

Current Topics in Tax Policy and Inequality

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Globalization, technological change, and growing fiscal pressures have renewed interest in how tax systems can be designed to raise revenue efficiently while promoting fairness. This seminar introduces students to recent research in public economics, with a particular focus on tax policy, its behavioral effects, and its distributional implications. We explore how individuals and firms respond to tax incentives, how taxation influences economic behavior and revenue generation, and the extent to which tax policy can help address inequality. A central component of the seminar is the discussion of a recent academic paper. Students are encouraged to critically engage with empirical methods and policy debates at the heart of current research.

Studiengang: <i>Program:</i>	BSc
Termin Vorbesprechung (tt.mm.jjjj): <i>Date of preliminary meeting (dd.mm.yyyy):</i>	13.10.2025
*Bearbeitungszeitraum für die Hausarbeit: <i>*Working period for term paper:</i>	20.10.2025 - 17.11.2025
*Seminartermin: <i>*Seminar date:</i>	01./02.12.2025
Veranstaltungsort: <i>Venue:</i>	LMU
falls außerhalb: Kostenschätzung: <i>if out of Munich: estimated costs:</i>	€
Sprache: <i>Language:</i>	English
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: <i>Recommended courses:</i>	Bachelor level microeconomics & econometrics, public economics
Methodischer Schwerpunkt: <i>Methodological background:</i>	Optimal taxation theory, empirical analysis (OLS, Panel Data, DID, RDD, etc.)
*Grundlagenliteratur: <i>*Basic references:</i>	Auerbach, A. J., Chetty, R., Feldstein, M., & Saez, E. (Eds.). (2013). Handbook of public economics (Vol. 5). Newnes.
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