



INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC ECONOMICS

SYLLABUS FOR WINTER TERM 2020/21

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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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Language: English

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CONTENT

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.

ORGANIZATION

All relevant information and material is provided on Moodle. Please enrol to the Moodle course “International Public Economics” on Moodle. To obtain the enrolment key and to sign up to the course, please contact Raphaela Hennigs (raphaela.hennigs@tax.mpg.de). You will receive the enrolment key to the Moodle course in the beginning of February.



1. Lecture

Lectures will take place on the following dates:

15/02/2021	14:00 – 18:00
17/02/2021	14:00 – 18:00
18/02/2021	14:00 – 18:00
22/02/2021	14:00 – 18:00
24/02/2020	14:00 – 18:00

The link to participate in the lecture will be communicated in due time. Lectures will not be recorded. Additional, lecture notes and recommended literature will be available on Moodle.

2. Class

Classes will take place on the following dates:

16/02/2021	14:00 – 18:00
19/02/2021	14:00 – 18:00
23/02/2021	14:00 – 18:00
25/02/2021	14:00 – 18:00
26/02/2021	14:00 – 18:00

The link to participate in the classes will be communicated in due time. Classes will be recorded and the videos will be available until 05/03/2021. Problem sets will be available on Moodle and it is highly recommended that students try to solve these prior to the classes taking place.

3. Exam

The exam will take place on March 05, 2021 from 10:00 to 12:00. It will take the form of an open-book online exam.

OUTLINE

1. International Public Goods

Part I: Theory of non-cooperative provision of public goods

- The normative benchmark
- Non-cooperative provision – the BBV-Model
- Multiple public goods
- Other composition functions
- Step-level provision

Part II: Applications

- Global warming and generous pre-commitment
- Clubs of country clubs – the example of golden passports
- The economics of European border control effort
- The economics of defence alliances

Recommended literature (shortlist):

Lecture Notes, Part I

Suggestions for further reading:

See the references in Lecture Notes, Part I

2. Trade and Trade Policy

Introduction and motivation

Optimal tariffs

Trade agreements

Political economy of tariffs

Strategic trade policy

Recommended literature

- Lecture Notes, Part II
- Brander, James A. 1995. Strategic Trade Policy, in: G. Grossman and K. Rogoff (Eds.), *Handbook of International Economics*, Vol. 3, Chapter 27, Elsevier, Amsterdam, 1395-1455.
- Huck, Steffen, and Kai A. Konrad, 2004. Merger Profitability and Trade Policy, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, 106, 107-122.

Suggestions for further reading:

See the references in Lecture Notes, Part II

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:

Keen, Michael, and Kai A. Konrad, 2014. The Theory of International Tax Competition and Tax Coordination, in: Alan J. Auerbach, Raj Chetty, Martin Feldstein, and Emmanuel Saez (Eds.), *Handbook of Public Economics*, Vol. 5, Chapter 5, North-Holland, Amsterdam, 257-328.