

Income Inequality and Redistribution Policy

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Income inequality has increased in many countries over the last decades. This has been linked to technological change that favors highly qualified workers, rising product and labor market power of firms, and increasing residential segregation of socioeconomic groups.

In this seminar, we will discuss the measurement of income inequality, the reasons behind its widespread rise, and how redistribution policy can respond to and mitigate rising inequality.

I will provide you with material introducing a basic conceptual framework for the analysis of inequality and redistribution policy. This will serve as the starting point for your own work on recent original research articles. You are required to write a seminar paper and give a presentation on the articles assigned to you. I will accommodate your preferences in the assignment of topics as good as possible.

Analyzing inequality and redistribution policy requires a mix of theoretical and empirical approaches, so both theoretical and empirical topics will be available for you to work on.

Studiengang: <i>Program:</i>	MSc
Termin Vorbesprechung (tt.mm.jjjj): <i>Date of preliminary meeting (dd.mm.yyyy):</i>	13 October, 10:00-10:45
*Bearbeitungszeitraum für die Hausarbeit: <i>*Working period for term paper:</i>	24 October to 21 November
*Seminartermin: <i>*Seminar date:</i>	20 October, 10:00-11:30: Q&A session 4+5 December, times tba: presentations
Veranstaltungsort: <i>Venue:</i>	Room 214, 2nd floor, Schackstr 4
falls außerhalb: Kostenschätzung: <i>if out of Munich: estimated costs:</i>	- €
Sprache: <i>Language:</i>	English
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: <i>Recommended courses:</i>	1st year master course in public economics
Methodischer Schwerpunkt: <i>Methodological background:</i>	We will cover a mix of theoretical and empirical topics
*Grundlagenliteratur: <i>*Basic references:</i>	tba
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* Optional (falls schon bekannt) / optionally (if already known)