Overview and Objectives

The aim of this seminar is to understand the impact of democratic institutions such as elections, judicial independence, federalism, parliamentarism or type of electoral law on taxation. Applying their knowledge of theoretical models and empirical methods, students are expected to critically assess the state of the academic literature and answer a precise research question on this topic. Students are required to present this paper at the end of the semester during a seminar on July 3rd 2017, between 2pm and 6pm, in OASE, Room 6.

Grading

Seminar paper (10-15 pages) (70%) and presentation (30%).

Prerequisites

Basic knowledge of microeconomics and statistics. The basic sequence of the studies must be completed.

Registration and Schedule


- Opening of the Moodle course for registration 19th April 2017. Students who already applied for seminars at the Chair without success and students who have already taken courses at the Chair will have preference, otherwise a lottery will decide.

- If you are selected for the seminar, you have from 25rd until 28th April 2017 in order to register by FlexNow.

- If any selected student does not register in time, students in the waiting list will be contacted before 5th May 2017 to occupy the free spots.

- By 10th May 2017, students are required to submit a paper proposal of 1 to 2 pages. The proposal must include the choice of the causal link that will be explored in the paper.
This paper will not be graded but it must be approved by the instructor.

- Submission of the paper: until 30th June 2017 at 1pm in electronic and printed form.
- Seminar date: July 3rd 2017, between 2pm and 6pm, in OASE, Room 6. Obligatory attendance!
- Maximum number of students: 5.

Learning Material and Relevant Literature

To be announced.