worth Publishing.

Leach, J., 2004. A Course in Public Economics. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Myles, G., 1995. Public Economics. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Salanié, B., 2011. The Economics of Taxation. 2nd edition. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

Silvestre, J., 2012. Public Microeconomics – Efficiency and Equity in Public Policy. Edward Elgar.

Tresch, R.W., 2015. Public Finance – A Normative Theory. 3rd edition. Amsterdam: Elsevier.

This syllabus may be updated.

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