

EMPIRICAL PUBLIC ECONOMICS
Empirische Finanzwissenschaft und Wirtschaftspolitik
SS 2013
2 SWS VL (Lectures) + 1 SWS Ü (Classes)

Contents: The course covers important topics and methodological approaches in empirical public economics. The aim of the course is to teach students how to interpret empirical research in public economics and to apply modern econometric methods commonly used in the field. Topics covered include: Effects of taxes and government transfers on labor supply, consumption and savings behavior of households; taxable income literature; welfare analysis of tax reforms; incentive and welfare effects of social insurance programs. Empirical approaches covered in the course include both structural and non-structural estimation methodologies, such as “natural experiments”, treatment effects estimation, ex-ante policy evaluation and microsimulation. These approaches are illustrated using examples from the empirical public economics literature. The course assumes some knowledge of microeconometrics.

Lectures/Classes: Prof. Steiner
Location: Garystr. 21, HS 106
Time: Weekly, Tuesday, 15.15 – 17.45
Grading: 2 hours’ final exam
Literature: Lecture notes and core articles.