

**EMPIRISCHE FINANZWISSENSCHAFT UND WIRTSCHAFTSPOLITIK  
 (EMPIRICAL PUBLIC ECONOMICS)**

<b>Ort und Zeit:</b>	Garystr., HS 106 Donnerstags, 13.00 – 14.30 (VL); 14.45 – 15.30 (UE) <u>Anmerkung:</u> Je nach Anzahl der Teilnehmer/innen kann Termin nach Absprache auch verlegt werden
<b>VL-Beginn:</b>	18. 10.
<b>LP:</b>	MA Programm – 5 LP im Wahlbereich Finanzwissenschaft und Volkswirtschaftspolitik
<b>Leistungsnachweis:</b>	1-stündige Klausur (40%) Topic Paper (max. 15 Seiten) Präsentationen (20%)

**Course information:**

The aim of this course is to teach students how to interpret empirical literature in public economics and to undertake own original empirical research. Lectures will provide the methodological basis for and illustrations of the various empirical methodologies applied to a number of classical topics in public economics. Students are expected to prepare a brief research paper on some assigned topic.

The course is appropriate for advanced students in the MA Economics program as well as for doctoral students specializing in public economics. Basic knowledge of public economics and econometrics required.

English on command - presentations by students may be in English or German; this also goes for the empirical research paper.

<b>Topics covered in the course</b>	
1.	Introduction: Empirical research methodologies in public economics
2.	Effects of taxation on business investment
3.	Effects of taxation on households consumption/savings decisions
4.	Taxes and labor supply
5.	Effects of work-related tax credits / subsidies
6.	New tax responsiveness literature
7.	Empirical tax incidence analysis: Employment taxes
8.	Empirical welfare analysis
9.	Incentive and welfare effects of social security: Unemployment Insurance
10.	Redistribution effects of social security: Public pensions