

Advanced Seminar in Public Economics

Course 9.13005, Winter semester 2023/24

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 thesis and by giving a seminar presentation.

(2) *Early Registration:* Registration for the seminar starts at **September 01, 2023**. 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) *Registration in HISinOne:* Registration in HISinOne is required. It starts at **Monday, October 16** and ends at **Tuesday October 31, 2023**.

(4) *Seminar information session:* Students and advisor meet on **Monday, October 16, 12:15-13:45** in room **22/E26** for discussing open questions. Students who have not registered for the seminar before October 16, can do so during that session.

(5) *Course requirements:* Seminar thesis (12–15 pages, 60 % of the final grade) and seminar presentation (30-45 minutes, 40 % of the final grade). Formal criteria defined in Notes on seminar thesis (uploaded to Studip) have to be met.

(6) *Deadline for submitting the seminar thesis:* The seminar thesis must be submitted in PDF-format to sekretariat.fwi@uni-osnabrueck.de. The submission deadline is **Monday, November 20, 12:00** (noon!).

(7) *Date of seminar presentations:* All seminar sessions will take place **between Monday, December 11 and Friday, December 22**. Presentation slides must be submitted until **December 11, 8:00 (am)**. Students are expected to attend all sessions.

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

(9) *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 advisor.

List of Seminar Topics:

1. Factor Ownership and Governmental Strategic Interaction

Lit.: Lee, K. (2003). Factor Ownership and Governmental Strategic Interaction. *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, 5(2), 345 – 361.

2. Absentee ownership, land taxation and surcharge

Lit.: Lee, K. (2018). Absentee ownership, land taxation and surcharge. *The Annals of Regional Science*, 62(1), 47 – 68.

3. Formula Apportionment and Transfer Pricing under Oligopolistic Competition

Lit.: Nielsen, S.B., Raimondos-Møller, P., Schjelderup, G. (2003). Formula Apportionment and Transfer Pricing under Oligopolistic Competition. *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, 5(2), 419 – 437.

4. Tax enforcement and tax havens under formula apportionment

Lit.: Becker, J., Fuest, C. (2010). Tax enforcement and tax havens under formula apportionment. *International Tax and Public Finance*, 17(3), 217 – 235.

5. Company tax reform with a water's edge

Lit.: Riedel, N., Runkel, M. (2007). Company tax reform with a water's edge. *Journal of Public Economics*, 91(7-8), 1533 – 1554.

6. Profit tax competition and formula apportionment

Lit.: Pethig, R., Wagener A. (2007). Profit tax competition and formula apportionment. *International Tax and Public Finance*, 14(6), 631 – 655.

7. The effect of a ban on gender-based pricing on risk selection in the German health insurance market

Lit.: Huang, S., Salm, M. (2020). The effect of a ban on gender-based pricing on risk selection in the German health insurance market. *Health Economics*, 29(1), 3 – 17.

8. Employment and Adverse Selection in Health Insurance

Lit.: Bhattacharya, J., Vogt, W.B. (2014). Employment and Adverse Selection in Health Insurance. *Forum for Health Economics and Policy*, 17(1), 79 – 104.

9. Paying for Health Insurance: The Trade-Off between Competition and Adverse Selection

Lit.: Cutler, D.M., Reber, S.J. (1998). Paying for Health Insurance: The Trade-Off between Competition and Adverse Selection. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 113(2), 433 – 466.

10. The Electric Gini: Income Redistribution through Energy Prices

[Lit.: Levinson, A., Silva, E. \(2022\). The Electric Gini: Income Redistribution through Energy Prices. *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 14\(2\), 341 – 365.](#)

11. Subsidizing renewable energy under capital mobility

Lit.: Eichner, T., Runkel, M. (2014). Subsidizing renewable energy under capital mobility. *Journal of Public Economics*, 117, 50 – 59.

12. Cleaner Technologies and the Stability of International Environmental Agreements

Lit.: Benchekroun, H., Chaudhuri, A.R. (2014). Cleaner Technologies and the Stability of International Environmental Agreements. *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, 17(6), 887 - 915.

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