

## Seminar: „Topics in Empirical Public Economics”

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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” or “Aktuelle Forschungsfragen der Ökonometrie”).

The focus of the seminar is on the empirical analysis of the allocation and distribution effects of government policies, in particular fiscal and social policies. Basic knowledge of microeconometrics and some experience with the analysis of micro data is assumed. A list of selected research topics with basic references will be made available at the **preliminary meeting (Vorbereitung)**.

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. The grade will be made up of the seminar paper, its presentation and the student’s participation in the seminar.

**Schedule: Wednesday, 17 October, 17.00 – 18.30:** Preliminary meeting with allocation of topics for seminar papers; **Venue:** Boltzmannstr. 20, Kaminzimmer (ground floor).

**Friday, 14 December: 9 – 14:** Brief presentation of research topic, proposed methodology, data, etc. (venue t.b.a.)

**Friday/Saturday, 25-26 January: 9 – 16, 9 – 14:** Paper presentation and discussion (depending on number of paper presentations; exact time and venue tba)

**8 February:** Submission of final paper.

Dates may be changed on agreement at the first meeting.

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) stating your preferred topic for the seminar paper.