

## Aktuelle Forschungsfragen der Empirischen Finanzwissenschaft / Wirtschaftspolitik

SS 2011

### Theme: Topics in Empirical Public Economics

**Note:** The seminar counts for the Master of Public Economics (as “Aktuelle Forschungsfragen der Empirischen Finanzwissenschaft und Wirtschaftspolitik“) and the Master of Economics (as “Aktuelle Forschungsfragen der Wirtschaftspolitik” programs.

#### Content / Summary:

The focus of the seminar is on the empirical evaluation of the effects of government policies, in particular fiscal and social policies. Topics covered are typically analyzed using micro data on households and firms using appropriate empirical methods. The main requirement for the course is a basic knowledge of microeconometrics.

Each student is expected to prepare and present a short paper (not more than 15 pages). The paper may either be a review of a couple of research papers on a specific topic or, preferably, an own original research paper. In the latter case, the student may also suggest a topic on her/his own, if suitable for the seminar. Joint work of two students is also possible in this case. Both the required paper and the presentation may be in German or English, as preferred by the student.

A list of selected research topics will be made available at the **preliminary meeting** (*Vorbesprechung*)

#### Schedule:

**Wednesday, April 13, 16.30 – 18.00:** Preliminary meeting with allocation of topics for seminar papers

**Venue:** Boltzmannstr. 20, HS 328.

**April 18:** Brief presentation of research topic, proposed methodology, data, etc. (time and venue probably as above)

**June 29-30:** Paper presentation and discussion (exact time and venue tba)

**July 13:** Submission of final paper

If you want to participate in the seminar but cannot attend the preliminary meeting send an email to [viktor.steiner@fu-berlin.de](mailto:viktor.steiner@fu-berlin.de).