This block course consists of lectures and classes and is taught on a graduate level aiming at Master and PhD students. We offer the course at the Department of Economics at LMU Munich. It qualifies students for 6 ECTS or a doctoral course certificate, respectively.

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The strengthened internationalization of modern economies constitutes a new framework to public spending and revenue policies, creating new challenges for policy makers. This course analyses the incentives for and effects of state actions in an international setting. Topics include, among others, the theory of international public goods, optimal tariffs, strategic trade policy, and tax competition.
1. **International Public Goods**

   The generic setup and Samuelson’s benchmark
   The voluntary contributions equilibrium
   Application 1: Global warming and generous pre-commitment
   Application 2: The simple economics of defence unions
   Application 3: Border controls

   **Recommended literature** (shortlist):
   

2. **Trade Policy**

   Introduction and motivation
   Optimal tariffs
   Trade agreements
   Political economy of tariffs
   Strategic trade policy

   **Recommended literature** (shortlist):
   
3. Tax Competition and Cooperation

Motivation and illustrative examples
The Wildasin-Wilson model
Coordination and tax unions
Leviathan governments
Dynamic aspects
Market analysis of tax havens

Recommended literature (shortlist):